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## A toast or two at Oktoberfest

Amy and Mark Verdino, of Glen Cove, sampled the beer brewed by the Rev. Gabriel Rach, of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, at the church's Oktoberfest last Saturday. More photos, Page 3.

# School bus cameras are coming

By **ROKSANA AMID**  
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Motorist in Glen Cove who drive around a stopped school bus with its stop arm extended on camera, thanks to the city's new agreement with Bus Patrol America LLC to install and operate monitoring systems on school buses for the purpose of recording vehicle violations.

The city passed a resolution authorizing Mayor Pam Panzenbeck to enter into an agreement with Bus Patrol America to install the stop-arm cameras. Panzenbeck said she would sign the contract and send it to Bus Patrol within a month.

All of the members of the City Council voted in favor of the resolution except Kevin Maccarone, an attorney, who said that agreeing to the resolution was premature without under-

standing the process of adjudication of the violations, which could involve Nassau County.

According to the agreement, revenue generated by violators' tickets will be shared, with Bus Patrol receiving 45 percent and the city, 55 percent.

**I**f somebody gets a ticket in Glen Cove, you don't go to Nassau County, you go to Glen Cove traffic court.

**DANIELLE FUGAZY**  
city councilwoman

Patrol receiving 45 percent and the city, 55 percent. Fines will start at \$250, and will rise to \$275 for a second offense and \$300 for a third. A late fee of \$25 will be charged if drivers do not respond to citations within 30 days, and payment plans will be available. Once Bus Patrol receives a signed contract from the city, the agreement will go into effect.

"I think that is a great idea," Kathleen Kielczewski, the mother of two Glen Cove High School students, said of the new cameras. "I see so many people go (past buses) and think there should be consequences."

According to the State Education Department, the youngest

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# New to Glen Cove, and a new state baseball hall of famer

By **ROKSANA AMID**  
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The United States Merchant Marine Academy's assistant baseball coach, Lou Bernardi, a new Glen Cove resident, will be inducted into the 2023 class of the New York State Baseball Hall of Fame.

Originally from New Hyde Park, Bernardi has lived in the city for six months, and is well known for his community involvement on and off the baseball field.

Unlike the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, the New York State Hall of Fame, now in its 11th year, doesn't induct people based on statistics like home runs or strikeouts. It focuses on the

legacy and contributions of people in every realm of the national pastime.

"We like people that have distinguished themselves in more than one way," said Rene LeRoux, the hall's executive director. "Not just as a pitcher or a catcher or coach, but in a well-rounded baseball sense."

LaRoux said that the New York Hall of Fame seeks to honor those who have compelling stories but aren't as well-known as major league baseball players.

"We're judging them on what they've accomplished," he said, "and that can't be just measured in numbers."

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**FRIENDS GATHERED FOR** the Oktoberfest at St. Patrick's gym where the food served was a cultural blend between German traditional food, and tacos for the largely Spanish community within the church.

# Rain doesn't stop Glen Cove Oktoberfest event

**W**hat started as an end of year cookout 10 years ago has evolved to become the popular Oktoberfest celebration at St. Patrick's Church. The festival was celebrated on Oct. 1, the first year the church sold food and homemade beer brewed by Father Gabriel Rach.

Oktoberfest was a time to gather with friends and family in the church's gym. And although the weather outside was anything but optimal as skies remained gray and it rained, that didn't stop churchgoers from seeing longtime friends before and after mass.

**MIKE D'AMBROSIO, TOP** left, and Dino Graziosi, who worked behind the bar, encouraged everyone to try beer brewed by Father Gabriel Rach.

**FATHER GABRIEL RACH,** far right, organized this year's festival, making it an all-day event.

**SISTER AGNES MARIA,** left, and Sister Mary Magdalene enjoyed the day regardless of the inclement weather.





Courtesy Kimberly Grennan

**CHASE GRENNAN FINISHED** the end of the season with a 2nd place standing. He often works on his car with his brother, Owen Grennan, before many of their races.



**THE GRENNAN FAMILY** has a multi-generational passion for racing. Brothers Chase, from far left, and Owen Grennan, with Kaylee Maier, and parents Kim and Danny Grennan reminisced on their time at the track while celebrating the end of the season.

## Grennan brothers win car racing championship

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Riverhead Raceway initially started as a dirt track in the 1950s but grew to become a staple for passionate motor racers like Glen Cove natives Owen and Chase Grennan. The 26-acre raceway offers multiple divisions on Saturday nights from May to December, including a crate modified division that was introduced in 2016.

The Grennan duo are the first siblings to finish first and second in points at the season's conclusion on Sept. 24. Owen, 22, won the championship for the season, while his brother Chase, 15, finished second in points.

The brothers are second generation drivers. Their father, Danny Grennan, is a former champion and 22-time race winner in a division at Riverhead Raceway known as the Super Pro Trucks. This division is akin to NASCAR trucks seen on TV but designed for a local racetrack level.

Although they're competitors on the track, Owen and Chase have been seen fine-tuning one another's cars in good sportsmanship. They often help to install the crate motors — fully assembled automobile engines shipped to

installers.

"At the end of the day, we go back to the same shop," Owen said. "We try to make each other as good as possible for the next week."

Owen Grennan, a substitute teacher at Syosset Central School District, started go-kart racing at age 5.

"When I turn 16, I think I'll have a little more experience than any other 16-year-old behind the wheel of a car," Chase said. A student at Glen Cove High School, he started racing go-karts at age 4.

"For the Grennan brothers to win six of the seasonal races contested between the two of them is a pretty impressive statement," said Bob Finan, track announcer for the raceway. "It demonstrates how hard they work and their dedication to the sport,"

Winners receive cash, which Finan said is typically not enough to cover the cost of maintenance and parts. Much of the costs, he said, are covered by the sponsors, like Maureen and John Dillner of Huntington Station, who were approached by the brothers three years ago.

"They were just so earnest and so honest," Maureen said. "The love of racing just spilled from them."

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# NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



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**TOM BUNGER, FAR** left, Matt Nartowicz, Eve Lupenko, Susan Rassekh, Kerri Scanlon, Ylisa Kunze, Cliff Krauter, Lia Di Angelo, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews and Dr. Bradley Sherman were able to get to know each other at a chamber membership meeting.

## Chamber members meet leadership from Glen Cove Hospital at meeting

Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce held a membership meeting on Sept. 28 hosted by Glen Cove Hospital. Nearly 100 Chamber members and guests had the opportunity to meet with the hospital's leadership team including Kerri Scanlon, the executive director; Dr. Bradley Sherman, medical director; Sue Rassekh, senior director; and Lenny Nartowicz, the deputy regional executive director.

Chamber guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres by the hospital's executive chef while learning about the additions and improvements at the hospital as well as future expansions including a Katz Women's Surgical Center.

The chamber's board of directors and President Matt Nartowicz, its president, are looking forward to partnering with the hospital on future events.



