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Vietnam War veteran Howard Stillwagon, left, was sworn in as commander of James E. Donohue Veterans of Foreign War Post 347 on Monday by former Commander Henryk Nowicki.

Howard Stillwagon takes command of VFW Post 347

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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In a ceremony on Monday marked by reverence and pride, Vietnam War veteran Howard Stillwagon was sworn in as commander of Glen Cove's James E. Donohue Veterans of Foreign War Post 347, succeeding Henryk Nowicki.

"I'm looking forward to some challenges, and mostly keeping all the guys happy — we're all really good friends," Stillwagon, who will turn 76 this month, said after being sworn in. "I'm all about peace and love. I will

be spreading a lot of love in the post, and hopefully getting some more members, because we need the younger veterans."

Stillwagon said he takes immense pride in helping his fellow veterans and the community, having been instrumental in rebuilding the post after a fire in August 2021. He was often seen at the hall cleaning up afterward, and overseeing donations to fund efforts to rebuild it. The rebuilding effort has also been supported by fundraisers organized by U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi and donations from organizations like the Trib-

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Lavine offers a helping hand to women in need

By **WILL SHEELINE**

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State Assemblyman Chuck Lavine is organizing a fundraiser for Living Water for Women, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women who have experienced incarceration or struggled with drug addiction. The event aims to collect essential supplies to support the women residing at the shelter.

Lavine, a long-time supporter of the organization, emphasized the significance of Living Water's mission. He pointed out that there are few other organizations on the North Shore which do the kind of work that Living Water does.

"The concept of creating a home environment for these women, providing a family and therapeutic setting, is an admirable accomplishment," Lavine said. "We are now calling on the community to contribute and donate items to support this essential work."

Founded by Lisa Cohn of Glen Cove in 2010, Living Water

for Women has been a beacon of hope for many women in the area since its inception. Cohn's journey to establish the organization began over two decades ago when she was invited to speak at a Nassau County Jail program focused on drug and alcohol rehabilitation.

I owe everything I have to this organization.

LISA BARONE
 Advocate,
 Living Water
 for Women

"I shared my story, and to my surprise, the women wanted to meet me," Cohn recalled. "That experience opened my eyes to the recurring cycle of incarceration among these women, and I knew I had to do something."

Cohn, who sold a business in 2011 to focus on her nonprofit work, found a property in 2012 and took a year to renovate it. Since then, Living Water for Women has welcomed over 250 women, providing them with a structured environment, job opportunities, and a path to reintegration into society.

"About half of the women who come through our doors are successful in turning their lives around," Cohn said.

One of those success stories

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City's residential rehab program is launched

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, chair of the Glen Cove Community Development Agency, announced the launch of the Residential Rehabilitation Program, coordinated by the Glen Cove CDA and supported by the Nassau County Office of Community Development. The program aims to provide needed home improvement funds to income-eligible seniors and disabled residents in Glen Cove.

The program is designed to assist seniors 60 and older, as well as disabled homeowners, in making essential home repairs. These repairs can include energy conservation measures, remediation of code violations and installation of handicap accommodations.

"It allows people to stay in their home, if otherwise they may be could not," Panzenbeck said. "We like to try to allow people to stay in their homes as long as they want to."

Barbara Battaglia has lived in her home for over 25 years. She met the age and income criteria for assistance when she had her leaking roof fixed in 2021 through the program.

Amid the challenges of the pandemic, she reached out to the Community Development Agency, submitted an application, and underwent a walk-through by an agency representative to confirm the necessary repairs. It was completed in one day, with additional gutters installed on the side of her house.

"We were very, very, very pleased," Battaglia said. "It's a very good, worthwhile program. After all this time, it's still holding on (with) no problems at all."

The initiative recognizes the need for increased home accommodations as the centenarian population is projected to quadruple over the next 30 years. A 2023 Pew Research Center study reveals disabilities are more common among older Americans. Nearly half of those aged 75 and older and about a quarter of those aged 65 to 74 have disabilities, compared to younger age groups. Common disabilities include difficulties with walking, independent living and cognition. Six percent of Americans report difficulties with independent living, and five percent have cognitive difficulties, with these issues being more common among older adults.

Panzenbeck added that as of May 31, three residents have applied for the grant. She added that since the reinstatement of this program 10 years ago, the CDA has been able to assist dozens of homeowners with projects consisting of roof and siding replacement, boiler and hot water installation, window and door replacement, ramp and chair lifts, and handicap accommodations.

For many seniors and disabled residents, maintaining their homes can be a



Roksana Amid/Herald

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, chair of the Glen Cove Community Development Agency, announced the launch of the Residential Rehabilitation Program in May.

significant challenge, especially when dealing with physical limitations and financial constraints. The Residential Rehabilitation Program provides a lifeline for these individuals, ensuring their homes remain safe, comfortable, and accessible.

Ann Fangmann, executive director of the Glen Cove CDA, said the program is important.

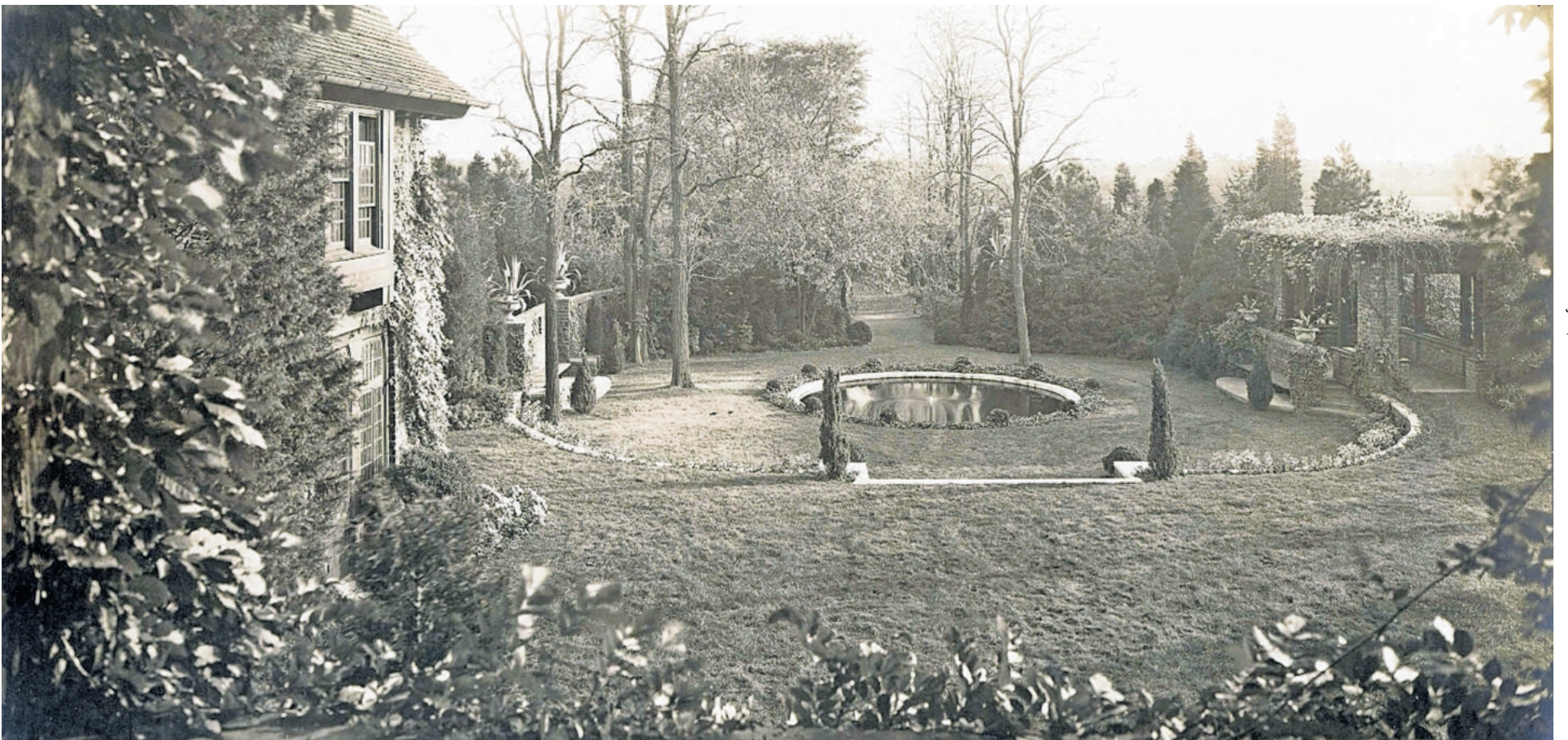
"For Glen Cove resident homeowners in need, funding from this program can make a substantial improvement to the quality of their home life," she explained. "We appreciate the support of Nassau County to make this funding available to our Glen Cove residents."

