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## North Shore's election results: Here the 'red wave' was real

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The midterm election did not result in a nationwide “red wave,” as predicted, but on the North Shore, where the majority of races were won by Republicans, there was no mistaking a smaller wave.

The crowd at Il Bacco, in Little Neck, Queens, waited for hours on Tuesday night in anticipation of the vote count for the state’s 3rd Congressional District, which encompasses the North Shore. Supporters of Republican candidate George Santos, a native of Queens, never seemed to doubt that he would emerge victorious over Democrat Robert Zimmerman, of Great Neck. Then, late in the evening, the crowd erupted in applause when a surge of votes from Nassau County put Santos over the top.

Both candidates for the seat, which was vacated by Tom Suozzi when he ran unsuccessfully for governor, are openly gay, a congressional first. Zimmerman, 67, has been a Demo-



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**POLITICAL NEWCOMER GEORGE Santos**, a Republican, will represent the North Shore in the House of Representatives.

cratic National Committee member for 22 years and has advocated for LGBTQ rights for decades. Santos, 34, a Wall Street financier and investor and the son of Brazilian immigrants, is a political newcomer who has said he is very supportive of the rights the gay community has secured, but

isn’t interested in dwelling on them.

With unofficial results indicating that he had won, Santos appeared before an exultant crowd. “Only in this country can the kid who came from the basement in Jackson Heights,” he

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## Budget calls for reductions in spending

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The Glen Cove City Council approved a proposed \$63.3 million budget for 2023, the first spending plan under Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck since her election last year. The new budget keeps residential property taxes steady, and there will be a small decrease of roughly 4 percent in commercial property taxes.

The budget calls for spending cuts of \$1.4 million compared to the current adopted budget and shows an overall decrease of 2.2 percent in spending over 2022.

The spending plan passed by a 4-2 vote.

The two council members voting against the spending plan were Councilwomen Marsha Silverman and Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, both of whom cited concerns that incorporating a refund of \$800,000 from Nassau County into the city’s 2023 budget is a one-time-only revenue source.

The purpose of the county

refund is to correct wrongly calculated reimbursements made to the county from payments in lieu of taxes, or PILOTs, for a decade. The error was brought to light in a 2021 audit by the state comptroller’s office of the city’s Industrial Development Agency. That audit found that some of

the payments paid to the county should have gone back to the city.

Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said the school’s attorneys are speaking with the city, because the district believes a portion of the reimbursement should go to the school district and another portion to the library.

“We are aware that there was an overpayment to the county by the city,” Rianna said. “We look forward to the city recovering that money and providing to the school district and the library the monies that would be ours.”

At the budget meeting, Silverman called the budget overly optimistic, since the funds are not in the hands of the city yet.

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ELECTION RESULTS		
Office	Winner	Opponent
<b>Governor</b>	Kathy Hochul (D) ..... 54%	Lee Zeldin (R) ..... 46%
<b>Comptroller</b>	Thomas DiNapoli (D) ..... 57%	Paul Rodriguez (R) ..... 40%
<b>Attorney General</b>	Letitia James (D) ..... 56%	Michael Henry (R) ..... 42%
<b>U.S. Senator</b>	Chuck Schumer (D)..... 58%	Joe Pinion (R) ..... 39%
<b>Congressional District 3</b>	George Santos (R)..... 55%	Robert Zimmerman (D) ... 45%
<b>Senate District 7</b>	Jack Martins (R)..... 53%	Anna Kaplan (D)..... 47%
<b>Assembly District 13</b>	Charles Lavine (D)..... 54%	Ruka Anzai (R)..... 46%

Unofficial results as of midnight EST Tuesday

# Exit & Succession Planning for Business Owners

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By ALEXA ANDERWKAVICH

On Thursday, Nov. 3, law firm Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP and The NYBB Group held a free live webinar featuring Joseph G. Milizio, managing partner at Vishnick, McGovern and Milizio and Anthony Citrolo, founder of NYBB Group — a premium service merger and acquisition business sales firm — with Herald Inside LI host Michael Hinman, executive editor at Herald Community Newspapers.

“No one likes to think too much about the future, especially about their business,” Hinman said. “But in the next hour we will find out why planning ahead is crucial!”

Citrolo’s clients include privately held companies and family owned businesses and is CPA and a Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA). Vishnick McGovern Milizio LLP has been named Best Law Firms in America by US News and World Report for 2022 and 2023.

Hinman jumped right into their expertise with a few questions, starting with the basics: when is the best time to start planning?

“The best time to start planning is the moment a client walks into my office and says I have a concept I would like to start a new business,” Milizio said.

He explained that if you plan from the



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**PICTURED EXECUTIVE EDITOR** of Herald Community Newspapers, Michael Hinman (top left), Joseph G. Milizio, managing partner at Vishnick, McGovern and Milizio (top right), and Anthony Citrolo, founder of NYBB Group (bottom middle) on Zoom Thursday Nov. 3.

very start, then you will have a headstart on yourself as you have planned ahead and set the guidelines for the business to thrive efficiently.

Determining the value of your business is an important part of the planning and succession process. There are also a number of steps that a business owner

can do to increase the value of their company.

Citrolo went on to define “value acceleration” and how it plays into the process of exit planning.

“If you are really planning your business properly and want to make sure your business has a value of x and you’re willing to do whatever it takes to make that happen,” Citrolo said. “You can do things to essentially grow that business and accelerate the value.”

For example when you need management and hire a team that increases your value, as well as spreading the customer base and even customer contracts which increase value because the customer has staying power. This plus a number of HR and legal issues that need to be dealt with all in time, increase the value of your business.

“Your business is evaluated by value drivers which either increase or decrease the value and you can see what you can do to enhance the value,” Citrolo said.

The webinar included vital information for business owners that could make a difference in the future. Making sure you are building your business efficiently can be done when you have the proper tools and guidance. If you missed out on this informative webinar, visit the Herald Inside LI YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com).

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**BOMBAJO'S PERFORMANCE CAPTURED** the spirit of Puerto Rican heritage by embracing the community's African roots.

# A big celebration of Puerto Rican heritage

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**T**he office of Nassau County Executive Bruce Blake-man presented a night full of folklore and festivities to honor the Puerto Rican community during their Nov. 3 event. The month celebrates 500 years of history and the subsequent blending of Spanish, Taino Indian and African influences, which are all represented in the island's rich culture and traditions.

Puerto Ricans throughout Nassau County were recognized for contributions to their respective communities and were selected by Herbert Flores, executive director of the Nassau County office of Hispanic affairs. Among the evening's 10 award recipients were Glen Cove natives Judith Rivera and Ramon Pesentae Jr.

Rivera, a graduate from New York University, received her bachelor's in journalism with a public relations concentration. Her previous work experience includes roles as a sales account executive with Richner Communications and director of public relations and marketing for the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. Rivera is currently the director of community sales at the Atria Glen Cove and is the owner of her own private dance studio Miss Judy's Dance Studio at Ballroom Legacy in Sea Cliff. She is widely recognized for volunteering her time to many food drives and charitable events on the North Shore.

"I was really inspired by someone that was unknown to me," said Flores, who first met Rivera two years ago in Glen Cove during a food drive. "The community recognized her as being a very strong leader and supporter of the vulnerable population that we have among Latinos."

Pesentae has worked in residential and commercial property management for over 24 years, while sharing his passion for music alongside Don-Q Entertainment. Pesentae is widely known for his charitable music contributions to various events for causes such as the Tim Tebow Founda-



**JUDITH RIVERA AND** Ramon Pesentae Jr. received recognition for their community service in Glen Cove. With them was Herbert Flores, who presented Rivera and Pesentae with their citations.

tion's "Night to Shine." Pesentae is also a supporter of the Nassau County Police Hispanic Society.

"It's just been a great pleasure to be a positive influence in our community," said Pesentae. "And just teaching today's youth that character is everything."

The event saw music by BombaYo, who played traditional Bomba music, which arose from the island's roots in African slavery. During the performance, the small assembly room was filled with energy and rhythms that had guests out of their chairs and dancing in the aisles.

"The drum has power," said Jose Ortiz one of the evening's honorees, better known by his stage name Dr. Drum

in BombaYo. "It is the voice of our ancestors."