Courtesy of Glen Cove BID

**BID STAFF MEMBER** Jill Nossa, left, and Patricia Holman organized the orders prior to pick-up from downtown business owners.

## Downtown businesses decorate for autumn

Autumnal displays adorned business storefronts and seasonal flowers were planted throughout downtown Glen Cove, just in time to celebrate the new season. With the help from the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, business own-

ers could purchase plants and ornaments at wholesale prices, making it simpler to decorate for fall. As a result, nearly a dozen downtown establishments were instantly transformed over the course of one day.



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# The kind of 'funny money' that helps ... charity

## Recorded comedy show, Helping Thru Humor, comes to Molloy University

By DANIEL OFFNER

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Laughter is the best medicine. It can also be a great way to help raise money for charity.

Helping Thru Humor, a non-profit fundraising platform, is recording a live comedy special at Molloy University's Madison Theatre on Saturday, Oct. 15, which will be broadcast online to help raise money for special needs charities all over the state.

This one-of-a-kind performance was the brainchild of Jason Plawner, who traces the concept's origins back to his youth. He was a trumpet player in his high school's competitive marching band, and later transferred that talent to a drum corps.

Pursuing such a path was a very expensive undertaking, Plawner said, which was commonly financed through grants, donations, sales and membership dues.

"It was getting so expensive to take part," Plawner said. "At one point, it was reaching close to \$6,000 a year."

Looking to not only raise money for one drum corps — but all of them — Plawner created Helping Thru Humor. And instead of limiting such fundraising to just the audience that could physically show up, Plawner teamed up with Michelle Ciardulli — co-chair of the Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center and Museum, and a Molloy graduate — to assemble the charity event, and broadcast it across the state.

"I'm looking forward to putting on a wonderful show," Plawner said, "and that all of the charities participating will come out raising more money than they ever thought possible."

The performance will feature the brother-sister duo Derrick and Julie Tennant and comedian Bobby Collins,



Courtesy the Love Chromosome

**DERRICK AND JULIE** Tennant are a brother-sister duo who travel the country to share inspirational and meaningful stories. They perform at Molloy University on Oct. 15.

who will take the stage to help raise money for charities including 14 Sleeves, A Chance to Dance and The Forum School.

Collins is a renowned New York stand-up comic with 40 years of experience under his belt. He has opened for iconic entertainers like Frank Sinatra, Cher and Dolly Parton, as well as Jerry Seinfeld, Ray Romano and Chris Rock.

Collins is dedicated to the cause as one of the charities the event it supporting, Zeno Mountain Farm, is a non-

profit camp in Vermont where his daughter Madison has trekked to for more than a decade. It's intended as a place where everyone can enjoy the camp experience, even if they live with disabilities.

Derrick and Julie Tennant, otherwise known as the Love Chromosome, combine their own inspirational stories about overcoming adversity with comedy and an inspirational message.

Julie was born with Down syndrome, which is a condition that can create cognitive disabilities, developmental delays or physical challenges caused by an extra chromosome. Julie's grandpa used to tell her that the chromosome in question wasn't "extra," but instead was missing in everyone else.

It's where the nickname comes from, "the love chromosome."

Derrick was a gifted athlete on his way to really making a career in sports. But one night, he laid down, and didn't wake up for three days. Doctors said he suffered from "random bleeding," which paralyzed him after brain surgery, making him unable to move his left side.

Thanks to years of therapy, hard work, and love from his family and friends, Derrick found a way to effectively manage and live with it, reshaping his obstacles into opportunities. Together with his sister, they travel all across the country to share inspirational words of wisdom with others.

The event begins at 8 p.m., at the Madison Theatre at Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave.

Tickets are \$45 to attend in-person, and are available online at [MadisonTheatreNY.org](http://MadisonTheatreNY.org).

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# ERASE Racism welcomes Laura Harding

## Founder and president emeritus, Elaine Gross, departs after 21 years

By **JORDAN VALLONE**  
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ERASE Racism, a leading regional organization that promotes racial equity on Long Island, has a new face. Laura Harding became the group's president on Sept. 19, replacing its founder and leader for 21 years, Elaine Gross.

The search for a new president began in April, when Gross announced her departure. Gross created the organization in 2001, and led it to prominence by heightening public understanding of structural racism.

Harding, 48, was born in Barbados and grew up in Brooklyn. She earned an undergraduate degree from Adelphi University, a master's in social service administration from the University of Chicago and a law degree from Howard University.

A public advocate and attorney with extensive experience in promoting racial justice, equity and inclusion, Harding said that she didn't initially seek out a role at ERASE Racism. She was working as a co-chair of the Racial Justice &

Equity Team in the office of the Deputy Mayor for Education in Washington, D.C.

"I was doing some really incredible work and getting ready to expand my portfolio in D.C.," Harding explained. "A recruiter approached me, and they were like, 'Hey, we're looking for the next leader of ERASE Racism, and your name came up.'"

One thing led to another, Harding said, and she agreed to an interview. "Once I did my research and talked to a couple of people who worked with ERASE Racism," she said, "I was extremely excited about being considered as a possibility for the position."

When she left her job in Washington, Harding said, she took time off to prepare to build on the foundation Gross had established.

"My first few days have been spent just really reaching out to different board members and arranging meetings to introduce myself," she said on Sept. 20. "It's been exciting to relearn Long Island, and understand who the people are, who the communities are, and who I need to meet."

Harding said she wanted to take the time to get to know the group's stakeholders — people directly impacted by its work. "I think when you are an organization like ERASE, a lot of our time is spent among professionals — the elected officials, the community-based organizations, and subject-matter experts," she explained. "I want to be mindful that I also have access to the voices of the people who we are working for."

Harding said she finds all of ERASE Racism's work to be important, but the two things she's most interested in developing are its advocacy and community education branches. "It allows us to develop and build capacity in students and regular community members to advocate for themselves and their needs," she said, "to ensure they're being serviced and supported in an equitable way."

Gross said that Harding's extensive resume made her the right choice to succeed her. "It is thrilling for me to see a new president with a breadth of experience appointed to ERASE Racism," Gross said. "I am delighted that (she) will

be succeeding me, and that she will be setting the course for ERASE Racism going forward."

Edward Pichardo, co-chair of the organization's board of directors, agreed. "ERASE Racism is fortunate to have someone with her depth of skills come into the lead[????] this illustrious organization," Pichardo stated in a press release last week.

ERASE has done tremendous work, Harding said, but a lot still needs to be accomplished. "If you look at what's happening, certainly in New York state, on Long Island and across the nation, there clearly is still a lot of work to be done," she said. "I think there's a place for the organization — a place to contribute to ensuring that Long Island remains a beautiful, inclusive and equitable place to live."

"I'm excited to be here," Harding added, "and I'm excited to lead ERASE Racism's work, and I look forward to connecting with our various communities and stakeholders to hear their thoughts, and hopefully advocate for them in a way that's powerful."