Applicants must be residents of Glen Cove, have lived in their current home for more than one year, meet specific income guidelines, and be up-to-date with their property and school tax payments. The income guidelines are set according to the median income for the area, with a maximum of \$162,500 for a household of eight.

The pre-screening application is available in both English and Spanish on the Glen Cove CDA's website by visiting GlenCoveCda.org, clicking on the programs tab, and selecting Residential Rehabilitation Application. Early submissions are encouraged.

To apply by phone or obtain further information about the program, contact Camille Byrne, of the Glen Cove CDA, at (516) 676-1625, extension 112, or via email at cbyrne@glencovecda.org. All inquiries and applications are handled with the utmost confidentiality to protect the privacy of the applicants.

Approved applicants will receive funding that is secured by a lien on their home for five years, ensuring that the homeowner remains living in the home during this period. This condition helps maintain the integrity of the program and ensures that the funds are used to benefit those truly in need. For more information, contact Rose Melillo at rmelillo@glencoveny.gov or call (516) 676-2000.



Photos courtesy Planting Fields Foundation

The Byrne House stood on the site of what is now Planting Fields, but burnt down before Coe Hall replaced it.

Peering through Planting Fields' history

By **WILL SHEELINE**

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Planting Fields Arboretum is set to offer a unique historical walking tour, “Planting Fields as Palimpsest,” led by Marie Penny, the Planting Fields Foundation’s Michael D. Coe archivist. Scheduled for July 20, this tour is a first for the arboretum, featuring an archivist as the guide.

Here, (a palimpsest) applies to architecture—layers of history are visible in the remnants of these buildings.

MARIE PENNY
Michael D. Coe
Archivist,
Planting Fields
Foundation

“Every time I walk between the Hay Barn and Planting Fields Hall, I imagine the historical structures that once stood here,” she said. “This tour will allow visitors to envision these lost buildings and understand their significance.”

The tour will highlight six key sites, including remnants of the Byrne House, which predated the Coe family’s acquisition of the property. The Byrne House partially burned down, leading to the construction of Coe Hall. Visitors will get the chance to see fragments of the

Penny, who has worked at Planting Fields for years, shared that the inspiration behind the tour came from her walks around the property, where she would try to imagine what the space would have looked like before its current state.

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These geodesic domes stood around Planting Fields for roughly a decade before they were moved or demolished.

Byrne House, such as parts of a garden wall and pergola near the Circular Pool Garden.

Another notable site is the area where geodesic domes stood during the mid-20th century when the State University of New York occupied the property. They used to be set up in what is now an empty field near the Hay Barn, but were removed in the early 1970s.

“People react strongly to photos of these domes,” Penny remarked. “They look like spaceships, adding an interesting juxtaposition to the historic beauty of the area.”

The tour will also include a stop at the Sensory Garden, which conceals a

root cellar used by the Coe family for vegetable storage.

“The cellar is still there, below the garden, though it’s no longer in use,” Penny explained. “So we’ll be talking about how that space was utilized and why it was built.”

Penny said that she chose the title “Planting Fields as Palimpsest” to reflect the layered history of the site.

“A palimpsest usually refers to a manuscript with visible layers of text or art,” she said. “Here, it applies to architecture—layers of history are visible in the remnants of these buildings.”

The walking tour requires moderate physical exertion on uneven terrain, and

attendees are advised to wear comfortable shoes and bring water. While the tour has sold out, Penny hinted at the possibility of future tours if there is enough interest.

Some paths are narrow or rocky, making them challenging for those with mobility issues. The Foundation will do its best to accommodate individual needs if notified in advance. However, cellphone service on-site is unreliable, and the tour will proceed in light rain, with hazardous weather updates provided to registrants.

For those interested in future tours or additional information, contact info@plantingfields.org.

Glen Cove seniors awarded scholarships

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By JENNA STANCO

Intern

As the very first recipient of the Tribute and Honor Foundation's Legacy Award, Korean War veteran Bernard Farnan exemplifies service, resilience, and community to an inspirational degree. It is only fitting that the Tribute and Honor Foundation extend his influence to others, specifically young high school graduates courageously following in his footsteps by joining the U.S. military. This year, the foundation's Ben Farnan Scholarship is given to Glen Cove High School soon-to-be graduates Ruben Martinez and Mark LaRocca in preparation for their upcoming service.

"I'm especially proud of these two young individuals," Farnan said at the check presentation ceremony, which took place at Salem Baptist Church. Farnan also bid words of advice to the two future service members, imploring them to make the most of their time and utilize their resources. "The military are the lucky ones. Both of you have well-rounded academics, great family values and qualities, and extracurriculars, whether they're cultural activities or athletics."

The ceremony involved a presentation of a \$1,000 check to both Martinez and LaRocca, who were supported by Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson, the Tribute and Honor Foundation Board of Directors, including President



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Ruben Martinez and Mark LaRocca are both set to graduate from Glen Cove High School and begin their service in the US military. Martinez will join the Marines, while LaRocca has enlisted in the Navy.

Gaitley Stevenson-Matthews, several liaison members, the students' most impactful mentors, and their families.

Inspired by a family friend, Martines committed to joining the Marines in his sophomore year of high school. He is set to start boot camp at Parris Island in August. LaRocca also gained interest in enlisting during his sophomore year at a college fair, and joined the Navy in the summer of 2023.

Irma Jeanty, Program Director of the Glen Cove EOC, spoke on behalf of Mar-

tinez, who she had worked with on the Summer Youth program and numerous community outreach initiatives. She shared anecdotes of his improving test scores and dedicated work ethic. "I am so proud and honored to have this young man, four years, coming to the office every day, eager to learn and eager to work," she said.

Martinez will be graduating with an array of accomplishments at Glen Cove High School, including over 900 hours of community service. Additionally, he was involved in school clubs such as DECA, Chess, Mindfulness, and Anime, and a member of the baseball, track, and basketball teams.

LaRocca, a four-year, three-season athlete, will be graduating as an honors student, and passing the torch from his leadership roles in DECA, Student Senate, Ski Club, TV Studio, and Bands. He is also a member of the Shelter Rock Church in Syosset, and was accompanied by his pastor Jerry O'Sullivan.

"The word that comes to mind when I think of Mark is determination. He is a determined, unstoppable person," Pastor O'Sullivan said. He recalled watching LaRocca in his first years of high school attempt to land a scooter trick off a four foot drop, commenting that he tried over and over again. "As he seeks to be in the Navy and join the elite Air Rescue Spe-

cial Forces, my hope is that you have that same unstoppable determination."

The Tribute and Honor Foundation Board of Directors was honored to present this year's Ben Farnan Scholarship to these students, as Stevenson-Matthews commented on the significance of the award.

"The reason we are here, when we talked about how we can influence both ends of the spectrum, supporting our veterans but also supporting young people coming up, the name that kept coming to us when we thought about a scholarship was Ben," he said. "Ben is one of those who served our nation with great valor and then came home and continued to serve, and continues to serve to this day."

Farnan was born in 1930, and was drafted into the Korean War in 1952. He served in the Third Reconnaissance Company, leading patrols at Outpost Kelly and Jackson Heights. He is an alumni of Adelphi University and orchestrated the WWII Landing Monument at Morgan Memorial park.