The evening also highlighted Puerto Rico's current state of crisis, resulting from natural disasters, the coronavirus pandemic, government mismanagement and population decline. Although it's part of the United States, the territory lacks full political representation, which was a concern for many of the evening's speakers.

Melissa Figueroa, Nassau County deputy of minority affairs noted that many Puerto Ricans have respectively experienced a great deal of loss in the aftermath of hurricane Fiona days before the event. "Words cannot express the tremendous grief that Puerto Ricans have experienced."

# Political newcomer Santos to be a congressman

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said more than once, unable to complete his thought. Then he said, “To everybody watching, I want you to know that the American Dream is worth fighting for. It’s worth defending, and that’s why I jumped into this race.”

Luis Vazquez, of Glen Cove, who was in the crowd, said that Santos’s win gave him a good feeling. “He’s a man of his word, he’s a gentleman, and he wants to help the community out, especially the Hispanic community,” Vazquez said, “so I definitely support him for that.”

Another Santos supporter Janet Dennis, of Bellerose, was tearful. “I’m just so happy for our district to finally have someone who will stand up for our police officers, and somebody who will represent our community who is not a career politician,” she said, “and George represents all of that.”

There was crushing disappointment among Zimmerman supporters, who gathered at the Inn in Great Neck. Marsha Silverman, a Glen Cove City Councilwoman who is also openly gay, said she found what Zimmerman stood for to be refreshing. “In this divisive environment, I am extremely proud of Robert for setting an example of how a positive campaign can unify people,” Silverman said. “He is a true advocate for democracy.”

Democratic incumbent Assemblyman Charles Lavine won his 13th District race against political newcomer Ruka Anzai

by a wide margin. Lavine said that Zimmerman’s loss made his own triumph bittersweet.

“One side is sadness, because Robert would have been an extraordinary representative,” Lavine said. “But all democracy can do, all American democracy can do, is give us a forum in which we can debate the issues. And we did that. And this time we lost, but next time we won’t.”

Another Republican newcomer, Jake Blumencranz, of Oyster Bay, won the Assembly’s 15th District seat, defeating Democrat Amanda Field. Blumencranz’s district takes in East Norwich, Locust Valley, Oyster Bay, Glen Head and Glenwood Landing.

Blumencranz, 26, said he saw his win as an opportunity to fight for his generation. “We’re going to give a voice to the younger generation here on Long Island,” he said on election night. “We’re really going to put Long Island first, in the way we legislate.”

Referring to his win as a referendum on past legislators, Blumencranz promised to make Long Island his top priority. “Now we really get to work to make Long Island a better place, and a more prosperous place,” he said.

Field, 46, of Old Bethpage, lost the Oyster Bay town supervisor race last fall to Joseph Saladino. She said on Wednesday that Democratic losses reflected something bigger.

“I think there is messaging that the



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**SANTOS SUPPORTERS STAYED** at Il Bacco, in Queens, until their candidate announced he had won.

Republican Party is using that is working,” Field said. “People don’t feel safe, and Democrats needed to address safety, which is the first thing I did. We were hearing that from our public. To shy away from it, or deny that that was an issue, was not a good thing.”

Democrats failed to address voters’ main concerns, Field added. “Safety and the economy were the two top issues,” she said. “When the party did address it, it was too late in the game. As someone who ran last year at the top of the ticket, I can say that the Republicans are very good at keying into one key message.”

Republican Jack Martins, of Mineola, beat Democratic incumbent State Senator Anna Kaplan handily in the 7th District

race. Martins, a former mayor of Mineola, served in the senate from 2010 to 2016.

“What an honor for me, this year especially, when you think of where the state was going,” Martins, 55, said. “We all knew this is the year where we would draw the line in the sand and stand up to make sure we protected our community, keep our families safe, and send a message to Albany that enough is enough.”

Kaplan wrote in an email that it was an honor to have represented her neighbors in the Senate. “Together, we made history, protecting the rights of women, passing landmark legislation protecting New Yorkers from the scourge of gun violence, and fighting back against the rising tide of hate.”

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# Taxes will be flat, deficit to be addressed

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“Even if we had a contract written for it, it’s a one-shot revenue,” she said after the meeting. “And it’s being used against recurring expenses.”

Silverman added that using one-shot revenues for operating expenses is frowned upon by credit raters like Moodys and other authorities like the state comptroller.

Councilwoman Barbara Peebles responding to the two councilwomen’s concerns that she had faith in Panzenbeck’s judgement.

“I can’t even imagine a scenario where (Panzenbeck) would take a risk if she wasn’t completely confident that we’re going to get what was due us and what was promised to us,” She said.

When the city is receiving the \$800,000 reimbursement was unclear at the City Council meeting, but afterwards Panzenbeck said the funds would be paid in a lump sum by the county at the beginning of 2023.

When asked about the possibility of a Moodys credit rating decrease, Panzenbeck said she didn’t see a potential for change because of the city’s other revenue sources.

City Comptroller Michael Piccirillo said that \$565,000 of the refund is being used for the general fund to help flatten tax rates, and \$235,000 towards reducing the city’s current fund balance deficit. Piccirillo said the \$800,000 spurs no change in residential taxes and a decrease in commercial property taxes.

“It’s really a win-win in that we have the ability to address the current deficit and also keep taxes flat for next year,” he said.

Unlike the one-time sale of an asset, such as land or a building, in the ordinary course of business, PILOT payments are a recurring source of revenue based on the term of the PILOT agreement.



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**ALBA GAMBLE ASKED** members of Glen Cove City Council about funds reimbursed by Nassau County. She said she was concerned about the city’s decision not to raise taxes, citing issues of inflation and rising costs

“These revenues generally continually increase year over year.” Piccirillo said

The city’s credit rating is primarily impacted by financial operating results. As long as the city continues to favorably managing expenses within the budget, achieve revenue targets, and improve the city’s fiscal governance, credit ratings should upgrade.

Piccirillo said he views the timing of these PILOT reimbursements as an issue.

“While yes, it’s a lump sum revenue infusion in 2023, these revenues should have been received in prior years.” Piccirillo said. “I can only assume that because they weren’t, the tax levy was raised higher than it otherwise should have been.”



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# HERALD SPORTS

## County title run for underdog Glen Cove

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**SENIOR LONDELL WHEELER** above, and sophomore Endy Hernandez scored 11 goals apiece this fall to help lead the Big Red to a county championship.

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You never know what can happen when the playoffs roll around. As the 11-seed in the Nassau Class A boys' soccer playoffs, Glen Cove capped off a remarkable season with some stellar postseason play, leading them to a county championship.

It was a familiar road taken by Big Red as it met with Garden City for the second consecutive year in the Class A finals, but this time it was Glen Cove which came out on top Nov. 2 at Mitchel Athletic Complex, 2-0, after losing by one goal in 2021.

The Big Red, which lost to Amityville,

3-2 in Sunday's Long Island Class A championship game, put together a stellar season with three postseason victories against higher seeds, shutting out those opponents (No. 6 New Hyde Park, No. 2 MacArthur, and top-seeded Garden City). Junior goalkeeper Bryan Hernandez allowed just two goals in four games and averaged 10 saves per match during the Class A playoffs.

"He was extremely important in securing the dangerous balls into the box," head coach Brian Smith said. "We just tried to have a really good defensive structure."

That defensive group for Glen Cove provided an extra layer of protection for Hernandez in the Class A postseason.



Edin Alvarado and Jordan Flores were big reasons why Glen Cove was able to go on such a fantastic run.

"His (Edin's) leadership really galvanized the positive attitude of the players on the backline," Smith said. "He (Jordan) really matured and developed throughout the course of the season. If not for those two, Bryan has a much harder time and probably is forced to make a lot more saves."

After leading the way offensively in the regular season, Senior Londell Wheeler picked up where he left off and scored in all four Class A postseason matches. Wheeler's 31 points in the regular season were the most in A East and led him to be named Conference MVP.

"As a leader, I couldn't ask for anything more," Smith said. "He's connected to every player on the field. I think he deserves the Nassau County Player of

the Year award not just for his play during the regular season, but what he did in the playoffs."

Similar to last season, Wheeler and sophomore Enry Hernandez led Glen Cove in scoring. Both players tallied 11 goals in regular season play and their play allowed Ethan Graziosi to emerge as another threat registering nine goals and seven assists.

"I would consider them a really dangerous trio," Smith said. "If you're gonna lose track of Ethan, then you're going to have a serious problem."