**Laura Harding**



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# School buses will have stop-arm cameras

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students, ages 4 to 8, are most often the victims of fatal school bus-related incidents simply because of their small stature, which makes them more difficult for bus drivers and motorists to see.

**I** think that is a great idea. I see so many people go (past buses) and think there should be consequences.

**KATHLEEN KIELCZEWSKI**  
Parent, Glen Cove

In 2019, state officials estimated that drivers passed school buses illegally more than 150,000 times statewide during the 180-day school year.

City Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy said she was concerned that violators would have to face the consequences in Nassau County Traffic Court instead of Glen Cove's court.

"We have a way to take care of tickets here in Glen Cove," she said. "If somebody gets a ticket in Glen Cove, you don't go to Nassau County, you go to Glen Cove traffic court."

Fugazy said she didn't understand why Glen Cove shouldn't handle the issuance and resolution of the violations, instead of the county.

At a City Council meeting on Sept. 27, City Attorney Tip Henderson said that the contract the council OKed is between the city and Bus Patrol, and that Bus Patrol is in separate negotiations with the county over the adjudication of bus stop-arm violations.

Steve Randazzo, executive vice president for customer experience at Bus Patrol, said that no such discussions had taken place with the county. "We're not directly negotiating with the county as it pertains to the City of Glen Cove," Randazzo said.

Fugazy expressed concern over the uncertainty surrounding the involvement of the county. She said she cared about children's safety, but cautioned against approving a contract without knowing all the details of the county's role — and especially the potential for its sharing in ticket revenue. But she did vote in favor of going forward with the contract with



Herald file photo

**THE GLEN COVE** City Council has authorized Mayor Pam Panzenbeck to hire Bus Patrol America to install stop-arm cameras on the city's school buses to catch those who illegally pass stopped buses.

Bus Patrol.

Henderson said he understood Fugazy's concerns about the revenue generated by the tickets, but insisted it is not a direct concern to the city.

"If the county does not work out a deal or contract with Bus Patrol on how these tickets are going to be adjudicated, the programs won't go forward," he said.

Henderson said the programs in the towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay are dealing with the same details.

"All of us are working with the county to try to make a determination on how they're going to adjudicate," he said.

Henderson emphasized that the contract the council approved was solely

between Glen Cove and Bus Patrol.

"There's nothing that is unknown and at risk for the city in going forward with completing its contract with Bus Patrol as Bus Patrol tries to work out a contract with the county," he said.

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said the county has nothing to do with Glen Cove's contract with Bus Patrol. She doesn't know why Glen Cove won't be able to handle tickets in its own courts.

"But if they do reach out to Nassau County to have them process it, I guess there's a possibility that there could be a fee for that part of it," she said.

Henderson said that if a contract with the county impacts the city's deal with Bus Patrol, the county would have to seek

approval to amend the contract.

When Fugazy, who brought the program to the city's attention last year, suggested waiting until the city had a contract in hand to look at in its totality, Henderson replied that when it comes to getting the cameras on buses and getting the program moving, waiting for a contract delays camera installation.

"(Glen Cove's) programs would be one of our smaller programs, by comparison," Randazzo said.

He designed and implemented a program in Suffolk County involving nearly 5,000 school buses. Cameras were installed over a period of about 180 days, with each camera taking four hours to install.

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# STEPPING OUT

## Personal Perspectives

Local artists on view at Heckscher's Biennial

By Karen Bloom

**H**eckscher Museum of Art has opened its exhibit space to Long Island's top artists as the Long Island Biennial exhibition gets underway.

The latest edition of the juried exhibition — which features varied works from contemporary artists across Nassau and Suffolk counties — opened last week, offering a unique and exciting snapshot of what is happening artistically here on Long Island.

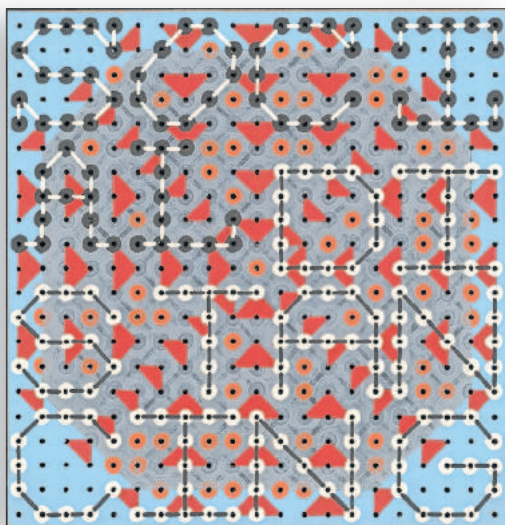
"The Long Island Biennial always strives to highlight the depth and breadth of contemporary artists working on Long Island," says curator Karli Wurzelbacher. "This Biennial is one of the most inclusive the museum has presented. Women make up over half of the 57 featured artists. They are also racially and ethnically diverse, and some of them draw upon their heritage in their work."

More than 445 artists have participated in the exhibit since the Biennial's opening installation in 2010. This year, the museum received a whopping 732 entries. Interest in this showcase reflects the diversity and enthusiasm of the local creative community.

The 95 works on view present a lively cross-section of current artistic practice, encompassing a range of media, with styles spanning abstraction to hyper-realism.

"I am especially impressed by the ways in which many of the artists engaged with the concerns of our time, from social justice, to health, to ecology," Wurzelbacher says, "and appreciate those who brought new approaches to traditional materials and techniques."

Artists of note include Lynbrook's Keith Gamache, who submitted a pandemic-inspired piece. "Drawing inspiration from folk art traditions from Pennsylvania Dutch hex signs to the Modernist grid and the contemporary use of text as image, I have used Masonite pegboard as a painting surface on and off for nearly 30 years," he explains. "Most recently, patterns and texts have merged together, resulting in my most complex pegboard paintings that combine emblem-like cell structures of the Covid-19 virus with words and phrases related to our collective experience



throughout the pandemic."

Jason Aurelio Thomas, of Oyster Bay, contributed a mixed media of steel wire, plaster, plaster cloth, resin, acrylic paint piece called "And How Does That Make You Feel?" (steel wire, plaster, plaster cloth, resin, acrylic paint).

"My creative work is an attempt to evoke an inner curiosity that urges the viewer to come in

close and have a sensory experience with the texture and colors," he notes. "The desire to explore the shadows and textures of something is so primal, sensual and very inspiring to me."

Wantagh's Kayla Moz is represented by her sculpture, "The One I Lost, The One I Hold."

"As an artist, I have the luxury of processing my world through my art," she shares. "Self-portraiture is a tool to access my inner life and document my experiences. Pregnancy has impacted every aspect of my life. Who I am and how I am perceived is developing and growing with my baby. To make artwork about pregnancy is to discover this evolving version of myself."

As always, the exhibit experience is enhanced by related programming, featuring participating artists. Upcoming events include sessions to meet the artists in the galleries, select Sundays, through Dec. 11.