Hudson shared how proud he was of the students on behalf of the Glen Cove School District, and the courage it takes to venture out to protect others. "It is an honor to be here, especially with these two young men," he said. "These two gentlemen are extremely hard workers."

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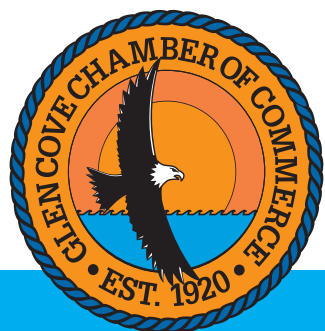
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HERALD SPORTS

A salute to champions from 2023-24

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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It was a banner season for many high school athletic programs in the Herald's coverage area. Listed are the top team accomplishments, in chronological order.

1. East Meadow boys' soccer

History was made Nov. 1 as East Meadow completed an improbable run to its first-ever Nassau County boys' soccer championship with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Plainview in the Class AAA final at Mitchel Athletic Complex. Robert Derwin scored twice and Raymond McLeod and Dylan Wauchope both found the back of the net for a third straight postseason game for the Jets, who eliminated top-seeded Uniondale and Baldwin in the quarterfinals and semis, respectively.

2. South Side girls' soccer

In the 2021 Nassau Class A girls' soccer semifinals, South Side's Nora Basile converted a penalty kick to help knock off Garden City and the Cyclones went on to win county and Long Island titles. Basile found herself in an even bigger pressure situation Nov. 1 against the same Garden City goalkeeper (Marisa Patrissi) when she stepped to the penalty kick line in overtime of the Class AA final after teammate Charlotte Rathjen was taken down in the box. Basile scored 1:25 into OT to give South Side a 1-0 victory over the Trojans. It was the 30th county title in program history and 10th for the team under coach Judi Croutier.

3. Calhoun boys' volleyball

With things looking dim and the championship seemingly out of reach after it once was within its grasp, Max Jose put Calhoun on his shoulders and lifted it to the boys' volleyball county title. He had 24 kills, including four at the end of the dramatic fifth set, as the fifth-seeded Colts withstood six match points to claim their third Nassau Division II crown in four seasons with a thrilling 25-22, 25-20, 23-25, 19-25, 18-16 victory over No. 2 Jericho at SUNY-Old Westbury Nov. 8. Lucas Rogers had 19 assists, including feeds to Jose that helped put away the match, and Mark Restivo added 11 digs.

4. East Rockaway girls' volleyball

East Rockaway's girls' volleyball team had a magical season come to an end on Nov. 9 when it fell in the Long Island Class C championship to Port Jefferson in three sets 17-25, 23-25, 19-25. The season was still a huge success, however. The Rocks were able to snag the Nassau Class C championship Nov. 6 with a sweep of Carle Place. East Rocka-



Brian Ballweg/Herald

East Meadow boys' soccer, the No. 8 seed in Nassau Class AAA, took out No. 1 Uniondale, No. 4 Baldwin and No. 2 Plainview to capture its first-ever county crown.

way, which won 10 matches in 2023, was led by Nicole Zugnoni, Grace Buffetti, Sofia Ramirez and libero Stephanie Lynch. The latter ranked second in the county with 332 digs.

5. South Side football

Clinging to a three-point lead in the Nassau Conference III championship game Nov. 17 after Floral Park found the end zone with 5:21 remaining, South Side's offense made sure the Knights never touched the football again. Michael Melkonian, Owen West and Jack Lozito all produced clutch first downs on the final possession as the second-seeded Cyclones sealed their first county title in 22 years with a hard-fought 17-14 victory before a crowd of more than 3,500 at Hofstra's Stuart Stadium. Lozito rushed for 114 yards and scored the eventual winning touchdown on a 4-yard run with 9:24 remaining.

6. Seaford football

Two clutch plays on its opening drive set the tone for what proved to be a convincing championship win for Seaford in the Nassau Conference IV football final against Cold Spring Harbor Nov. 18. Facing a third-and-11 three plays into the game, quarterback Tim Navin found receiver Kyle Britton, who fought for extra yards to gain a crucial first down just past midfield. Three snaps later, Britton executed a reverse on a third-and-nine for 10 yards. The 7:12 opening drive eventually capped by a 25-yard field goal from Jake Anzelone provided the first points for Seaford en route to a commanding 30-6 win at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium.

7. Long Beach girls' volleyball

If anyone told Kerri Rehnback back in September her swansong as Long Beach girls' volleyball coach would include Nassau County and Long Island titles and end on the state championship stage, she would've "signed up in a heartbeat." So while bittersweet, the Nov. 19 defeat to Webster Schroeder in the state Class AA final was a little easier to absorb given all the Marines accomplished in 2023, starting with a sweep of top-seeded Mepham for the county crown. Long Beach's run was led by Franki Kelleher, Zoe Moller, Amy Littman, Ivanka Priymak, Hayley Lipinski and Franky DeCicco.

8. LWA boys' basketball

Hank Williams Jr. drilled six 3-pointers en route to a game-high 25 points and Chris Clark hit some key shots and finished with 15 as Lawrence-Woodmere Academy captured its ninth Private Schools Athletic Association boys' basketball crown and first in seven years with a 66-54 win over Stony Brook School at Stony Brook University Feb. 16. Sylvanus Tabe added nine points and Josh Smith added eight for LWA, which went 21-5 after going just 8-8 the previous season.

9. West Hempstead boys' basketball

West Hempstead was slow out of the gate in the Nassau Class B boys' basketball finals March 1, playing its first game in three weeks before turning on the jets when it mattered most. The top-seeded Rams trailed Carle Place by nine midway through the second quarter but

quickly began to take control by scoring 28 of the next 36 points en route to a 54-45 win for the program's first county championship since 2003. West Hempstead received balanced scoring led by 13 points each from Chris Young, Isiah Blunt, Graffeo-Jackson and Evan Wilson.

10. Baldwin boys' basketball

It's difficult to beat a quality opponent three times in a season, in any sport at any level. And when it comes to Nassau County high school boys' basketball, accomplishing that feat against arguably the best program over the past two decades — with 400 wins and nine championships — is that much tougher. A stifling defense, clutch offense from Chase Timberlake (16 points) and the steady hands of point guard Peyton Howell (12) allowed Baldwin to avenge a pair of regular-season defeats to Port Washington and capture its fourth straight county title, 46-26, in the Class AAA final March 2 before a crowd of more than 3,000 at Farmingdale State College.

11. East Meadow girls' basketball

The girls' basketball team will finally have a banner in the East Meadow High School gym. Allison Twible scored a game-high 20 points and Charlotte Viola added 18, including two huge free throws in the final seconds, as the seventh-seeded Jets claimed their first-ever county championship after holding off top-seeded Manhasset, 69-66, in the Nassau Class AA title game March 4 at

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Farmingdale State College. Angelina Cronin scored 13 points and Kayla Lederer had 12 with a key steal in the final minute for East Meadow, which beat the top three seeds en route to the title.

12. Elmont boys' basketball

Just in case the situation presented itself in the Long Island Class AA boys' basketball championship game, Elmont head coach Ryan Straub introduced an inbounds play at the previous day's practice for which the Spartans had just a few seconds from midcourt to execute a shot. So when Straub called timeout March 9 with 2.6 seconds remaining in regulation and the score tied at 51, it was go time. And Arlyn Brown delivered. He took the inbounds pass from Gemere Frias-Walsh, dribbled twice and lofted a shot just inside the three-point line that banked in as time expired, giving Elmont an astounding 53-51 victory over Half Hollow Hills East before a crowd of more than 3,500 at Farmingdale State College.

13. Calhoun girls' track

Calhoun's girls' track and field team was finally able to slay the Valley Stream North dragon on its home turf to capture the program's first-ever spring county title during the Nassau Class AA Championships May 21. Following their seventh straight conference championship that pushed their meet winning streak to 103, the Colts earned 60 of their 94 points in the field events – including a sweep in the triple jump and three of the top four spots in the long jump – to win the county title. Calhoun finished almost 17 points ahead of the runner-up Spartans after finishing second to North in the last two spring championship events.