As a result, Glen Cove was able to put together a complete team effort over the course of its 2022 season.

"There's no selfish play, all the kids connected with each other," Smith said. "We had some incredible team goals. Six guys get their foot on the ball and we just pass around teams and it's like magic."

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# Police crack down on unsafe cars on the road

By MALLORY WILSON

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The last thing any driver wants is an obstructed view out of their car windows. But it's the same for the Nassau County Police Department as well — except it's not looking out, but instead looking in.

The department has launched Operation Safe Streets, targeting illegal license plates — those that are obstructed or defaced — along with improperly tinted windows and passengers not wearing seatbelts.

The initiative continues through the end of the year, and includes both education and enforcement. But it's not just about safety, according to Nassau police commissioner Patrick Ryder — these violations typically lead to other criminal activity.

Safe Streets uses officers from a number of police units targeting drivers who are misusing their license plates or have tinted windows that don't allow officers to see inside. Many will be singled out through various checkpoints set up around the county.

"We know that distracted driving is still the number one cause for accidents and death on our roads," Ryder told reporters during a news conference last week in Eisenhower Park. "But there is a criminal element that is out there defrauding and taking advantage of the system, committing crimes by using different



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**NASSAU COUNTY POLICE** ran a safety checkpoint on Merrick Avenue near Eisenhower Park last week as part of its new Operation Safe Streets program. The initiative aims to crack down on illegal license plates, tinted windows, and expired registrations.

types of plates."

This initiative comes at a time where more people are out and about preparing for the holidays.

"As we are approaching the time of year when people are going out there spending money, they're shopping. They have gifts. There will be a lot of cars on the road," Nassau County executive Bruce Blakeman said. "We are going to fight as hard as we can to make sure that all of our communities are safe. That our residential communities are safe. That our busi-

ness districts are safe."

Paper license plates are a much bigger problem than many might realize, Ryder said. Although typically given to a new car buyer at the dealership before they can get their more permanent plates from the state, there are those who try to copy the plates, change the expiration date, and then sell them online.

"So, until our officers stop that car, we don't know it's a fake plate," Ryder said. "In the meantime, they're running red lights. They're going through (license

plate readers) after they've committed crimes, and we can't detect it because it doesn't come back to the right vehicle."

Nassau police made more than 1,000 arrests last year for fraudulent license plates, more than triple from 2020. Traffic tickets are on the rise, too. There were 73,000 summonses written in 2021. So far this year, that number is already at 123,000.

"I think that we should be concentrating on all the people who are going around with out-of-state plates, with stolen license plates, with tinted windows that make everybody feel unsafe — especially our police officers," Blakeman said. "And I really want to crack down because when we've done this in the past, we've been able to confiscate a lot of illegal license plates, we've gotten illegal weapons and controlled substances that we've confiscated."

Nassau police also say they've taken nearly 800 guns off the road in the past two years.

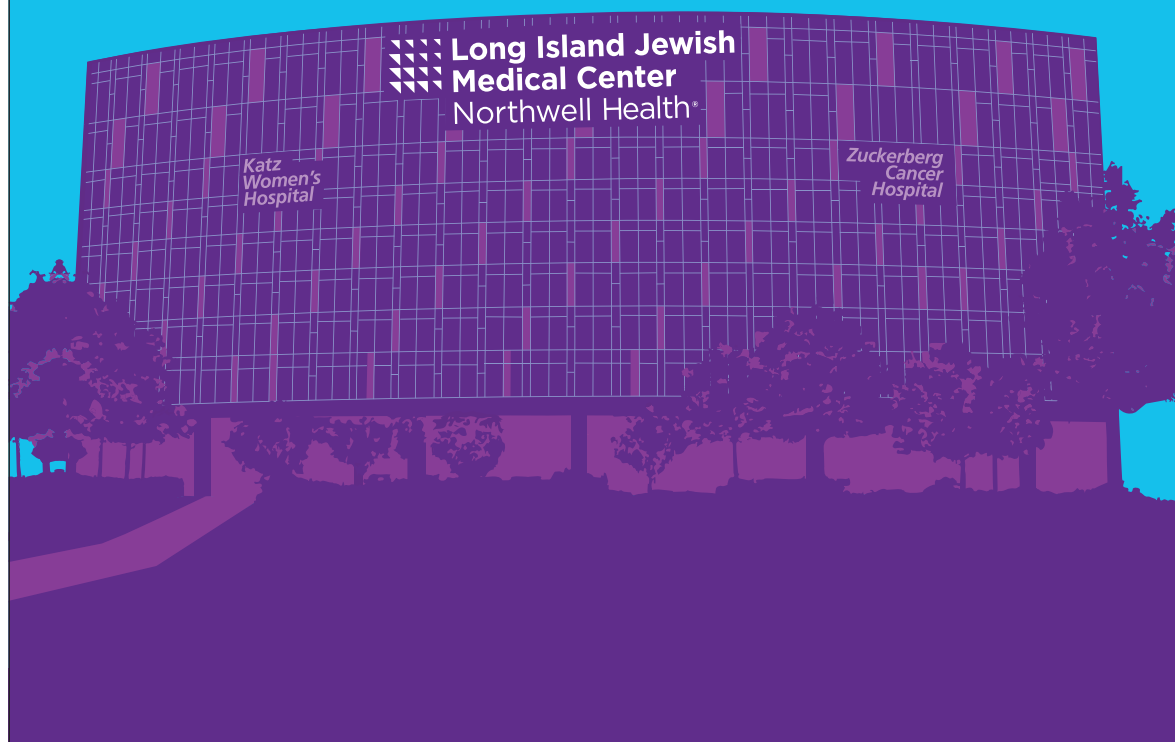
"Those car stops are vital," Ryder said, when it comes to "doing the investigation, asking the right questions when they interview the driver, and allowing us to get into that car."

The commissioner also mentioned cracking down on uninspected and unregistered vehicles, which he added "90 percent of the time, they are also uninsured."

Depending on the violation, a warning or a summons could be issued, and fines may be increased during the Operation Safe Streets initiative.

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# Hundreds attend Glen Cove Senior Health Expo

By: Alexa Anderkwavich

The Glen Cove YMCA welcomed eager guests to RichnerLIVE and the Herald's Senior Health & Beyond Expo, presented by UnitedHealthcare on Nov. 3, the third and final in a community-loved series of Expos for 2022.

The Expo is a wonderful event, where a number of diverse businesses — as well as up and coming services — share their products and refined knowledge with Long Islanders.

"This is one of our most beloved series; we always receive positive feedback from attendees," Executive Director of Corporate Relations & Events at Herald Community Newspapers and RichnerLIVE Amy Amato said. "It's always fulfilling to hear that our Expos make a difference in our communities. That's what it's all about."

More than 40 vendors lined the center to divulge their knowledge in wellness, care, lifestyle, estate planning and insurance, vital services, and more. Attendees also rounded up their household items, paintings and heirlooms to be appraised by Syl-Lee Antiques and uncover what treasures they may have had hidden in their home.

At noon, guests sat down for a panel discussion to hear experts discuss a myriad of topics; but not before getting a good stretch in. Thanks to Get Moving Sponsor CuraLeaf, Bikram Yoga+ Roslyn Yoga Instructor Judy Appell lead the group in a relaxing stretching session.



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The panel discussion was kicked-off with keynote speaker Michael Krantz, licensed sales representative from UnitedHealthcare, who spoke about how he can help retirees and pre-retirees navigate the world of Medicare.

"These Senior Health & Beyond Expo have been great; it's always so nice to see people coming out and engaging in senior topics," UnitedHealthcare Representative Krantz said. "And it's always my pleasure helping those in need of understanding their different options since Medicare in

particular is a complex subject matter."

Guests also heard from panelists Donna Stefans, ESQ., founder and lead attorney at Stefans Law Group; Allison Fenech, social worker at Long Beach Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Casena Care); Jill Wasser, utility consumer program specialist at NYS Department of Public Service; and Michell Fayex-Olabi, lead senior benefits advisor at AgeWell New York.

To end the hour-long discussion and Q&A session, Stretch Zone wended things

down with a relaxing deep stretch. "It's important to keep moving, especially after being still for long periods of time, even if it's a few stretches," Sales Director for Herald Community Newspapers, Lori Berger said.