**Top:** Jason Aurelio Thomas is inspired by the world around him, resulting in a mixed media work.

**Middle:** Keith Gamache used a folk art style in his pandemic creation, 'Covid-19 Vol. 1: Social Distancing.'

**Bottom:** Kayla Moz's sculpture references her inner self.



### '33 (a kabarett)

Inspired by the true story of the fallen Eldorado Club in Berlin, during the rise of the Nazis, '33 (a kabarett) speaks to the past and present as it recreates the cabaret's final night in 1933. Performed and written by Bremner Duthie, the darkly humorous monodrama is based directly on texts of survivors and oppressors from the 1930s, and also on texts from periods of cultural repression up to the present day. '33 offers a hopeful and realistic insight into the struggle against censorship and repression. It speaks to the challenge of honoring the memory of the disappeared. It says we must grieve in sorrow, but we can choose to fight back with energy, humor, laughter, and life.

Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m. \$35, \$30, \$25. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.



### Give Our Regards To Broadway

The hit series returns to the Madison stage with a salute to the great Stephen Sondheim. Featuring Broadway stars and Molloy University's CAP21 Studio Company, the entertaining revue puts a new spin on those great hits from beloved award-winning musicals including 'Into the Woods,' 'West Side Story' and more. With narration by Madison Theatre artistic director Angelo Fraboni, the fast-paced show guides the audience through the musical explosions of Sondheim with anecdotes on how these great musicals made it to the forefront of our popular culture, interspersed throughout.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 3 p.m. Madison Theatre, Molloy University campus, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. (516) 323-4444 or MadisonTheatreNY.org.

# THE SCENE



Oct. 9

## Masters of Illusion

Enter the magical world of illusion at NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury, with the Masters of Illusion, Sunday, **Oct. 9**, 8 p.m. This 21st century magic show is unlike anything you have seen before. Watch closely as you experience things that just can't be done ... or can they? Cutting-edge illusionists Dan Sperry, Michael Turco and Naathan Phan perform sleight-of-hand, perplexing interactive mind magic, hilarious comedy, dangerous escapes and large scale illusions that baffle and astound their audience. For information/tickets, visit [TheTheatreAtWestbury.com](http://TheTheatreAtWestbury.com) or [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com) or call (516) 247-5200.

## Veterans Meeting

The Gus Scutari Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3694, 20 Queens Street, Syosset, invites all eligible veterans to their monthly meeting, Wednesday **Oct. 12**, 7:30 p.m. For info, call (516) 921-7956.



## Glen Cove Hospital 5k run/walk

Celebrating 100 years of service to the community, Glen Cove Hospital will hold a 5k run/walk at 9 a.m. at Glen Cove High School, located at 150 Dosoris Lane in Glen Cove. Whether people want to run, walk or cheer on others, everyone is encouraged to join their friends, families, neighbors and hospital staff members in marking Glen Cove Hospital's 100th birthday. All proceeds are designated to the hospital's frontline worker wellness programs, and the event is open to all ages. Early packet pickup will take place at Glen Cove Hospital, located at 101 Saint Andrews Lane in Glen Cove on **October 7** from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. Packets can also be picked up the morning of the race at Glen Cove High School from 7:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.

Oct. 7

## Reckoning

Head over to Still Partners, at 225 Sea Cliff Ave., in Sea Cliff, for a night of Grateful Dead throwbacks played by Reckoning, Friday, **Oct. 7**, 8 to 11 p.m. Enjoy as the seven piece ensemble band performs acoustic Grateful Dead hits. For any questions call Still Partners at (516) 200-9229.

Oct. 19

## Reception at La Selva

Visit an Olmsted Brothers-designed private estate near Planting Fields Arboretum, Wednesday, **Oct. 19**, 5-8 p.m. for a special reception in celebration of Planting Fields Foundation's Olmsted 200. The event kicks off a two-day symposium featuring a keynote presentation by John Dixon Hunt, Professor Emeritus of Landscape Architecture at University of Pennsylvania. Register at [PlantingFields.org](http://PlantingFields.org).

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### Fall Plant Sale

Head over to the Village Church of Bayville for their Fall Plant Sale, Saturday, **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m. for 3 p.m., 9 Mountain Ave., Bayville. Sponsored by the Missions Committee, an assortment of beautiful fall plants including mums, decorative cabbages and kale will be for sale. For more information, call (516) 628-2737.



**Oct. 13**

### 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, Oct. 13**, 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. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

### Open House

Join Friends of the Glen Cove Library for their open house, Thursday, **Oct. 20**, 4-8 p.m., 4 Glen Cove Ave. Learn about Friends mission, with refreshments, a slide-show of Glen Cove history, tours of the Library's History Room; also a 'Meet the Author' event featuring Glen Cove author Belinda Celis Basaca, who will discuss her book, "Mom, I Wanna Be a Fighter."



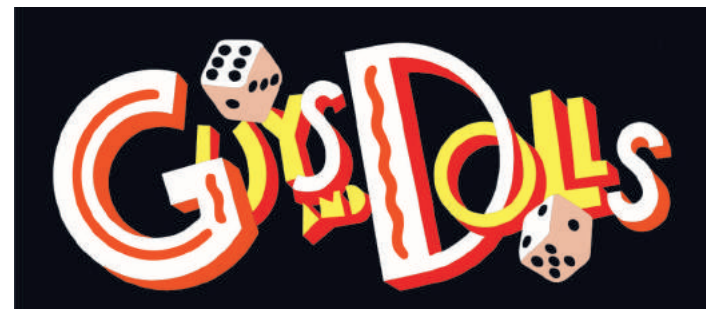
### Archaeology of pumpkin spice

Zoom in to Bayville Free Library's program, Tuesday **Oct. 11**. Learn about history of spices with archaeologist Patty Hamrick. talk Discuss the importance of cloves in Ancient China, how nutmeg was used to buy the island of Manhattan, and more; also the evolution of pumpkin spice. For any questions contact Kristy Fumante at (516) 628-2765.

### Mill Neck Apple Festival

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations will be holding its annual Apple Festival, Saturday, **Oct. 8**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mill Neck Manor, 40 Frost Mill Rd. in Mill Neck. Visitors will have the chance to buy local produce and home-made dishes, including apples of course, triple crown jelly, apple and pumpkin butter, honey, apple fritters and cider donuts.

**Oct. 8**



### 'Guys and Dolls'

PlazaTheatrical's fall season offers Broadway at its show-stopping best, Thursday, **Oct. 6**, 2 p.m.; Friday, **Oct. 7**, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, **Oct. 8**, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, **Oct. 9**, 2:30 p.m. Hailed by many as the perfect musical comedy, this Tony-winning favorite follows a rowdy bunch of gamblers, gangsters, and sassy showgirls in a wild game of chance in bustling 1950s Manhattan, performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$49, \$45 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.

### 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.

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Home sales fall, but prices tick up

Higher mortgage interest rates appear to be cutting into home sales in August across the state, but closing prices continue to rise.