14. North Shore girls' track

The North Shore girls' track and field team deserves a parade down Sea Cliff Avenue to honor its starry accomplishments across the years. The North Shore girls wrapped themselves in more maroon glory at the Nassau Class A championship meet May 24. The Vikings won the title in a landslide as 13 athletes earned All-County honors. It gave legendary coach Neil Levy his 40th combined county championship that includes the winter track and cross-country seasons. This one was extra special as North Shore's 126 points was more than the combined scores of the second (Island Trees) and third-place (Valley Stream South) teams.

15. Wantagh boys' lacrosse

As the Wantagh boys' lacrosse team stormed the field at the end of the Nassau Class C final it was more than just rejoicing in a county championship, but the chance for a close-knit group to extend their high school careers together. Top-seeded Wantagh captured the program's first county title since 2001 with a convincing 13-4 win against Island Trees at Hofstra's Shuart Stadium May 24 to cap a far different ending than the previous two seasons when the Warriors fell on the finals stage to Manhasset. Dylan Martini sparked the offense with six goals. Joe Nicholson added a hat trick and Jake Martini, Dylan's cousin, had two goals and three assists.

16. Oceanside softball

Catcher Sophie Nesturrick had the best seat in the house Memorial Day weekend as Oceanside captured its first Nassau County softball championship since



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Elmont won the Long Island Class AA boys' basketball title on a shot at the buzzer by Arlyn Brown.

2015. The third-seeded Sailors got a lights-out pitching performance from Caroline Ferchland in Game 2 and completed a sweep of two-time defending champion Massapequa with a 2-0 victory May 26 at Farmingdale State College. Oceanside took the Class AAA best-of-three series opener 24 hours earlier, 4-3, behind a complete-game effort from pitcher Olivia Ikes.

17. Seaford softball

The Wantagh and Seaford softball teams were separated by the slimmest of margins this spring. They split a pair of regular-season matchups as well as the first two games of the Nassau Class A championship series before Seaford took the rubber match and the county title, 6-2, May 28 at Farmingdale State College. The Vikings, who last year won the Class B title, trailed the Warriors in the clincher before scoring three times in the top of the fifth. Kaitlyn Young, Katie Young and Alyssa Rodriguez collected RBIs to back the clutch pitching of Skyler Secondino.

18. Clarke baseball

Two of Nassau County's most successful baseball programs over the past 25 years squared off in an epic championship series, with Clarke defeating Wantagh in the decisive third game at Farmingdale State College, 5-0, to claim the Class A title May 28. Nick Berasti went the distance, throwing 99 pitches, as the Rams captured their eighth county crown in program history and seventh under longtime coach Tom Abruscato. Dylan Vikara drove in Giancarlo Rengifo in the bottom of the first for the eventual winning run. Vikara had two RBIs and Rengifo scored twice.

19. Wantagh girls' lacrosse

It took two days but was well worth the wait for Wantagh's girls' lacrosse program. The Warriors withstood a 16-hour weather delay and top-seeded Manhasset's desperate fourth-quarter rally to capture the Nas-

sau Class C championship, 11-10, at Adelphi University's Motamed Field May 30. Sienna Diglio and Juliana Cerasi scored three goals apiece and Riley Forthofer and Isabella Santiago both netted a pair as Wantagh won its first county title since 2017 and snapped the Indians' streak of five straight crowns. Forthofer also had two assists. The game was halted the previous night due to severe weather with 6:56 remaining in the third quarter and with No. 2 Wantagh clinging to a 7-5 lead after Manhasset scored the first three goals of the second half in a span of 59 seconds.

20. Kennedy softball

On the way to helping lead the Kennedy softball program to its first-ever Nassau County championship, pitcher Lia Fong allowed a total of 10 runs in six playoff games. So when she took the circle in the bottom of the first inning of the Long Island Class AA title game against West Islip with a 4-run cushion May 31, the "pressure was off," Fong said. She struck out the side in the bottom of the first, and went on to fan 11 more batters as the Cougars continued their historic season with a convincing 10-1 victory. Samantha Kapitansky scored 3 runs, Fong drove in a pair, and Kayla Heaney, Kayla Indich and Bella Parzych all scored twice.

21. South Side boys' lacrosse

Trailing by 5 goals in the second half for the second time in four days, South Side's boys' lacrosse team scripted an ending fit for Hollywood June 1 in the New York State Class B boys' lacrosse championship game. The Cyclones forced overtime on Michael Aiello's dramatic goal with 0.8 seconds remaining in regulation, then secured the title 19 seconds into OT when Cole DiPietro took a pass from Liam Livingston and scored to secure an unforgettable 12-11 win over Victor at Hofstra University. South Side, which won its 15th consecutive game and captured its first state crown since 2004, finished 21-1.

VIEWFINDER How does patriotism play a role in celebrating the Fourth of July?

By Danielle Schwab & Tim Baker

Denise Drescher
Elmont

I always get my grandkids a white t-shirt with an American flag on it. We went over the history of the Star-Spangled Banner. We need to show what we stand for, the freest country in the world.



Claudia Borecky
Merrick

I want my grandchildren to grow up with the same freedoms my parents came to this country for. The rule of law, the right to vote, the Constitution, and all the freedoms that came along. Love of country matters now. Patriotism matters.



Bob Longo
Rockville Centre

It makes us respect the country. I spend the Fourth of July with family. It's about respecting the people around you, just trying to be a good human being.



Cat Natoli
Valley Stream

It's an important day to reflect on the history of the U.S., how so many of us came to live here from different paths, and how that shapes who we are. We think of friends and family that have been in the military, people who have sacrificed to be here.



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Saying goodbye to the Class of 2024

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The Glen Cove High School Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony was a memorable event filled with inspiring speeches and musical performances. Senior Class President Ava Scagliola led the Pledge of Allegiance, while the concert choir, directed by Edward Norris, performed the National Anthem. “Pomp and Circumstance” was played by the High School Band under Brittney Frank Rifkind and the orchestra directed by James Guarini.

High school principal Allen Hudson III, Superintendent Maria L. Rianna, and Board of Education President Maria Elena Venuto delivered motivational speeches. Rianna encouraged graduates to pursue their dreams, and Venuto praised their perseverance and community support. Salutatorian Jaida Ciampi reminisced about school memories, and Honorary Victoria Baboolal gave an emotional speech thanking her family.

Faculty speaker Christian Dottin, chosen by the students, delivered a humorous and memorable address, quoting Notorious B.I.G. Valedictorian Virginia Graziosi encouraged her classmates to embrace challenges and seize opportunities.

The ceremony included a performance of “You’ll Be In My Heart” by the concert choir, and Hudson presented the class, and Rianna conferred the diplomas. The event concluded with the turning of the tassel led by Virginia Graziosi, the tossing of caps, and a recessional performed by the Orchestra and Band.



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Friends and families gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2024.



High school graduates toss their caps in the air as a symbol of celebration and freedom. This tradition, also known as the “cap toss,” marks the end of their academic journey and the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.



Ava Scagliola, student body president and representative to the Board of Education addressed her classmates as seniors for the last time.



Christian Dottin and Sofia Greco fist-bumped to celebrate the vigorous academic journey of the graduating class.



Salutatorian Jaida Ciampi reminisced about school memories to her classmates as she bid them farewell.



When Lisa Barone arrived at Living Water for Women, she had spent years in and out of prisons, battling drug addiction.



Photos courtesy Lisa Cohn

Thanks to the kindness and effort of Lisa Cohn and other volunteers at Living Water for Women, Barone – yes, that's her above – turned her life around.

Organization has helped more than 250 women

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is Lisa Barone, a former addict who turned her life around with the help of Living Water for Women. Barone spent eight months in jail, the longest period she had ever been incarcerated.