Attendees received a goody bag — courtesy of Premier Assist — filled with special-event sections, keepsakes, vital take-home information and a full bag of bialys from Bell's Brooklyn Bagels. Raffles were also announced, with prizes including smudge and spray set with mini candle from The Venusian Oracle, two 30-minute massage vouchers from Glen Cove Massage, free 5-month membership to the YMCA and more.

The Expo was made possible thanks to presenting sponsor UnitedHealthcare; Gold Sponsor: Stefans Law Group, Gift Bag Sponsor: Premier Assist; Refreshment & Snack Sponsor: Long Beach Assisted Living; Silver Sponsors: Long Beach Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Parker Jewish for Healthcare and Rehabilitation, New York Department of Public Service, AgeWell New York, Atena, Emerge and the Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation; and Get Moving Sponsor: CuraLeaf

Guests and vendors are looking forward to the next series of Senior Health & Beyond Expo, continuing next year. In the meantime, keep an eye out for more expos and events from the Herald and RichnerLIVE at [www.richnerlive.com](http://www.richnerlive.com).

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**SPEAKER DONNA STEFANS** (far right) and the team at the Stefans Law Group.



**SPENCER SHIFF AND** speaker Allison Fenech from Long Beach Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.



**SPONSORS GLEN COVE** Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation and Emerge Nursing and Rehabilitation at Glen Cove, far left.

**SPEAKER KATHLEEN SANTUCCI**, above.

**ATTENDEE CAROL RUBIN**, above center, left, celebrated her 101st birthday this year with friend Beverly Peress.

**SPEAKER JILL WASSER**, far left, from New York State Department of Public Service.

**MICHELL FAYEX-OLABI, LEFT**, from Agewell NY.

# Top businesspeople make a difference

## Nassau Council of Chamber of Commerce honors annual slate

By **MICHAEL HINMAN**  
mhinman@liherald.com

**W**ant to really get involved with the community? That's easy — join your local chamber of commerce.

“Chambers,” said Fran Camarano Jr. “We get involved in a nonprofit organization, support our communities and businesses. Why do we do this? Well, we're part of the community, right?”

Camarano is quite active in the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce. But at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on Oct. 28, Camarano was filling a different role — president of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce. The group — which represents more than 40 chambers from across the county — gathered once again to honor its businesspersons of the year.

Those winners included Manny Alvarez, president of Kolstein's in Baldwin, who continues to open the world of stringed instruments to so many musicians. And Sharon Davis-Edwards, founder and chief executive of S.J. Edwards Inc., in Merrick, who has provided financial and employee benefits services to businesses for more than 30 years. And Iyna Bort Caruso, who leads Sweet Lime Ink Content Studio, bringing her Emmy Award-winning writing and content creation work to Rockville Centre and beyond.

But it's more than simply running a business, Camarano said. True success comes with being active in the community. Like Nicole Eliopoulos. She fulfilled her dream to run her own State Farm Insurance Agency in Valley Stream, yet she still finds time to not only raise four children with her husband, but stay active in their lives — from their school PTAs, to even coaching some of their sport teams.

“The idea of grassroots efforts from the ground up being the best way to support communities — and businesses supporting their communities — is the way to go,” Camarano said. “But the truth is, the commitment we make is not just to the chamber. What you want to do to support the businesses is to support each other.”

Other winners include Lauren Maslov, the third-generation owner of Pietro's restaurant in East Meadow. Dale Davids, a home solar dealer — and Afghanistan veteran — in Elmont. Patricia McColley, a program manager for the community and population health team at Northwell Health out of Franklin Square. And Jorge Martinez, vice president of the J&A Group — which provides commercial maintenance out of Freeport.

Then there's Luis Lopez, an immigrant from El Salvador who now runs Morgan Delicatessen in Glen Cove with his wife. Steve Adler, who came out of retirement to take on marketing and sales for Servpro of Garden City and Hempstead. And Christine Sweeney, branch manager and director for Webster Bank Levittown Banking Center.



Tim Baker/Herald photos

### Luis Lopez Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce

When he immigrated from El Salvador as a teenager, all Luis Lopez wanted to was own his own business.

He spent years as an auxiliary police officer with the City of Glen Cove before the coronavirus pandemic. It was then Lopez and his wife Patricia purchased a former delicatessen at the corner of Coles and Carpenter streets, revitalizing a neighborhood and creating a bustle of activity there that had been long missed through Morgan's Delicatessen.

Since opening, according to the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce, Lopez has worked tirelessly to be a community leader. To lend a helping hand, or a donation when needed. And he's always showing pride not just in his community, but also as a neighbor who is now an American citizen.

Leah Tozer might be known for her appearances on HGTV's “Island Life,” but she remains one of Long Beach's top real estate practitioners. Mike Govinda has helped companies grow their IT and health care services through his company, Arista Careers, while David Silva spends his day as a financial advisor for Janney, but then goes home and does everything from coach youth basketball,



**HUNDREDS GATHERED AT** Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury Oct. 28 to honor the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce Businesspersons of the Year.

**FRANK CAMARANO JR.,** president of the Nassau Council, says community service starts with the local chamber of commerce. And he practices what he preaches as a longtime leader of the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce.

to helping shape young minds.

Denise Sclafani Daniels continues her family's successful jewelry business in Lynbrook, while Dr. Evelyn Heredia has changed lives as the owner of Phoenix Family Chiropractic in Malverne. Victoria Van De Ven runs her own State Farm Insurance Agency in Seaford, while Margo Cargill focuses on corporate and government strategy through her Uniondale-based Titanium Linx Consulting, and Rosemarie DeMaio makes Wantagh smile as chief custom cookie designer at Mama's Custom Cookies.

And businesses were winners as well

— like Stellina Ristorante, run by renowned chef Fabrizio Facchini and the Milana family in Oyster Bay.

“Nassau County is back, and we're open for business,” County Executive Bruce Blakeman told the crowd at Crest Hollow. “Nassau County is committed to partnering with each and every one of the chambers so that every community can thrive, and every downtown business district can do well with no community left behind.”

To learn more about the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce, visit [NCChambers.org](http://NCChambers.org).

# STEPPING OUT

## Groovin' with The Rascals

Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famers are always in style

By Mary Malloy

**R**ock legends The Rascals are back on stage for the first time in four years. Their Time Peace Tour 2022 rolls on — with a stop at NYCB Theatre at Westbury on Nov. 13 — featuring two of the group's legendary original members: Felix Cavaliere and Gene Cornish.

The group (formerly The Young Rascals) is best known for their string of smash hits during the mid-to-late 1960s, including "Groovin," "Good Lovin'," "A Beautiful Morning" and "People Got to Be Free." (The tour is named after their 1968 Greatest Hits album.)

The Rascals were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1997.

"It's been a while since I've been in New York because of Covid, but I travel here a lot to see friends and family," says Cavaliere, the group's keyboardist, vocalist and songwriter. "We've been in the area doing some private shows. Westbury is one of the last few places with a theater in the round. I'm happy that our music appeals to more than one generation. It's a real treat seeing the some of the younger faces out there in the audience."

Trained as a classical pianist at a young age — and fully intending to go into the medical field — Cavaliere formed a band called The Escorts during his college years at Syracuse University. That led him to play with Joey Dee & The Starlites ("The Peppermint Twist") where he met Cornish and Eddie Brigati. The threesome eventually left to form The Young Rascals with jazz drummer Dino Danelli.

After a few months doing the New York club scene, Cavaliere and his bandmates caught the attention of promoter/manager Sid Bernstein with their high-energy set at Long Island's elite club, The Barge on Shinnecock Bay in East Quogue. They soon signed a contract with Atlantic Records.

After topping the charts with hit after hit — and selling more than 30 million records worldwide — The Young Rascals disbanded in 1972, and the members went on to have successful solo careers. Cavaliere now calls Nashville, Tennessee, home, where he is collaborating and prolifically writing new material.

"This (tour) gives us another chance to play together," Cornish adds, "and do it for the fans."

### A treat: Special guests Vanilla Fudge

Vanilla Fudge, best known for their extended heavy rock arrangements including "You Keep Me Hangin' On" and "Season of the Witch," join The Rascals as special musical guests.

Vanilla Fudge has been cited as "one of the few American links between psychedelia and what soon became heavy metal." The group is also known to have influenced other major bands such as The Nice, Deep Purple, Yes, Styx and Led Zeppelin.