Closed sales fell 11 percent year over year to 13,740 units, according to the New York State Association of Realtors, while new listings dropped more than 15 percent. Yet, median sales prices climbed nearly 4 percent to \$405,000 — the 28th consecutive month to see a median sales price rise.

New listings were also down more than 15 percent in Nassau County, while closed sales totaled just under 1,400 — a 16 percent decline from 2021. The median sales price, however, grew 5 percent to \$701,250.

Real estate professionals are working with less than three months of housing supply, which continues to decline. Experts call a six-month supply to be a sign of a balanced market.

### McGuinness new Ocean Financial chair

Ocean Financial Federal Credit Union didn't have to look too far for its new board of directors chair, appointing Lisa McGuinness of Oceanside as the first woman to hold that position.

McGuinness has been on the board for seven years, first as a supervisory committee volunteer, before becoming a director in 2019.

She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy, and earned her bachelor's degree at SUNY Geneseo. McGuinness started at Dime Savings Bank, helping to program the first ATMs. She was later an executive for companies like Estée Lauder, Avon and Cole Haan.

McGuinness has been recognized as a leader in the information technology industry for more than two decades.

She is a long-time Oceanside resident, raising her family there with her husband. She is a member of St. Anthony's parish, volunteering on several committees. McGuinness also is a past president of the Ladies Auxiliary at the Fr. Joseph O'Connell Knights of Columbus Council 3481.

In fact, it was members of that particular KofC that founded Ocean Financial back in 1969, as a way to provide financial services to the families of members like them. Today, Ocean Financial has more than \$380 million in assets, serving members of the Knights of Columbus, the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, and the at-large Catholic community.

### Taylor part of diversity, inclusion conference

Marie Taylor just returned from St. Louis, one of more than 300 people qualifying for the Edward Jones Diversity,

Equity and Inclusion Conference.

The conference included interactive panel discussions, presentations, workshops and networking sessions, with a chance to gain insights, tools and resources to strengthen diversity, equity and inclusion acumen.

Taylor is a financial advisor for the Edward Jones office in West Hempstead.



Marie Taylor

### Minority Enterprise Development Week

The inaugural Minority Enterprise Development Week on Long Island kicks off with a ceremony in Hempstead on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Hosted by the African American Small Business Foundation and the Long Island African American Chamber of Commerce, the ceremony begins at 9 a.m., at the Nathan L.H. Bennett Pavilion, 1 Washington St.

RSVP is required. For more information, email [info@liaacc.org](mailto:info@liaacc.org).

### Lindsay becomes VP at Northwell

She was one of the first Americans to be vaccinated against the virus that causes Covid-19, and even received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

But now Sandra Lindsay has a new role — vice president of public health advocacy for Northwell Health.

Lindsay spent 29 years in nursing, most recently as director of nursing and critical care at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park. She also led the front lines during the pandemic, not just during the first wave beginning in March 2020, but by also volunteering to be the first in-line to get the Pfizer vaccine on Dec. 14, 2020.

As a woman of color — and a proud Jamaican immigrant — Lindsay inspired communities of color and those in the Caribbean community to trust the vaccine. Her ID badge and scrubs now reside at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Lindsay immigrated in 1986, and graduated from Manhattan Community College in 1993 as valedictorian of her nursing program. She later earned her bachelor's from St. Joseph's University in Patchogue, a master's degree from Lehman College in the Bronx, and an MBA from Hofstra University.

Lindsay joined Lenox Hill Hospital soon after as an oncology nurse, before moving to LIJ.



Lisa McGuinness



Sandra Lindsay

### New hire? Promotion? Something to share?

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# Desire to create community through baseball

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

The 34-year-old has a longstanding presence in baseball and community service that immediately stood out. Bernardi is a 2011 graduate of New York Institute of Technology, where he was a four-year letterwinner and pitcher for the Bears. Bernardi continued his playing career most notably for the St. George Roadrunners of the Golden Baseball League. In 2021 he was also the college baseball newspaper National Collegiate Athletic Association national pitching coach of the year.

Bernardi is entering his fifth year at the U.S. Merchant Marines Academy at Kings Point and 12th year coaching collegiate baseball. He has been a member of head coach Michael Notebaert's coaching staff as the Mariners' pitching coach and recruiting coordinator since the 2019 season.

Bernardi serves in numerous other roles at the Academy, such as the lead advisor of the student-athlete advisory committee, an instructor in the physical education department and a member of the academy's campus culture committee.

He won the USMMA Athletics' Power of Inspiration Award and SAAC's Mark J. Paradiso Service Award, Access Baseball's Service to Community Award and was named as an Honorary Member of the National Institute of Leadership and Success.

As the founder and president of Valor Sports, a baseball organization that focuses on player development and community outreach, Bernardi is someone who often attempts to bridge communities and baseball together.

"We provide free youth clinics for inner city kids," he said. "But what we

also do is donate equipment to each of these players."

Valor Sports provides opportunities to meet with professional baseball players. Bernardi said that Valor doesn't advertise. Instead, his organization travels to neighborhoods for a more personable approach.

"I'm willing to assist and give back to anybody, not just Glen Cove," Bernardi said. "If there's an issue-if there's a player, or a community anywhere-if we think we can help them we're gonna help."

In a partnership with city councilman Kevin Maccarone and Spiro Tsirkas, director of the Glen Cove Youth Services and Recreation, Bernardi was able to help raise funds for new equipment and to revitalize Pascucci Field.

Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said she's proud of Bernardi and is happy he's getting the recognition he deserves for his many contributions.

"He's not just developing a baseball player; he's developing people and life skills through sports," she said.

She feels connected to Bernardi, Silverman said, through their mutual love of sports since she grew up playing softball and tennis.

Bernardi's giving nature isn't limited to his youth-oriented baseball programs. Last year, the Glen Cove community came together to support Glen Cove Detective Ted Karousos, after he lost his wife, Nicole Karousos, to cancer. The family endured high medical bills when Nicole was unable to work.

Ted was tasked with being a single father of his two boys, Alexander, and Nicholas. After last year's award ceremony for Valor Sports, unbeknownst to the

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**MARSHA SILVERMAN**  
councilwoman,  
Glen Cove



Courtesy Lou Bernardi

**LOU BERNARDI WAS** active in the Glen Cove community before he became a resident. In 2021, he took part in a women's history month conference at City Hall, at which he spoke with Nassau County Comptroller Elaine Phillips, left, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Dawn Riley, executive director of Oakcliff Sailing, and Martine Mattaraso, NYPD chief of counterterrorism.

community, Bernardi took all proceeds from the night's event and contributed it to the Karousos family. Glen Cove Police Sergeant Ryan Nardone, a longtime friend of Bernardi and Ted Karousos said he was moved by Bernardi's kind

gesture.

"Unprovoked, he just presented my friend with a check," said Nardone, adding that the donation spoke volumes about Bernardi's character. "He's just always trying to make a difference."