“That time allowed me to sober up and really clean up my life,” she said. “When I was released, I called my mother, who connected me with Living Water. It was a life-changing decision.”

Barone described her time at Living Water as transformative. She now has two jobs and recently celebrated seven years of sobriety.

“I learned how to be a human being again—how to be considerate, make my bed, and clean the bathroom,” Barone explained. “I really just learned how to live again, if that makes sense.”

Cohn highlighted the importance of community support in sustaining the organization's efforts. She said that she believed flaws in the legal system not only leads to a failure to rehabilitate many women who go to jail, but also ends up impacting everyone on Long Island.

“Our taxpayer money is funding the cycle of incarceration, costing over \$120,000 a year per person. It's crazy,” she said. “We need more second chances for these women. With the right support, they can become productive members of society.”

Lavine said that this fundraiser is a testament to this belief in second chances. Lavine's previous fundraiser for the organization, held just before the Covid-19 pandemic, successfully provided six months' worth of essential supplies.

“The women at Living Water have

formed strong relationships with each other and with the volunteers,” he said. “This sense of community is crucial for their reintegration.”

Living Water for Women relies heavily on donations and the support of volunteers. She added that while food and some other goods are easy to come by thanks to the generosity of nearby businesses, it can be a struggle to get other essential goods.

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LISA COHN
Founder,
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for Women

“Trader Joe's has been a significant contributor, providing us with fresh produce and other food items,” Cohn said. “But we still need items like toilet paper, paper towels, and coffee, which are essential for our day-to-day work.”

Barone, now an advocate for the organization, urged the community to support the fundraiser. She emphasized the transformative impact the organization has had on her life, and how important it is to give other women in the same situation she was the same

support.

“Living Water is a special place that offers a lifeline to women who need it most,” Barone said. “I owe everything I have to this organization. It gave me a chance to rebuild my life, and I hope others will help give that same chance to more women in need.”

People who wish to donate to the drive can drop off donations at Lavine's district office, located at 1 School Street, Suite 303B, in Glen Cove. Donations will be accepted through July 19.

For more information about Living Water for Women and how to support their organization, visit their website LivingWaterForWomen.org or contact their office directly at (516) 759-0643.

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County officials offer tips on water safety

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With the summer swimming season here, Nassau County officials are offering tips to ensure a safe, enjoyable time in the water.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman spoke at Wantagh Park Pool on June 25, discussing general water safety for county residents, with public pools now open and the crowds at area beaches continuing to grow. According to Blakeman, Long Island has already seen numerous water-related incidents this spring and early summer.

Six non-fatal swimming emergencies have occurred already this year, according to county reports.

"Every year we hear of accidental drownings," Blakeman said. "We hear of children in pools who have drowned. We hear about boating accidents, young people not wearing their life preservers."

The county reported nine near-drownings last year, with six occurring in pools. Most of the incidents, according to Blakeman, involved children and infants.

"It is something that happens," he said. "So let's try to avoid it."

To stay safe, Blakeman advised keeping an eye on children near any body of water. He recommended life preservers for children, and pool alarm systems for added security. Alarms are available for pool gates, and wave sensors can detect when someone jumps into a pool.

Early education is also important for swim safety, Blakeman said. "Get your kids into swim lessons and floating lessons early," he said.

Supervision is recommended, even for swimmers in large groups, he noted. For pool parties, he suggested hiring a lifeguard or assigning someone to watch



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County Executive Bruce Blakeman joined county Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and supermarket chain executive Stew Leonard Jr. to discuss water safety at a news conference at Wantagh Park Pool on June 25.

swimmers in case of distress.

Joining Blakeman was Stew Leonard Jr., president and chief executive of the Connecticut-based supermarket chain Stew Leonard's. Leonard shared a tragic personal experience: In 1989, his 21-month-old son, Stew Leonard III, drowned in a pool.

The following year, Leonard and his wife, Kim, founded the Stew Leonard III Water Safety Foundation in memory of their son. The organization raises money for water safety awareness and education ini-

tiatives, and funds lifeguard training as well as swim lessons for children in need.

Supervising children is crucial, as is education, Leonard said. He emphasized the importance of teaching kids to roll onto their backs in the water, a position in which they can float and breathe easily.

Drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 4, and the second-leading cause of death for those ages 5 to 14, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC estimates that roughly 4,000 drownings occur each year in the U.S., an average of 11 deaths per day. Most happen from June to August.

According to a CDC statement released last month, drownings have increased since the coronavirus pandemic. More than 4,500 people in the U.S. drowned each year from 2020 to 2022, 500 more than in 2019.

Roughly 15 percent of adults do not know how to swim, and over half have never taken a lesson, the CDC reports.

County officials also addressed other water safety concerns, such as boating accidents. Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder said that the Nassau County Police Department's Marine Bureau has added extra staff for the summer months. The bureau patrols the north and south shores, and also monitors lakes, ponds and canals.

"The boats will be out there," Ryder said. "If you need them, you can reach out. Call 911 or use the marine channel, and our boats will respond to help you."

Blakeman added that boaters should be responsible when operating their vessels this summer. "Don't drink and pilot your boat," he said. "You will get arrested. It is illegal. It's the same thing as driving while intoxicated."

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'Like a Stone'

Ben Diamond is one of Long Island's most engaging performers

By Daniel Offner

Ben Diamond may be one of Long Island's more versatile singer-songwriters. Born and raised in East Meadow, he began his musical journey playing the piano, and later the clarinet for his high school jazz band, before he picked up the guitar for the first time in 1981.

Growing up he was a big fan of improvisational and psychedelic rock groups including the Grateful Dead, Traffic and Cream — the sounds of which permeate his own original works.

"I was playing heavier electric music like Neil Young and Van Halen," Diamond says. "When my wife got pregnant, she said 'all these amps, you have to get rid of them.'"

He took up the Hawaiian slack key guitar in 1996, after listening to a record by slack key master Keola Beamer at Tower Records. Hawaiian slack key is a fingerstyle genre that requires loosening certain strings and features an alternating bass pattern.

"It was love at first sound," Diamond continues. "I was like 'what is this music?' It was calm and relaxing and I had to learn it."

Years later, he would take private lessons with Beamer while he was visiting New York.

His current project, Son Stone, however, leans more heavily towards an alternative folk sound similar to singer-songwriter John Prine, and features a lineup of incredibly talented Nassau County-based performers including Danny "Big Hands" Doll on lead guitar, Jeff Brody on bass and Lance Cheney on drums.

Son Stone's latest album is exactly what listeners might expect from the two-time finalist of American Songwriter Magazine's national songwriting contest, also an award-winning poet and humorist.

"Lyrics are super important to me," Diamond says. "I spend a lot of time on the lyrics and then I work them through with my band."

A poet (with a master's degree in poetry on his resume), he puts his talent to work for him in the form of lyrics. Taking a page from Steve Winwood's playbook, he wrote a folk tune called "Hanging on the Vine," which talks about the process of making wine from the perspective of one of the grapes.

Diamond also performs with the band SOBeeZ, playing covers of classic '60s and '70s rock tunes, and is the founder of the Long Island Hawaiian Slack Association. He's also involved in Huntington Arts Center's North Shore Original Open Mic and is a member of the Long Island Fingerstyle Guitar Club, a network of local guitarists who learn, share ideas and workshop songs. No picks allowed.

"I am a slow writer," Diamond says. "But during Covid, what else did we have to do? In 2021, I challenged myself to write 21 songs — a new song every two weeks."

The idea was something that stuck, not just with him, but also with



Photos courtesy Ben Diamond

Singer-songwriter Ben Diamond considers himself a new-age beat poet.

the 25 fellow musicians in his group. Every two weeks they arranged a Zoom conference call to discuss how they were going to select their criteria. Sometimes his group wrote songs using a word from a movie title or opened a book to a random page, or would empty their pockets and write a song based on what they pulled out, he explains.

"We have a lot of fun," he says. "It's all about having a chance to express your creativity."