"We're excited to come back to Westbury," says the band's award-winning drummer, vocalist and songwriter Carmine Appice, who now resides in Florida. "It's one of my favorite venues. We'll include a lot of our popular hits, and I'll probably do a drum solo. The Rascals were like our mentors, and we've been friends for many years."

The band is currently touring with three of its four original members: Appice, Mark Stein, Vince Martell, and Pete Brey (who took over for Tim Bogert, who retired in 2009 and died 2021.)

**Large photo:** Felix Cavaliere is ready to wow the NYCB Theatre at Westbury audience with The Rascals greatest hits.

**Bottom photo:** Original Rascals Gene Cornish, left, and Felix Cavaliere first met in the mid '60s playing with Joey Dee & The Starlites.



- Sunday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m.
- NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury
- For tickets, visit [TheTheatreAtWestbury.com](http://TheTheatreAtWestbury.com), [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com), or call (516) 247-5200



Vanilla Fudge, special guest, is known for their extended rock versions of contemporary hit songs. Pictured from left are Carmine Appice (drums), Mark Stein (keyboard), Vinny Martell (guitar), and Pete Brey (bass).



### 'Fiddler on the Roof'

Bartlett Sher and the team behind 'South Pacific,' 'The King and I' and 2017 Tony-winning Best Play 'Oslo,' bring a fresh and authentic vision to this beloved theatrical masterpiece. Featuring a talented cast, lavish orchestra, and stunning movement and dance from Israeli choreographer Hofesh Shechter, based on the original staging by Jerome Robbins, this production is an uplifting celebration that raises its cup to joy — to love — to life. Rich with musical hits everyone knows and loves, including 'Tradition,' 'Sunrise, Sunset' and 'To Life (L'Chaim!),' this heartwarming story never goes out of style.

Friday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2 and 8 p.m. \$89, \$69, \$59, \$49. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, C.W. Post Campus, Route 25A, Brookville. (516) 299-3100 or [TillesCenter.org](http://TillesCenter.org).



### Toubab Krewe

Some music defies categorization. Such is the case with Toubab Krewe, the vibrant North Carolina-based instrumental powerhouse that lustily swirls together rock, African traditions, jam sensibilities, international folk strains and more. This is a band that actively draws inspiration from whatever source floats into their purview, something they've exhibited in their half decade of heavy gigging — including regular appearances at major U.S. festivals like Bonnaroo, High Sierra, Rothbury and Wakarusa — and abroad at such legendary gatherings as Festival In The Desert in Mali. Their globe-hopping propensity has made them an emerging headliner at their hometown's famous Orange Peel, and a familiar face at similar venues nationwide. Whether on their own or collaborating with luminaries like the Last Poets' Umar Bin Hassan or Uncle Earl's Rayna Gellert, Toubab Krewe has already earned the attention and respect of a broad musical community.

Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 p.m. \$38, \$33, \$28. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or [LandmarkOnMainStreet.org](http://LandmarkOnMainStreet.org).

# THE \$ SCENE



**Nov. 19**

### YES: Close to the Edge Tour

The pioneering progressive rock band visits NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury, touring in celebration the 50th anniversary of their famed album, "Close To The Edge," Saturday, **Nov. 19**, 8 p.m. With an ever growing fan base, YES continues to electrify audiences with daunting virtuosity, complex musical textures and powerful lead vocals. Experience an unforgettable evening of YES at its best,

featuring its existential prog masterworks and instrumental pyrotechnics. For information/tickets, visit [TheTheatreAtWestbury.com](http://TheTheatreAtWestbury.com) or [LiveNation.com](http://LiveNation.com) or call (516) 247-5200.

### Mount Sinai Vaxmobile flu/ Covid vaccines

**Nov. 10**

The Mount Sinai South Nassau Vaxmobile, in partnership with the Town of Hempstead, expands outreach to seniors to provide no-cost flu and Covid-19 booster vaccines. The remaining schedule includes: Thursday, **Nov. 10**, Uniondale Hempstead Senior Center; Tuesday, **Nov. 15**, Bellmore Senior Center; Friday, **Nov. 17**, Uniondale Merrick Senior Center. The Vaxmobile offers the Pfizer-BioNTech bivalent vaccine to individuals 12 and older. Current CDC guidance says that it is safe to get both the Covid and flu vaccines together, even during the same visit to doctor or pharmacy. All vaccine recipients must show proof of age; ages six months to 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. For information, visit [SouthNassau.org](http://SouthNassau.org) or Facebook @ MountSinaiSouthNassau. To schedule an appointment, go to [SouthNassau.org/sn/vaxmobile](http://SouthNassau.org/sn/vaxmobile), call Mount Sinai South Nassau Community Education at (516) 377-5333 or email [vaxmobile@snch.org](mailto:vaxmobile@snch.org).

### Fall Fashion Show

Following the success of Hummingbird's Spring/Summer 2021 show, the boutique is holding its second fashion show, Monday, **Nov. 14**, at Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Boulevard in Sea Cliff, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrity stylist and Hummingbird owner Suzette LaValle announced the show 'If On A Winter's Night A Traveler' includes four segments featuring over 30 looks. For info, contact (646) 281-4029.

**Nov. 11**

### 'Willy Wonka'

Everyone's favorite candy man lights up the stage, in Plaza Theatrical's family-friendly production of "Willy Wonka," Friday, **Nov. 11**, 11 a.m.; Saturday, **Nov. 12**, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Nov. 13, noon. This scrumdilyumptious musical features the enchanting songs from the film starring Gene Wilder. Tickets are \$16. Grab your golden ticket and visit the Plaza stage at The Showplace at Bellmore Movies, 222 Pettit Avenue, Bellmore. For information/tickets, go to [PlazaTheatrical.com](http://PlazaTheatrical.com) or call (516) 599-6870.



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### Oh Baby!

Mercy Hospital invites moms-to-be to a community baby shower, Saturday, **Nov. 19**, noon-2 p.m. Meet with physicians, lactation specialist, mother/baby nurses, and other hospital personnel with raffles, giveaways for mom and baby(s), games and more. The free event takes place in Mercy's employee cafeteria, lower level, 1000 North Village Avenue, Rockville Centre. For information visit [CHSLI.org](http://CHSLI.org) or call (516) 626-3729.

### Break for Art

Kids and parents/caregivers are invited to join Nassau County Museum of Art staff to create and innovate during "Break for Art," Friday, **Nov. 11**, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. or 1-2:30 p.m. Find inspiration in the art on view and in the sculpture garden. Later explore the outdoors and Sculpture Garden with the museum's Fall Scavenger Hunt as your guide to discovery and adventure. \$10, \$5 members free. Registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or [NassauMuseum.org](http://NassauMuseum.org).



### Women's Club of Glen Cove

Join the Women's Club of Glen Cove for their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **Nov. 15** at 11:30 a.m. at The View Grille, at 111 Lattintown Rd., in Glen Cove. Enjoy lunch, learn more about the work the Women's Club does and about the history of Glen Cove. For more information call or text publicity chair Yvette Menezes at (516) 673-1061.

**Nov.  
16**

### Harlem Hellfighters

Learn about the celebrated African-American World War I regiment at Glen Cove Public Library's virtual program, Wednesday, **Nov. 16**, 2-3 p.m. Examine how more than three dozen men from Glen Cove and nearby areas to serve with the Army's 396th Infantry Regiment, an all-black unit that became known as the Harlem Hellfighters. Register at [GlenCoveLibrary.org](http://GlenCoveLibrary.org); for more information email [adultprograms@glencovelibrary.org](mailto:adultprograms@glencovelibrary.org).



### Let's Skate

Celebrate the opening of Long Island Children's Museum's latest exhibit, "Snowflake Sock Skating," featuring an indoor "skating rink," Saturday and Sunday, **Nov. 12-13, 1-3 p.m.** Make a winter wonderland scene complete with a moving skater, at the drop-in session. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or [LICM.org](http://LICM.org).

### Take & Bake

Stop by Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, Wednesday, **Nov. 16**, to pick up the ingredients for Thanksgiving sweet cornbread, at 89 East Main St. in Oyster Bay. Chef Rob puts together the dry ingredients and sends out a recipe on how to make it to serve on Thanksgiving. Only one kit per family. For questions contact Marion Dodson at either (516) 922-1212 or [mdodson@OysterBayLibrary.org](mailto:mdodson@OysterBayLibrary.org).