## Apple Festival this weekend

The Mill Neck Family of Organizations will be holding its annual Apple Festival on Oct. 8 and 9 in person, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Get ready to walk past pumpkins, hay bales and corn stalks as attendees stroll through the Mill Neck Manor campus, at 40 Frost Mill Road in Mill Neck.

Six types of apples will be for sale including: gala, jonah, golden, fuji, snap dragon and mcintosh. Pies, like apple, apple crumb, pumpkin and coconut custard will be for sale as will corn on the cob, which people can once again dip in butter.

A show mobile this year will have live music, ASL classes and even a pie eating contest. And the children's section has been extended, offering a pumpkin patch, games and a nearby ice cream truck.

"We're expecting 20 to 30 thousand people over that weekend," Tim Charon, the event co-chair, said. "And this year, to be sensitive to Covid, we aren't having everything in the same area. We will have more things to do near the manor house now. We have an 86-acre campus here and want people to experience more of it then in the

past."

Unlike other years, there will be local vendors at this year's Apple Festival including Bayville's Over the Bridge and Oyster Bay Brewing Company, who have created Mill Neck Manor's Mission True Pumpkin Brew, a fall-inspired beer. And visitors can even learn how to make a charcutier tray at the cheese house.

The festival, which was first held in 1951, would not be possible without the time and effort of the many people who make it happen, including the Mill Neck Family staff, more than 200 volunteers, school alumni and board of trustee members.

The Apple Festival is a fundraiser. This year the proceeds will benefit Mill Neck Manor's DayHab center, housed in a 100-year-old building in need of renovations. Also, a portion of the funds will go to the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf teachers to assist them in buying school supplies.

The event will be wheelchair accessible. Suggested donation is \$20 for parking.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Public Hearing shall be held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY to discuss the proposed 2023 Budget.  
All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.  
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## OPINIONS

# One kind of identity politics is no longer a winner

**T**here are all kinds of people who seek public office. Some are former government officials hoping to work their way up the political ladder. Others are businesspeople looking to transfer their skills from their world into the political world. A third class of candidates is the progressives who've never met a payroll and often don't match the public's perception of what a candidate should look and act like.



**JERRY  
KREMER**

The fourth variety of office seeker is the celebrity candidate who would like to parlay his or her name recognition into elective office. There's a long history of celebrity

candidates who've looked to turn fame into a different kind of power. Some of them have been sports heroes. The earliest one I could find was Walter Johnson, who pitched for the Washington Senators for almost 25 years and then, after he retired, ran for county commissioner in Montgomery County, Maryland. He succeeded in winning a term and then ran unsuccessfully for Congress.

The list of more recent sports figures who took the plunge into politics is head-

ed by former New York Knicks star Bill Bradley. Bradley was elected to the U.S. Senate, where he served three terms. In 2000 he decided to run for president, and his loss in the Democratic primary ended his political career.

Ben Knighthorse Campbell went from competing in judo in the 1964 Olympic Games to representing Colorado in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate. Professional wrestler Jessie Ventura became governor of Minnesota, star pitcher Jim Bunning served in both the House and the Senate, and there were many more.

California is known for producing movie and television star candidates. The first one was George Murphy, a leading man of Hollywood musicals in the 1930s and '40s who became a U.S. Senator. We all know the biggest success story of all, that of B movie actor Ronald Reagan, and then there was Arnold Schwarzenegger, who turned his bodybuilder persona into that of a successful actor as well, and then California's governor.

The list of celebrities, some better known than others, who went into politics during or after film or television careers includes Shirley Temple Black, Cynthia Nixon, Sonny Bono, Clint East-

wood, Sean Duffy, Clay Aiken, Fred Grandy, George Takei, Melissa Gilbert and John David Lodge. The current roster of former media stars is headed by Donald Trump, whose show "The Apprentice" gave him access to millions of viewers who became enthusiastic supporters.

**H**istory has shown that endorsements by big names usually don't produce votes.

The tendency of well-known personalities to become candidates continues with the upcoming November election. In Pennsylvania, Mehmet Oz is seeking to become a U.S. Senator. Oz gained television fame thanks to Oprah Winfrey, who made him a guest expert on her show. Dr. Oz, as he's called, had his own show for 10 years,

which has given him widespread name recognition.

His Democratic opponent, John Fetterman, lacks a show business background, but has attracted attention for his blue-collar-style campaign.

Other well-known names are seeking key positions in several states. Former Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker is a Republican Senate candidate in Georgia, opposing Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock, and television political commentator Tudor Dixon is the Republican candidate for governor in Michigan, challenging incumbent

Gretchen Whitmer. Both Walker and Dixon have Trump's endorsement, which may or not be a blessing.

Some prominent figures are not seeking elective office, but instead will be playing active roles in many contests over the next month. Don't be surprised if some of the candidates trot out celebrities as their endorsers. But history has shown that endorsements by big names usually don't produce votes, and big-name endorsers often loses public support for their next movie or television show.

The next 30 days will determine whether any of the latest crop of celebrities can translate their prominence into winning campaigns.

These days, voters have become more sophisticated when it comes to endorsements, and if a candidate has taken unpopular positions, no celebrity will make a difference.

This year, issues like abortion, inflation, crime, education and the fragility of democracy itself are more important than candidates with recognizable names.

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## Don't we all live in the cone of uncertainty?

**B**y the time you read this, all that will be left of Hurricane Ian will be wreckage, loss and grief.

I was floating in the Gulf of Mexico, in a good way, two weeks ago. We have a place there, on the beach, on a barrier island, at latitude 27.36798 degrees N, longitude -82.62578 degrees W. We were just beginning to hear about a new tropical depression that eventually became Ian, a meteorological



**RANDI  
KREISS**

thresher that shredded the southwest coast of Florida just days later. It made landfall near Fort Myers, an hour south of us, at latitude 26.64227 degrees N, longitude -81.86910 degrees W.

When you live on a barrier island in Florida you trade days in paradise for the knowledge that your home and your life are subject to rising tides and increasingly fierce storms. We all know that no one should ever have built on the barrier islands, but my hunch is, people will rebuild, and developers will put up ever-larger hotels and condos on the shoreline.

All the forecasts on Sept. 25 predicted that Tampa, up north, would be ground zero, but by the following day, we were the red-hot bulls-eye of the target zone. Our town issued a mandatory evacuation order and turned off all power and water to the island. We left our place a day before the storm hit, and drove to family in Fort Lauderdale. We've done this dance before. During Hurricane Katrina we were in Fort Lauderdale and had to evacuate to the west coast. Hurricane Sandy scattered us all over.

Early word is that our place on the beach is OK. The small shift in landfall saved us, but doomed our neighbors to the south. Our island still has no power or water. A sad note: The magical island of Captiva is flattened. The bridge from Fort Myers is in the Gulf.