When all was said and done, his cadre of musicians created 1,400 new songs — including the nine songs featured on Son Stone's album "Two Birds to Kill a Stone," which was released in March.

Diamond still resides in East Meadow with his wife, who also grew up in the community, and three sons who all graduated from East Meadow High School. Through the years he has had the fortune of opening for some legendary musicians including Jorma Kaukonen, of Jefferson Airplane and Hot Tuna, and David Gans, SiriusXM radio personality and Grateful Dead historian, author and musician.

So far he has released nine albums — seven featuring Hawaiian slack-influenced music and standards. Someday, when he retires, he might look to take his unique style of music on the road, but for now, according to Diamond, he plans on staying close to home.

Diamond will be performing with Son Stone at the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame in Stony Brook, on Sunday, July 14, at 3 p.m. The concert will feature a one-hour set of original songs on the LIMEHOF stage. He follows with an acoustic set at the Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, in Port Washington, on Wednesday, July 17, at 2 p.m., as part of the "Afternoon TEA" series sponsored by the New York Council on the Arts.

To learn more about Son Stone, Hawaiian slack guitar, tour dates, tickets and more, visit Ben-Diamond.com.



Swingin' on the Silver Screen

Swingtime Big Band, the Madison Theatre's sensational "house band," led by Steve Shaiman, returns with a lively new program of cinematic hits from the Great American Songbook. Since their debut performance here in 2012, they have proudly become part of the Madison "family." This time around Swingtime shines the spotlight on the timeless melodies and meaningful lyrics introduced or featured in Hollywood films. The dynamic 20-piece jazz ensemble is acclaimed for bringing to life the music of Count Basie, Glenn Miller, Les Brown, Tommy Dorsey, and Woody Herman. Plus, Swingtime maintains its tradition of celebrating the 100th birthdays of the iconic musicians who created this essential American art form; this year the band honors the legendary composer Henry Mancini.

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Asia returns

The English supergroup, fronted by original member Geoff Downes, is reinvigorated and back on tour, appearing on the Paramount stage. Today the legendary band comprises Downes, John Mitchell, Harry Whitley, and Virgil Donati. Their new tour, "Heat of the Moment," additionally features Focus, Martin Turner, Curved Air, and Roger Dean as special guests. Asia was the biggest selling album of 1982, #1 on Billboard for nine weeks and pioneers of the MTV era. Downes' new iteration of the band first began to evolve last summer, at a concert held in memory of late lead singer, songwriter and bassist John Wetton. He invited old friend John Mitchell and newcomer Harry Whitley to join him on stage playing some classic Asia hits. Such was the uproarious reception to their set that it seemed something magical was taking shape.

Sunday, July 7, 7 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50,
\$69.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50.
The Paramount, 370 New York Ave.,
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Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.

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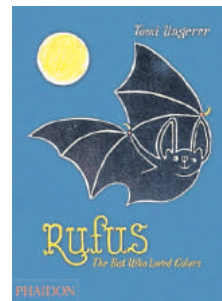
July 7

Disco daze
Step into a time warp back to the glittering era of Studio 54 with The Disco Nights. Immerse



yourself in a nostalgic celebration of the disco age, on the Paramount stage, Friday, **July 12**, 8 p.m. It's Saturday Night Fever all over again! Led by the Billboard-charting superstar JJ Sansaverino on guitar, The Disco Nights boast a lineup of top-tier musicians. Every note is meticulously crafted to deliver the authentic sound of disco's greatest hits. Stacked with top notch musicians, veterans of the New York City music scene, led by Musical Director and Billboard-charting superstar JJ Sansaverino on guitar, the band — featuring Stanley Banks on bass, Etienne Lytle and Patrick Firth on keys, Damon DueWhite on drums, and Danny Sadownick on percussion — plays almost note for note recreations of the era's biggest hits, while in costume, of course. They are joined by vocalists Alessandra Guercio, Jerome Bell and Adam Bastien of "American Idol" and "The Voice" fame.

From the infectious beats of the Bee Gees to the empowering anthems of Gloria Gaynor and the sultry melodies of Donna Summer, Chic, and more, The Disco Nights promise a night of non-stop dance and timeless music. Joined by vocalists Alessandra Guercio, Jerome Bell, and Adam Bastien, acclaimed stars from "American Idol" and "The Voice," the band ensures a performance that captures the essence and energy of the disco era. Dress to impress in your finest disco attire —think flared pants, crop tops, mini dresses, crystals, sequins, and psychedelic colors, complete with fringes and platform shoes. The Paramount stage will transform into a glittering disco haven, setting the mood for an unforgettable evening of grooves and good times. The beat goes on and on, with over-the-top renditions of the decade's most vibrant songs as Studio 54 comes to life once more. \$45, \$35, \$30, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a storybook adventure, Saturday, **July 6**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Tomi Ungerer's "Rufus the Bat Who Loved Colors." Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Bayville Free Library Board of Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7 p.m. All residents of Bayville are invited to attend meetings. 34 School St., Bayville. For more information visit BayvilleFreeLibrary.org or contact Ashley Birbal at (516)628-2765.

Pre-council

G.C Council]pre-council meets, **July 16**. 9 Glen St., Glen Cove.

Morgan Park Music Festival

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival kicks off its 65th year of free summer concerts in Glen Cove's Morgan Memorial Park, Sunday, **July 7**, 7 p.m. One Night in Memphis performs a tribute to the historic jam session that included Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis.

Dancing in the Street

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association hosts its 13th season of "Dancing in the Street," an annual series of free dance evenings on the streets of historic downtown Oyster Bay. Building on the success of previous years, OBMSA welcomes dancers of all ages and skill levels. "Dancing" begins on **July 5** and continue every Friday until **Aug. 16**, 6:30-:30 p.m.

The event takes place on Audrey Avenue around the Bandstand. Use 74 Audrey Avenue for GPS. Feel free to bring a chair if desired. With special "Dancing in the Street Block Party" will be held on Aug 2. And Audrey Avenue will be shut down to make way for activities, music, food, and drinks. For more information contact Diane J. Meltzer, Promotion Chair, at diane.writes4@gmail.com

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National Night Out

Join in the annual event, celebrated nationwide, Tuesday, **Aug. 6**, 6-8:30 p.m., on Bridge St., Glen Cove. It is presented by the City of Glen Cove with support from the Glen Cove Police Department, Police Benevolent Association, Youth Bureau, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, Housing Authority, Downtown Business Improvement District, and local businesses and organizations. The annual community-building campaign promotes police and community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

Broadway show outing

Glen Cove Public Library hosts a trip to see "Water for Elephants," a new Broadway musical, Wednesday, **Sept. 25**. Tickets are \$139 and include seats near the orchestra and transportation. The bus will leave the library at 9 a.m. Register at the information desk with a credit card or check payable to Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave. Visit GlenCoveLibrary.org for more information.

July
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Splish Splash... Animal Baths

Hang out with some Long Island Children's Museum's "residents," Sunday, **July 7**, 1:30-2 p.m. Join an animal educator in the Feasts for Beasts Gallery to learn what goes into the care of LICM's animals. Observe animal bath time. Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

Library Walking Club

Participate in Glen Cove Public Library's at-your-own-pace hour walk, every Thursday, at 9:15 a.m. All fitness levels are welcome. Meet people, keep moving and see sights in Glen Cove. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Register at GlencoveLibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information.



Dramatic Play

Theatre Playground returns to Long Island Children's Museum with "Dramatic Play!," Monday, **July 1**, 1 p.m., taught by Lisa Rudin, Director of Theatre Playground. In this interactive, theater-inspired workshop, children will act out an original story and help choose how it unfolds. Music, props, and sound effects create a theatrical world where participants are immersed in the story.