### Concerts by the Pond

Head to St. John's Episcopal Church, Sunday, **Nov. 13**, 3 p.m. and enjoy a recital featuring concert organist Christopher Houlihan, at 1670 NY-25A, in Cold Spring Harbor. The recital, part of the church's Concerts by the Pond music series, will feature pieces by Bach, Price, Vierne and Liszt, and is co-sponsored by the Suffolk Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. For more information, visit [stjohnscoldspringharbor.org](http://stjohnscoldspringharbor.org) or call (516) 692-6368, extension 14.

### 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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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Glen Cove, in the County of Nassau, New York, adopted on October 12, 2022, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said District will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following places:  
School Election Districts  
Location of Polling Place  
A, B, C

High School, Dosis Lane - Back Gym (door #13)  
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Connolly School, Ridge Drive - Back Gym, for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

**BOND PROPOSITION SHALL THE BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON OCTOBER 12, 2022, ENTITLED: "BOND RESOLUTION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED OCTOBER 12, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT BUILDINGS AND SITES AT THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF NOT TO EXCEED \$30,552,621; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$30,552,621 SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION," BE APPROVED?**

Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballots to be used for voting at said Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in substantially the foregoing form.

The voting at said Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 will be conducted by ballot as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the qualified voters of the District may register for the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 on any school day between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and

2:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the main office of each of the school buildings of the District and in the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year. The final date to register for the Special District Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 is Tuesday, November 22, 2022 from 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this Special District Meeting. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Special District Meeting for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), on and after Tuesday, November 22, 2022, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Special District Meeting, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the Special District Meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots for the Special District Meeting may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the

Administration Building, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on any school day. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. However, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the Special District Meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee ballot, the District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the date of the Special District Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available during regular office hours in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the Special District Meeting.

**AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the District. Military voters who are qualified voters of the District may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and military ballot application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 21, 2022. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on day of the Special District Meeting and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on day of the Special District Meeting and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness

thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the day of the Special District Meeting. Information regarding the election districts are set forth on the District's website - [www.glencoveschools.org](http://www.glencoveschools.org). A person shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting only if such person is a qualified voter.

**BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Dated: October 12, 2022  
Teresa Scaturro  
Interim District Clerk  
134844

**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.

The hearing will be on the application of Donna Lesser residing at 16 Woodland Rd, Glen Cove, NY requesting Variances from Sections 280-56 D (6); 280-56 B (10); 280-45 L of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new roofed over pavilion with fireplace, detached two car garage of 468.6 sf and a new curb cut to service the new garage. Applicant is proposing distance from the front property line 35 ft for the garage and 11.5 ft for the pavilion where the minimum distance permitted to the front property line is 65 ft. Proposed lot coverage is 21.62% for all structures (3,083.73 sf permitted - 4,440.05 sf proposed) where 15 % is the maximum allowed.

The subject property is designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 67, Lot 23 and located in the City's R-2 Half Acre Residence District. The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: October 28, 2022  
**BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE**  
THERESA MOSCHETTA,  
CHAIRPERSON  
135426

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The hearing will be on the application of Dana T. Davidson and Yossi Ben-David residing at 28 Reynolds Road, Glen Cove who seek two Variances from Sections 280-56 B (1) 280-56 B (10) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a front portico and rear wood deck with less than the required lot area and lot coverage. Existing lot is 14,686.63 sf where the minimum required is 20,000 sf and proposing 18,361% lot coverage when 15% is the maximum coverage.

The subject property is located at 28 Reynolds Rd., Glen Cove N.Y., designated as Section 31, Block 81, Lot 5 located in the City's R-2 Half Acre Residence District. The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: October 28, 2022  
**BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE**  
THERESA MOSCHETTA,  
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**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Application of Drew Chandler, residing at 10 Putnam Avenue, Glen Cove, NY who seeks Variances from Sections 280-30 (A), 280-58 (B) (10) & (12) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to construct a new 1,110.42 sf two story addition on an existing single-story dwelling and for interior renovations to the first floor. Applicant is proposing a lot coverage of 25.88% when

20 % is the maximum permitted and proposing an interior floor area of 2,589.88sf when 1,725 sf is maximum allowed.

The subject property is located in the R-3A One Family Residence District and designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 21, Block 256, Lot 12. The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.

Dated: October 28, 2022  
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The hearing will be on the application of Robert and Laura Weimer residing at 22 North Yew St. Glen Cove NY requesting a Variance from Section 280-56 (B)(6) of the Glen Cove Zoning Code to maintain and existing rear deck with less than the required side yard setback. Applicant is proposing a side yard setback of 7 feet where 10 feet is the minimum required.

The subject property is designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 57, Lot 6 and located in the City's R-3A Single Family Residence District. The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: November 7, 2022  
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Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.

The hearing will be on the Application of Tocolo Cantina Glen Cove, LLC, seeking a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval to operate a restaurant with proposed outdoor seating in a currently vacant approximate 4,500 square foot space located within the existing mixed-use development located at 100 Village Square, Suite 120 Unit B, Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Sections 31, Block 85 Lot 40 and located in the city's B-1 Central Commercial District and CBD Overlay Business District.

The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.  
Dated: October 26, 2022  
ANDREW KAUFMAN  
Chairman  
GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD  
135429

**LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views.

The hearing will be on the Application of Café - NY 044, Inc. seeking a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Approval to operate a Tropical Smoothie Café take-out restaurant in a currently vacant space located within mixed use development located at 100 Village Square, Suite 140, Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Sections 31, Block 85 Lot 40 and located in the city's B-1 Central Commercial District and CBD Overlay Business District.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Registration shall meet on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, from 9:00 A.M. o'clock and 7:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), at the Administration Building, 154 Dosis Lane, Glen Cove, New York, for the purpose of preparing the registers of the qualified voters of the City School District of the City of Glen Cove, New York. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who has not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Boards of Elections.

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\_\_\_\_\_, 2022.  
**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Dated: October 12, 2022  
Teresa Scaturro  
Interim District Clerk  
135422

**LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 001921/2014 COUNTY OF NASSAU**

**SUN WEST MORTGAGE COMPANY INC Plaintiff,**

**vs. GERRY MONTESANO A/K/A GENNARO MONTESANO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GRACE MONTESANO; LOUIS**

**MONTESANO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GRACE MONTESANO; ELIZABETH MONTESANO AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF GRACE MONTESANO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTTEE OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE MONTESANO** any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees,

legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and, whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff;

SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; ALFA IMPORT CENTER INC; KENSINGTON COURT LLC, "JOHN DOE" (NAME REFUSED) AS JOHN DOE "RICHARD ROE", "JANE DOE", "CORA COE", "DICK MOE" and "RUBY POE", the six defendants last named in quotation marks being intended to designate tenants or occupants in possession of the herein described premises or portions thereof, if any there be, said names being

fictitious, their true name being unknown to plaintiff, Plaintiff designates NASSAU as the place of trial situs of the real property  
SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS  
Mortgaged Premises:  
87 SOUTH 6TH STREET,  
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11560  
Section: 23, Block: G, Lot: 161  
Servicer: Compu-Link Corporation  
Servicer Telephone: (866) 444-0026  
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of

service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.  
NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT  
THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$547,500.00 and interest, recorded on June 09, 2011, in Liber 36106 at Page 117, of the Public Records of NASSAU County, New York, covering premises known as 87 SOUTH 6TH STREET, LOCUST VALLEY, NY 11560.  
The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.  
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YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.  
Dated: October 20, 2022  
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Nadine D. Smith, Esq.  
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## OBITUARY

### Jeanne C. (Robson) Giwoyna

Jeanne C. (Robson) Giwoyna, 95, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 28, 2022. Born in Flushing, Queens, she came to Glen Cove in her late teens. Here she met and married Frank (deceased) her beloved husband of 40 years. Together they raised three daughters: Suzanne, Carol (Owens, Rob) and Patti (Hanley, Charlie). She was truly the most wonderful wife, mother and neighbor.

In 1967 she went to work as a lunch lady at the Glen Cove Middle School caf-

eteria. Over her many years there, she touched the lives of numerous students and staff. She retired as head cook.