I've been thinking about the 1948 movie "Key Largo," with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. They are stranded in the Keys as a hurricane slams onshore. What I remember is the sense of menace, the thrum in the air as barometric pressure falls, the seas turn an ominous shade of green and the birds stop sing-

ing. The day we left our beach, it was like that. The humidity saturated the air. A dome of heat pressed down. The birds were gone.

I can only feel lucky. Many thousands of people have no place to sleep. Their

belongings, their memories and their jobs have been blown away. Businesses just beginning to recover from Covid-19 losses are in ruins. I know it will get better, and people will rally, but we need to give ourselves a moment. This is yet another once-in-a-lifetime event, another "unprecedented" disaster.

It's nice that the political players are grinding their teeth and trying to take the high ground, but don't be fooled; politics rides these waves. Storms can be survived. More frightening is our current political cyclone. The stanchions of our democracy are also disappearing into deep troughs, and who knows if they can rise again?

Hurricane emergencies remind us that steady minds and steady hands at the wheel can help steer us through.

The supersized storms are increasing proof of the environmental crisis. How

many 500-year storms do we need to survive before the anti-science refuseniks realize it may still be within our power to curb the emissions and toxins that affect our climate?

The hurricanes, the wildfires, our political divisions, the QAnon crazies and other GOP extremists all seem pulled into a tightening vortex, playing out here and now. A hurricane is an apt metaphor for the forces eroding our democracy. The cleanup effort on the ground in Florida will be monumental. I don't know what it will take to right this listing ship of state.

For a weekly newspaper columnist, I have been in the right/wrong place many times in my career, able to offer firsthand observations. I was on a beach in New York watching the towers burn on 9/11. I was on a ship in the Arabian Sea on May 2, 2011, the night our military slid Osama bin Laden's corpse into the water. I was out West last summer amid the wildfires and, two days ago, I was an hour away from ground zero of the storm of the century in Florida.

We all live in the cone of uncertainty. Today, we're standing. We can offer a hand to those knocked down by the storm.

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## You have just two minutes to escape a fire

**T**his Sunday is the beginning of National Fire Prevention Week, a century-old public health observance created by the National Fire Protection Association that was first officially recognized by President Calvin Coolidge in 1925. And it's no coincidence that you'll find this week in October, since it commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, which burned more than 17,400 structures beginning on Oct. 8, 1871.

While that certainly sounds like a lot of buildings, the association now estimates that there are as many as 347,000 house fires in the United States each year. That means that somewhere in America, a home is catching fire every other minute. Those blazes account for more than \$7 billion in property damage, and worse, kill more than 2,600 people and injure over 11,000 more.

And that's just on the civilian side. Nearly 65,000 firefighters were injured battling blazes in 2020, according to the association, while federal officials report that more than 100 were killed. Firefighting is clearly one of the most dangerous jobs in America. Yet here on Long Island, nearly all of the 181 fire departments are volunteer.

That's right. If you ever find yourself calling for help from the fire department, the men and women who show up at your

door are almost certainly first responders who get nothing in return for their service except the satisfaction of knowing they can help.

That's the purest definition of a hero.

It's also a noble pursuit that has evolved from rather ignoble beginnings. In ancient Rome, a wealthy businessman said to be instrumental in the creation of what would become the Roman Empire — Marcus Licinius Crassus — put together a brigade of 500 slaves tasked with fighting blazes in the city. When smoke hit the sky, these slaves were there.

But with a catch. Crassus would negotiate with the building owner to buy it for what today would be pennies on the dollar — while it burned. If the owner sold, Crassus would instruct the slaves to extinguish the flames. If they didn't sell, Crassus let it burn to the ground.

It would take Roman emperor Nero, in the first century, to build the first true fire brigade — one not seeking to profit from the misery of others — that most credit as the true beginning of one of society's most essential services.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is "Fire won't wait, plan your escape." Homes burn faster today than ever before, according to the fire protection association. If your home catches fire and you're inside, you could have less

than two minutes to escape from the moment a smoke alarm sounds.

That means that having a plan in advance is more important than ever. And because every home is different, so will every plan be. The association recommends developing individual plans for everyone in a home — children, older adults, people with disabilities.

It's also imperative to make sure there are smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area — like hallways — and on every level, including the basement. In fact, the only place you shouldn't put alarms, the association says, is in your kitchen and bathrooms.

And if you can, hire an electrician to help you link all the alarms — including those for carbon monoxide — together. That way, if there is smoke in one part of the house, it will alert everyone, everywhere.

We all hope we can live a lifetime never having to call the fire department. Even if we were to be so fortunate, we can sleep soundly at night knowing that those heroes are out there, ready to save us if we are threatened. But we can help keep them safe, too, by making sure we're ready if we aren't so fortunate.

So if you see a firefighter this week, say thank you — both in words and by doing your part to stay safe.

## LETTERS

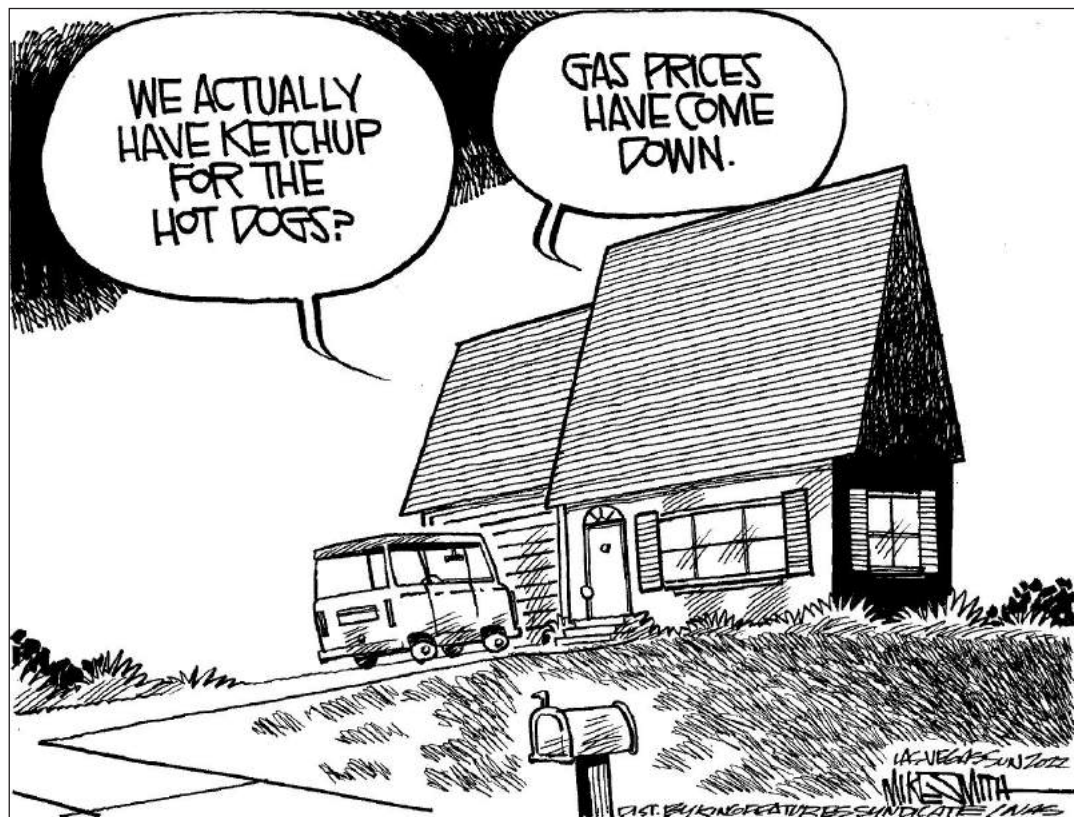
### Randi fooled me — almost

To the Editor:

The title of Randi Kreiss's column in the Sept. 15-21 issue, "From the queen to the U.S. jester-in-chief," at long last, I thought, indicated she'd turned her sights from her obsessive hatred of Donald Trump to the realities of President Joe Biden's make-America-worse-again actions and proposals. Surely "jester-in-chief" referred to the current resident of the White House, and his ongoing hypocrisies and misguided decisions that jeopardize the safety and security of this country, things like redefining a student loan to mean a gift, and the continuing denial of the crisis at the southern border.

But I was wrong. I found this was just another expression of Randi's continuing obsessive hatred of Trump as the prime evil-doer of all time, mindless of Biden's ongoing absurdities and self-created crises that have superseded in significance whatever failures Trump may have been responsible for earlier (and forget his achievements).

When Biden took office, Randi decried how she wouldn't have Trump to push around any more. But old habits die hard.



She will continue to dismiss Biden's growing list of failures, intent on pursuing her first love — her hatred of and assault on Trump — even with the crises of crime, recession, invasion from abroad, and Biden's lies as to how

well America is doing with him in charge. As jester-in-chief, Randi is beginning to rival Biden himself.

ROBERT RUBALSKY  
East Rockaway

## OPINIONS

# A 54-year-old movie's warning to Putin

**R**ussian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine hasn't gone the way he planned. And he doesn't seem too happy about it.

I suppose you wouldn't be happy, either, if you spent nearly a decade pumping your people full of lies to prepare them for this invasion. After all,



**MICHAEL MALASZCZYK**

Putin has dedicated a ton of resources to making sure his people believe that Ukraine belongs to them, that Ukrainians are actually just confused Russians or Poles, and that Ukraine is ruled by Nazis.

First, Russia was going to take Ukraine in a week. Then maybe a month. That didn't happen. Many months later, we are seeing Ukraine making considerable gains in Russian-occupied territory. And, unable to cope with this, Putin has gone to a new threat: nuclear war. Western leaders have met him stride for stride, and warned of counterattacks if he tries it.

This is something of a throwback threat. Many young people today don't

know what it's like to live in a world where nuclear war could be looming. Given all the other problems we face today, it's not something we think about often.

But nuclear war was prevalent in people's minds not too long ago. The way warnings of the dangers of technology, mental health struggles and other, newer issues permeate today's entertainment, nuclear war did so at the height of the Cold War.

Remember "Planet of the Apes"? No, not those movies that came out in the 2010s. Those, ironically told the tale of how humanity destroyed itself when faced with a global pandemic. But much like they addressed the problems of today, the original addressed the problems of its day.

Released in 1968, at the height of the Cold War and not long after a nuclear confrontation nearly happened during the Cuban missile crisis, "Planet of the Apes" follows Charlton Heston's character, George Taylor, a space explorer who crash-lands on a mysterious planet.

Taylor encounters humans, but they are mute and animalistic, and the society is ruled by apes that have evolved into something human-like. They keep the

humans down with a passion, and Taylor is confused about why. One of the orangutan superiors, Dr. Zaius, played by Maurice Evans, pursues Taylor with religious zeal when Taylor, unlike all the other humans, speaks. Zaius interro-

gates him about where he came from, and repeatedly implies that he knows something more than the other apes do about humans.

When Taylor and Zaius discover evidence of an old civilization on the planet that was ruled by humans, Zaius confesses to Taylor that he has "always known about man" and, though he acknowledges that man's civilization was once great, he adds that "his wisdom must walk hand in hand with his idiocy." The sacred scrolls of the apes tell them to "beware the beast man, for he is the devil's pawn" and that man would murder his own brother to possess his land.

This explains what drives the apes to oppress humans, but Taylor still doesn't understand how they've come to believe this. Then, in a lifeless coastal desert known as the Forbidden Zone, once a lush paradise that was ruined by man, Taylor sees the Statue of Liberty, scorched, buried up to her chest in sand,

the ocean's waves crashing into her. He has been on Earth the whole time, where humanity had destroyed itself in a nuclear war.

Taylor falls to his knees, condemning humanity as maniacs who have "finally gone and done it." The film ends with Taylor collapsed in the surf, doomed to live the rest of his life on a post-apocalyptic Earth.

Putin's threat has made this film, and the 1968 zeitgeist, relevant again today. Are we going to finally go and do it?

It's easy to watch "Planet of the Apes" and think of the apes as the bad guys, brutes who are treating humans like animals. But at the end of the film, Zaius is proven right about humanity. In that world, we indeed were the devil's pawn.

And as Putin threatens to use nuclear war to take Ukraine, the idea that man would kill his brother to possess his land seems to ring true. Perhaps those of us who would dismiss his threat — or worse, dare him to follow through on it so we can retaliate — should give this classic film a watch. It provides a stark warning not only to Putin, but to anyone who thinks nuclear war is a feasible solution to the world's problems.

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**I**n 'Planet of the Apes,' we eventually discover what men have done to our planet.

## LETTERS

### Governor, please sign the crypto mining moratorium

To the Editor:

Gov. Kathy Hochul must sign legislation establishing a moratorium on cryptocurrency mining powered by burning fracked gas. This kind of mining, used to make Bitcoin, known as "proof of work," is extremely energy-intensive, consuming more energy than some entire nations.

The Greenidge Generating Station in the Finger Lakes highlights the threat to our beautiful state. This facility, a formerly shuttered coal plant, is now continuously burning fracked gas for Bitcoin mining. There are dozens of such plants across New York state that could be fired up again, polluting our air and water; promoting fracking and endangering our climate. Governor, please take

immediate action to prevent more such travesties.

Establishing an immediate moratorium on cryptocurrency mining powered by fossil fuels, while completing a comprehensive study of its impacts on the climate and the environment more broadly, is a prudent and necessary action. The Legislature passed bills several months ago, and we are counting on the governor to sign them. The White House has also validated our concerns on cryptocurrency mining and the environment, which is more evidence of why we need this moratorium and more study.

I urge the governor, please do not delay. We're counting on her to be an environmental leader of our state and an example for the nation. I urge her to sign this bill into law now.

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