Children are encouraged to express themselves as they create characters, explore different worlds, stretch their imaginations and build self-confidence. This week's theme: Courageous Cats and Daring Dogs. Costumes encouraged. \$5 with museum admission. Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

In concert

Plaza Theatrical presents a showstopping tribute to the legendary John Denver Sunday, **July 7**, 2:30 p.m. The acclaimed Denver tribute artist Ted Vigil embodies the late great music icon in look as well as voice with an unforgettable performance. Denver's own lead guitarist Steve Weisberg, has described Vigil's act as "uncanny". Hear the beloved hits, including "Take Me Home, Country Roads," "Leaving on a Jet Planel," "Annie's Song," "Rocky Mountain High," "Calypso," "Thank God I'm a Country Boy," "Sunshine on My Shoulders," and many more in this exquisite tribute to the sorely missed artist. It's performed at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$40, \$35 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.



Afternoon tunes

Visit Eisenhower Park's Field #1 for its Noontime Concert series, Wednesday, **July 10**, noon-2 p.m. Enjoy the high energy five-piece Blue Angel band, performing dance songs across the decades, from Motown to current hits. Bring seating. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.



Downtown Sounds

The Glen Cove Business Improvement District presents its annual Downtown sounds concert series from July 5 to Aug. 26 at Village Square in downtown Glen Cove. The shows begin at 7:30 p.m.; this year's schedule includes The Dance Mechanics and Let It Bleed, a Rolling Stones tribute band, and much more. For more information visit: Glencovedowntown.org

Game Time

Drop by Bayville Free Library, Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m., for casual table games. Bring your own games or use games offered by the library such as; cards, Canasta, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, chess, checkers, backgammon, and jigsaw puzzles. No registration required. 34 School St. For more information, visit BayvilleFreeLibrary.org or call (516) 628-2765.

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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Grant boosts steps in fight against cancer

By WILL SHEELINE

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Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has received a \$15 million grant from New York State to support the construction of its Pancreatic Cancer Center of Excellence. The funding, announced by Governor Kathy Hochul on May 4, is part of Empire State Development's investment in the lab's \$500 million expansion plan, further supporting the lab's pioneering research efforts in combating one of the most lethal forms of cancer.

"We are making important investments to ensure New York is on the cutting edge of biomedical research, creating new jobs, and ensuring we remain competitive in the 21st-century economy," Hochul wrote in a statement.

Pancreatic cancer, known for its low survival rate of less than 10 percent for patients diagnosed after metastasis, is a focus of lab's research. The lab's Cancer Center, led by Dr. David Tuveson, has made significant strides in understanding the disease's mechanisms.

"Cold Spring Harbor is a nonprofit, independent research institution where we employ over 1,000 people," Tuveson explained. "We have focused on pancreatic cancer for the last 12 to 15 years, aiming to discover new information useful for physicians treating patients."

The grant will facilitate the develop-

ment of the new center, where researchers will test novel therapies against pancreatic cancer. The goal is to identify promising treatments that can be patented and potentially developed by private sector partners. This collaborative effort is expected to generate economic growth by creating new jobs and attracting entrepreneurial scientists to the region.

"The construction of the center is well underway, and we expect it to be completed within the next year or so," Tuveson said. "The research that's going to go into the facility is reaching a crescendo right now. We have identified new aspects of pancreatic cancer that are causative and are developing medicines to stop these mechanisms."

The lab's collaborative efforts extend to neighboring medical facilities like Northwell Health, which has been a critical partner in providing samples and clinical collaboration.

"Northwell Health and Cold Spring Harbor have worked together for more than 10 years," Tuveson noted. "We would like to have a center of excellence for patients with pancreatic cancer at

Northwell Health, and I think once we get our Cold Spring Harbor center going it will be a pipeline into that."

The \$15 million grant is expected to create 25 new direct jobs at the facility and could lead to the creation of two to four new spin-off companies annually. This increased commercial activity could generate over 100 new high-value local scientific jobs, further stimulating economic growth in Long Island's life sciences sector.

"Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory's expansion of the Pancreatic Cancer Center of Excellence is a testament to the vital role that research institutions play in advancing our understanding and treatment of devastating diseases like pancreatic cancer," Empire State Development President, CEO, and Commissioner Hope Knight wrote in a statement. "This investment underscores our

dedication to fostering innovation and economic growth in Long Island's life sciences sector."

The support from New York state is also seen as a catalyst for further private investment in pancreatic cancer research.

"New York state's commitment provides a catalyst to mobilize further private investment in pancreatic cancer research at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory," the lab's Chair Marilyn Simons wrote in a statement. "Our scientists are working with Northwell Health and the Feinstein Institutes to help more people access the latest biomedical advances."

Through strategic investments like the one announced for CSHL, New York state is hoping to fuel advancements in biomedical research and development. This initiative aims to turn key regions into dynamic life science hubs, fostering organizations and institutions dedicated to research, development, technology transfer, and commercialization.

"Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory has already made significant breakthroughs in pancreatic cancer research," Bruce Stillman, the lab's president and CEO, wrote in a statement. "Our new Pancreatic Cancer Center of Excellence will help validate these targets, enabling our commercial partners to develop innovative therapies and diagnostic strategies that ultimately improve patient outcomes."

With the new center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is poised to make substantial contributions to the fight against pancreatic cancer, offering hope to patients and driving economic growth through innovation and job creation in the life sciences sector.

The construction of the center is well underway, and we expect it to be completed within the next year or so.

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Michael Danchalski, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Howard Stillwagon and his service dog, Cruiser, celebrated Stillwagon's new position as commander.

Howard Stillwagon is 'all about peace and love'

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ute and Honor Foundation, a nonprofit founded by Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, a former Glen Cove city councilman, and local chef Jeanine DiMenna. Additional donations came from Glen Cove residents.

"Without their help, we'd still be burned down here," Stillwagon previously told the Herald.

As commander, he said, he looked forward to helping many of the post's initiatives, including its two scholarship funds, one for members and their families, and the other for Glen Cove residents facing financial hardships.

Stillwagon has been a member of the post for 30 years, and previously served as senior vice commander for a year and a half. After graduating from high school, he attended Nassau Community College, and then worked at Photocircuits before being drafted in November 1968. He was part of the largest draft since World War II, and he was assigned as a rifleman at U.S. Army.

Just before his deployment, his mother was hospitalized with double pneumonia, and Stillwagon received a brief extension to stay with her until her health improved. As he prepared for his deployment, Stillwagon spent a somber New Year's Eve alone, with the Beatles' "Hey Jude" reminding him of his imminent departure.

During his year in Vietnam, he sustained a brain injury as a result of a B-40 rocket explosion. Before the rocket struck, he took shelter behind a tree, but suffered a concussion from the explosion, which threw him into the air. Despite the injury, he was initially returned to combat, which led to a confrontation with his lieutenant.

Stillwagon put in for a discharge, and was notified that the process had begun, and that he was to remain on base in Quan Loi, Vietnam, until his

hearing. Before it took place, however, his lieutenant physically dragged him to an airstrip, Stillwagon recalled, and ordered him into a helicopter without any survival gear. When he refused, the lieutenant aimed a gun at Stillwagon's head, but Stillwagon said he would rather face death or a court martial than return to the front lines.

Eventually, he saw a psychiatrist at another base, whom he told about his recent experience, and about his sickly mother at home. He was granted an honorable discharge. He landed in Oakland, California, on Nov. 24, 1969, was processed out of the Army, and flew to Kennedy Airport two days later, on Thanksgiving Day. When he recognized his tall father at the gate and his mother's red hair, he ran to them.

Throughout his service, Stillwagon sent letters home, though he shielded his mother from the harsh realities of war. His father protested his son's involvement in the war in a unique way, refusing to cut his hair until Howard came home.

Shortly after his return, Stillwagon's mother was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and died three months later. Her death had a profound impact on Stillwagon, who found solace in the connection with his future wife, Mary Vasko. They discovered that Vasko's mother, a nurse, had cared for Stillwagon's mother during her final days, which created a deep bond between the two families.

Despite his losses and hardships, Stillwagon's story reflects the enduring resilience and emotional strength of those who served and their families.

"Howie is great to work with," Michael Danchalski, Post 347's Adjutant, said. "He's very personable and easygoing. He's energetic, cares a lot, and will be very good for the post."