Later in retirement, she joined the volunteers of St. Hyacinth's Church Thrift Shop, called the "thrift-tique." It helped support the church for many years.

She was a generous, loving woman who will be sorely missed by all who knew her, especially grandchildren Greg and Mandy and great-granddaughter Kayla.

A memorial mass will be held on Nov. 10, at 1 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Glen Cove.

### Presentation of Shinnecock history

Shane Weeks, author of "Good Neighbors: a Shinnecock History From a Shinnecock Perspective," will present a history of the Shinnecock Indian Nation as seen through his eyes on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. Published in March 2022, the book features traditional knowledge, opinions, facts, and insight to his life as a member of the Shin-

necock Nation. It is his hopes that the book can contribute to the foundation future generations can stand on. Admission is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The event includes refreshments. The North Shore Historical Museum is at 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. For further information, call (516) 801-1191.



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## OPINIONS

## When nature calls at 35,000 feet

The Federal Aviation Administration has just closed the comment period for the flying public regarding the size of airline passenger seats.

They were focused on the wrong seats. The FAA should have been looking at airplane loos. In-flight restrooms have become so small and cramped that they



**RONALD J. ROSENBERG**

should be equipped with shoehorns.

In 1986, Congress passed legislation requiring the Department of Transportation to create and enforce regulations ensuring that people with disabilities were treated without discrimination in a manner consistent with the safe operation of aircraft and trains. A key part of that task was to make sure airliners had restrooms that were large enough to accommodate disabled passengers.

There was a significant caveat, however. The rules focused only on wide-body aircraft. There was an assumption that the larger the aircraft, the longer the flights, the more pressing the need for facilities. This sly “carve-out” in aircraft standards meant that airlines suffered a

far smaller economic penalty by giving up several seats in order to make room for the wider restrooms. Single-aisle aircraft that carried fewer passengers and flew shorter routes were exempted from the regulation.

And now, in an era when jumbo jets like the 747 are being retired and smaller, more fuel-efficient, narrow-body jets are making a comeback, those restrooms can still be smaller than a phone booth. (Does anyone remember phone booths?) One airline industry survey reported that narrow-body lavatories are often as much as 10 inches narrower than they were a decade ago.

The current generation of non-jumbos is so aerodynamically efficient that they can fly the same long-distance routes as 747s. These narrow-body aircraft are capable of international flights of thousands of miles. In the pursuit of efficiency, even many cockpit crews have been reduced, from three to two. Everything is now designed to be far more cost-effective for airlines facing woes ranging from staff shortages to soaring energy costs. That means using every inch of aircraft real estate. And that in turn has meant removing precious inches from the restrooms.

For those with special needs, this often means not being able to go while going overseas. The issue has not gone unnoticed. One cabin-design firm called AirGo has proposed a unique triangular-shaped airline lavatory. The company claims that it gives passengers who have reduced mobility the ability to wheel in and safely shift from wheelchair to toilet.

Refusing to accept the status quo, disabled passengers filed suit several years ago, demanding that narrow-body aircraft be mandated to have restrooms they could access, and new federal rules will require at least one larger restroom per aircraft to accommodate them. The airlines aren't happy, because in this era of Covid recovery, they claim the mandate has the potential to cost them billions of dollars in revenue as they remove seats to make room for the wider privy. In the meantime, fewer than 5 percent of U.S. commercial carriers' narrow-body passenger aircraft have restrooms large enough to be accessible to people who need to use wheelchairs on board, according to Washington's Government Accountability Office.

While the FAA requested public input on airline seats, the agency made it a point to say they're not interested in whether you find current cabin accommo-

dations comfortable. They only wanted to hear about safety factors. “The FAA is not requesting comments regarding matters ... such as how the dimensions of passenger seats might relate to passenger comfort or convenience,” the agency stated. We can assume they believe the free market will define “comfort.”

An industry expert, Sebastien Weber, chief executive of Safran Aerosystems, told the Wall Street Journal several years ago, “On airplanes, it is all about how you use the real estate.” He should know. His California company builds toilets for aircraft.

It is a now cliché to lament the long-lost golden days of aviation, when men arrived planeside in suits and fedoras and women were dressed to the nines. Today it's cargo shorts and muscle shirts, and passengers who wear jackets and ties are viewed with smirks as flight attendants remind us that there is an extra charge for barely edible snacks. So we shouldn't be surprised that airline restrooms are shrinking, our seats and amenities are considered commodities, and we are left to wonder if there will be room to go when we have to go.

Ronald J. Rosenberg has been an attorney for 42 years, concentrating in commercial litigation and transactions, and real estate, municipal, zoning and land use law. He founded the Garden City law firm Rosenberg Calica & Birney in 1999.

## Airlines show little concern for the comfort of those with special needs.

## Need a boost? Celebrate your micro-joys

Last week I wrote about the mid-term elections, which may or may not be resolved by the time you read this. I acknowledged the stress many of us are feeling as democracy-as-we-know-it seems to be faltering. I suggested taking a galactic approach, finding comfort in our relative insignificance in the universe. After all, we are so small, and on the grand scales of time and space, politics is inconsequential.



**RANDI KREISS**

How did that work for you? It worked for me for a while, along with deep breathing, and stepping up a self-care routine to battle the political blues. I stopped watching TV news. I turned off news notifications on my phone, and I chose not to read the new dystopian novel by Celeste Ng, which I am sure is fine and literary, but not for me, not right now.

This is the drumbeat we hear:

- Facts don't matter to many Americans.
- Racism is on the rise.
- Unqualified candidates enjoy widespread support.

- Climate change is close to becoming irremediable.
- A recession is looming.
- Covid may surge this winter.
- Former President Donald Trump may run again, or may be indicted. Or he may run *and* be indicted.

There are just so many times we can hear these messages and maintain our equilibrium.

So this week I'm moving from the galactic view to the micro view, and urging all of us to find the tiny moments and joys that lift the spirit and give meaning to our lives. The bad stuff looms large and threatens to block out the sun, but the micro-joys are here, and there was never a greater need.

Just this morning, before sitting down to write, I took a walk. I took in the smell of the air and the ripple of leaves. I continued listening to Jon Meacham's “Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power,” because it reminds me that democracy has always been fragile and precious. I savored my coffee, a robust Cuban blend that tastes delicious and is a terrific eye-opener. I sliced a piece of cornbread I

had baked earlier in the week, toasted it, and found some raspberry preserves for a micro-boost.

I did not turn on the news. Some days it is challenging to fine the joy, but there is no acceptable option.

I call my grandkids every few days. Sometimes they have time to talk and it's a good moment. Sometimes they reach out to me with a video of themselves skateboarding or a good grade alert or a bit of gossip about their friends. It all counts in the plus column.

I started watching “White Lotus,” a new series on HBO Max. It's funny — horribly, darkly funny. It may not work for you, but the characters, especially the teenagers, are so exaggerated (I hope) that it is a fine distraction.

I watched President Obama's stump speech in Arizona — twice, because his intelligence and humor and passion for democracy are so heartening.

Another day, I called some old friends. We all do our best to keep in touch, but often, too much time goes by. So I called, and we chatted and had a laugh and consoled one another, and it was another micro-joy.

## Urge all of us to find the tiny moments that lift the spirit and give our lives meaning.

Like everyone else I know, I do Wordle and Spelling Bee every day in The New York Times. It has become a ritual and a micro-obsession as well as a joy. I think it's the fun of chalking up a small win and feeling the ping of success, even though it's just a word game. Wins are hard to come by.

Maybe you have a card game or a board game that can pull your time and attention into focus for an hour or two. Part of caring for ourselves is finding like-minded friends to enjoy a common experience. A game, a lecture, a bike ride, a meal out — anything to break out of the device-driven isolation zone.

Memories count. One of my best micro-joys this week was looking through some old, and I mean *old*, photo albums. How dazzling were those family times, especially from this distance!

I rolled on the floor with Lillybee the dog.

We must find these joyful moments. We must do it with intention and focus and limited expectations. Want to share with me what micro-joys you have found to lift you up?

We do this to keep ourselves strong and renewed for whatever these strange times bring our way.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Honor the men, women of the armed forces

**T**here are just two federal holidays each year acknowledging — and thanking — the brave men and women of the U.S. armed forces for their service to our country. They have endured intensive training, harsh conditions and treacherous battlefields on which they have fought for our freedom and protected us from foreign dictators and tyrannical empires overseas.

Memorial Day gives us a chance to remember those we lost. But Veterans Day — which we observe on Friday — honors those who are still with us.

Veterans Day traces its roots back more than 100 years, to the conclusion of World War I. Considered the deadliest and most violent conflict in history to that point, it resulted in nearly 40 million military and civilian casualties.

In the 11th hour of Nov. 11, 1918, a cease-fire accord brought an end to four years of bloodshed. Armistice Day — as it is still known in other parts of the globe — was celebrated in honor of those who fought in the trenches on the Western Front.

Unfortunately, by the time it was acknowledged as an official U.S. holiday in 1938, the world was once again on the brink of a global conflict. World War II's ferocity far exceeded that of its predecessor, including millions of innocent lives lost in the Holocaust, and culminated with the first — and only — use of the atomic bomb during wartime on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The very first Veterans Day is said to

have taken place in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947, when World War II veteran Raymond Weeks organized a celebration to honor all those who served in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters of the war. In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a law proclaiming that Armistice Day would henceforth be known as Veterans Day.

Today the holiday celebrates all who have served. But despite government assistance through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and programs like the GI Bill, many veterans continue to struggle to readjust to civilian life, facing the challenges of securing education, employment, food and housing.

While many returned home to celebrations and commendations, Americans became more cynical during and after the war in Vietnam. More and more returning veterans were met with hatred and disgust or, at best, were simply ignored, which posed a new set of hurdles, with many suffering from drug addiction, PTSD, suicidal urges and other mental health issues, as well as the lasting effects of exposure to Agent Orange.

Many of those problems remain prevalent among military personnel coming back from more recent conflicts, like those in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This is why Veterans Day is more important than it has ever been. And it necessitates more from us than simply thanking and helping a veteran, though any effort — no matter how small — is appreciated.

Volunteer at a VA hospital. You don't have to have any medical expertise to help. You can even give a lift to those without the means to get around. Visit [Volunteer.va.gov](http://Volunteer.va.gov) to learn more. Volunteer for the American Red Cross, which has been lending a hand to those returning from war since World War I.

Help veterans find work. Hire Heroes USA is a nonprofit organization assisting veterans, active-duty military and their spouses obtain employment with career counseling and advice. Go to [HireHeroesUSA.org](http://HireHeroesUSA.org).

Send a letter, or help veterans write home. This is probably the simplest of all ways to show your support. Operation Gratitude — at [OperationGratitude.com](http://OperationGratitude.com) — delivers letters, cards and care packages to veterans and military personnel, letting them know they are appreciated. And Operation Write Home provides blank handmade greeting cards to active-duty service members to send messages back to their loved ones. Visit them at [SandyAllnock.com/OperationWriteHome](http://SandyAllnock.com/OperationWriteHome).

Give back at the grass-roots level. You can show your support for local veterans in your community by donating to, and volunteering for, the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign War post nearest you.

Veterans deserve our appreciation for protecting and ensuring our cherished way of life. They deserve our thanks not just one day a year, but every day — and on Friday we should be especially united in that gratitude.

## LETTERS

### Where there's need, there's no room for politics

To the Editor:

I, for one, am glad that this election season is over. The vitriol, accusations and character assassination by both parties became unbearable. Common ground and common decency were in short supply. I am almost certain that political discourse in our country will continue to take the low road even after all the votes have been tallied.

One of the things I noticed was how the political ads that peppered the evening newscasts left out one crucial segment of our society. In the months leading up to the election, I never saw, or heard, a single ad, by either party, that mentioned the poor and marginalized. There were lots of ads aimed at those of us in the middle class. One could surmise from these ads that we



## OPINIONS

## Our kids can't do the math

**W**hen I was in high school in the Bronx in the 1960s, they didn't let us use calculators on tests. They hadn't invented them yet.

I actually learned math in middle school, when my friends and I calculated baseball batting averages and pitchers' earned run averages. In those days,



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newspapers only published the stats for the league leaders, so we did the calculations for everyone else on the Yankees and Mets. Today, when you watch a game on TV, all sorts of statistics that I never heard of as a kid are recalculated instantaneously.

Likewise, kids today have devices with unimaginable computational power and speed. They just punch in the numbers. As an aging dinosaur, I like to balance my checkbook without help to keep my mind sharp, but some days I don't bother, and I let Excel work the numbers. I've used algebra and geometry for different projects, but I probably could have gotten by in life with very rudimentary math skills. I haven't used trigonometry or calculus since I left high school.

So why do kids need to study math?

This is an important question, because the latest report from the National Assessment of Educational Progress shows that as a result of pandemic-related school interruptions, fourth- and eighth-graders' math scores in standardized tests fell in nearly every state and demographic group, and in some states they fell precipitously. Only 36 percent of fourth-graders and 26 percent of eighth-graders were rated proficient in math. In New York, the scores were significantly worse for fourth-graders, with only 28 percent of students rated proficient, and slightly better than the national average for eighth-graders. These were the lowest percentages for New York students since the federal testing started in 1998.

More vulnerable students dropped even further behind their peers. A survey included with the test found that only half of low-performing fourth-graders had regular access to computers during the 2020-21 school year, and a third reported that they didn't have a quiet place to do school work. Black and Latino students, who already scored lower than white and Asian students on previous exams, experienced the sharpest Covid-related declines. The test results and survey hint that in the near future,

we may see a sharp increase in high school dropouts and a greater opportunity gap.

Reading scores also declined, but it's easier for students to bounce back when it comes to reading performance. Math is sequential, so if students don't learn the basics, they can't perform increasingly complex operations. During the 2021-22 school year, the federal government provided over \$120 billion, about \$2,400 per student, to address the Covid decline, but federal funding for remediation expires in 2024, and a highly partisan Congress may not allocate the billions more dollars that are still needed.

But again, why do kids need to study math if technology can do the calculations for us?

In New York state, Mathematics Learning Standards stress that the goal is for students to be able to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them; to reason abstractly and quantitatively; to construct viable arguments and critique the reasoning of others; and to model with mathematics. Computational skills, also called numeracy, are important because to do these things, students have to be comfortable with numbers and be able to "read" math.

But broader "thinking skills" that

transfer to other areas of school and life are most important. Studying math, besides learning how to calculate, students learn to think logically, how to identify and state a problem clearly, how to plan, how to decide on appropriate strategies to find solutions to a problem, and how to reach conclusions based on evidence — in this case, numbers. And math helps us keep score even when calculators are unavailable. With math we measure money, time and distance. We use it when cooking, balancing a checkbook, determining whether a bill is correct or planning home improvements.

Some people are probably better off when kids can't do math. It's easier to cheat them. You can pay them less and bill them more. They can't understand why climate change and rising sea levels are such a threat, or why Republican claims that the 2020 election was stolen are ridiculous. That only makes it clearer that, if the problem persists, the lives of those kids, and our society as a whole, will be much worse off.

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## LETTERS

are over-taxed pawns of the wealthy, or in danger of losing our freedoms. I suppose all of these could be true to some extent. But by ignoring those who struggle most in our society, we have shown the futility that many of us feel with our current political climate.

As a pastor, I am called to minister to those whom Jesus called "the least of his brothers and sisters." This can be exhilarating, but at the same time frustrating, work. I am also treasurer of the Long Island Council of Churches, which maintains the Freeport Food Pantry. More than once in the past year, we have nearly had to shut our doors for a few days because of a lack of food — that's the frustrating part. The exhilaration comes when I see hungry families leave the pantry with full shopping carts to sustain them for a few days. There shouldn't be food pantries in a nation as wealthy as ours, but that's the reality that we live with in this time.

My other exhilaration is that I serve in a mission-oriented church. We also support local Head Start programs and migrant

farm workers and their families on the east end of Long Island. Yes, our efforts are only stopgap measures. But when our politicians have failed us, they are a necessity.

I never ask any of my congregants, or the folks who bring food to our food drives, if they are Democrat or Republican, conservative or liberal. I just give thanks to God that amid all the hostility of our current political climate, there are folks who remember those who are often forgotten, or whom we might wish to forget.

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## CORRECTION

In "A life filled with adventure, love of community and kindness ends," (Nov. 3-9) we should have indicated that Melanie Raymundo is the program coordinator at the Glen Cove Senior Center Adult Day Care program.

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