UNRESERVED JUDGMENT

From the looks of things

Growing up, there was magazine that I guess was supposed to compete with Life that was called Look.

I never quite understood whether the title was a description of what the publication did (i.e. "look" at people and events) or demand that its readership (or in this case, lookership) "look" at the magazine.

Anyway "look" is one of those things we do while incorporating the various aspects of what "look" really means in our daily lives.

Thus, all of us, profess to have an outlook on life, even as we aspire to look good, date the good looking and marry the "looker." The cautious stop, look and listen; the suspicious look over their shoulder, and the wise don't look back ("because they could be gaining on you"). The curious take a look around, labor looks for the union label, the mischievous look for trouble and the discrete look before the leap.

Alice had her looking glass and I would know what author wrote "Look Homeward Angel" if only I could look it up. The impatient began with "now, look here ...," Southerners sing "Look Away Dixieland," while if looks could kill many of us wouldn't be here.

Generals demand their troops look sharp and lively, while bombardiers and generations of water-balloon-dropping-little-boys have warned, "look out

below," just as mountain tops, private ships and bank robbers have each had "lookouts" of their own.

In response to complaints or suggestions, small time politicians and bureaucrats will promise to "look it over" or "take a look at it" or "look into it" (they rarely do).

While bakers, china shop owners and fashion models admonish us to look with our eyes and not with our hands, the three words retail merchants hate the most are, "sorry, just looking." Critics look you up and down; snobs look down their noses; the deliberate take a long, hard look; optimists insist things are "looking good" and often we encounter look-alikes.

Even more often, however, we find looking to find fault and looking to catch you at something. When they look around they don't like the looks of this or that, unless something looks fishy and then they look the other way.

But, you know, when you look beyond those who would forever look askance, you find wonderful folks with a positive outlook looking out for one another. These are people who look up to parents and teachers, overlook mistakes and always look for the silver lining.

For them (and onlookers) things are continuously looking up and that is a wonderful thing to see.

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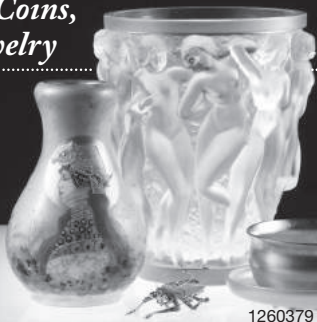
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OPINIONS

A holiday that we should never take for granted

July Fourth is a holiday that truly deserves to be celebrated by all Americans. The bottom line is that July 4, 1776 began the daring experiment that led to the formation of the greatest nation in the history of the world, which has produced more opportunity and more freedoms for more types of people than ever thought imaginable. I say this not as a super patriot, but as someone whose individual experiences and opportunities to observe so many countries up close have made me appreciate America even more than I would have otherwise.



PETER KING

Before the naysayers start with their litany of complaints, let me make it clear that I know full well that all has

not been perfect for everyone. Besides the unique injustices suffered by African-Americans and the discrimination against Jews, Catholics and Japanese Americans, there has been intolerance toward a number of immigrant groups, particularly those that arrived in waves, such as the Irish in the 1840s and the Italians in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Having said that, I believe unequivocally that no nation has done more to give more races and nationalities the opportunity to advance and live their lives to the fullest. These are people from many countries that oppressed their own people or waged war against their neighboring countries, whose people have come to America and learned to live side by side.

At the international level, the United States rescued Europe in two world wars in the 20th century, and when, at

the end of World War II, we were as powerful as any world power had ever been — including having sole control of nuclear weapons — the U.S. not only began unilateral demobilization, but also rebuilt our enemies, Germany and Japan. Then, in the face of Soviet aggression, we created the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and provided security and stability to a Europe, which had been wracked by wars for centuries.

What has made the great experiment work is not that we are a melting pot, but that we are a stained glass window, a mosaic in which each group maintains its individual identity while adding to the overall beauty.

The greatest achievement of the American experiment was giving ordinary citizens the power to select their government leaders. No royalty or

unelected dictators. While the leaders we have selected have often not been perfect, the democratic system has worked. It is this system that has constantly striven to correct injustice and improve our quality of life, and which allows us to speak freely and demonstrate peacefully. Because we have these freedoms to make peaceful change, the anti-police riots in the summer of 2020 and the Jan 6, 2021, attack on the nation's Capitol cannot be justified.

American democracy is a great gift, but also a constant challenge. We do not have the luxury of complaining and sitting back. It is a contact sport. We cannot ignore injustice or inequity; nor can we allow ourselves to be defined by it. We must appreciate our nation's greatness and fulfill the freedoms and challenges it provides us all. God bless America! Happy Fourth of July!

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American democracy is a great gift, but also a constant challenge.

New Yorkers deserve better than Alvin Bragg

There's plenty of hateful ignorance in the world, and it certainly feels like we've been treated to a boatload of it the last few months. Although it will ruffle some feathers, we shouldn't be afraid to call it out. How else will reasonable people — on any side of an issue — recognize one another and agree on what's unacceptable? Drawing attention to a problem is always the first step in correcting it.



JACK MARTINS

That's why this column is dedicated to New York City's district attorney, Alvin Bragg. If ever there were an ideological demagogue shilling a political agenda, he'd be the poster child. Two weeks ago, Bragg shocked New York, and good people everywhere, when he dropped all the charges against protesters who had been arrested in April for taking over Columbia University's Hamilton Hall.

You recall that mess. For weeks protesters openly chanted pro-terrorist,

anti-Jewish and anti-American hatred for the world to hear. They disrupted the education of thousands of students who were minding their business and simply going to class. And in the end, Columbia was even forced to cancel its graduation commencement ceremony. So much for keeping your head down and working hard.

More disturbing still, these same protesters freely menaced and terrorized Jewish students for weeks without consequence. They seized a historic building, held it for days, and caused untold property damage that others will most surely now pay for. The New York City Police Department and its SWAT teams were called in to retake the building and restore order, putting themselves at risk. But despite being told to disburse and cease their attack, protesters dug in and were subsequently arrested.

Then we discovered that nearly half of those arrested were not even students, but professional agitators, there to make a bad situation worse. Others included foreign nationals on student visas, who would normally be deported

for having been arrested and violating the terms of their visas.

And when all this dust settled, do you know what the consequences were for the multitude of crimes, hatred and chaos? There were none. The district attorney now claims there's not enough evidence.

So, everything you and I saw for days on end with our own eyes — everything that millions of people saw — somehow was all a mistake. It's a breathtaking insult to our intelligence, and guess what? D.A. Bragg doesn't care.

He's been doing it since he got into office, selectively applying the law to advance what he considers a "progressive" agenda. He routinely releases violent, repeat offenders who go right back out onto our streets. He has single-handedly undone the work of thousands of dedicated police officers, breaking their morale and the spirit of the city.

But to my mind, what's happening now is much worse. By this single, willfully ignorant act, Bragg has essentially declared it OK to harass and assault

The city's district attorney has undone the work of dedicated police officers.

Jews in New York.

I can assure you that stifling the law and its consequences only delivers negative outcomes, and ignoring crime encourages more of the same. So we can most certainly expect an uptick in anti-semitic hate crimes. And that number has already surged in New York City by more than 45 percent this year alone.

We're crossing a point of no return, and it worries me. Good people cannot remain silent while any of our neighbors are singled out and harassed. We saw this before, and we know how it turns out.

Justice belongs to everyone. By his actions, the district attorney is sending the message that Jews are somehow not entitled to that justice. He is clearly beholden to a political ideology, and has placed that ideology ahead of his oath to protect New Yorkers and prosecute crimes. He has forgotten what it means to be a New Yorker.

I hope you join me in calling for Bragg's removal from office. His job is to enforce the law with an even hand, not advance his own political ideology. New Yorkers deserve better. And all New Yorkers should call him out.

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In Congress, July 4, 1776

The Declaration of Independence was first published on July 6, 1776, in a newspaper, the Pennsylvania Evening Post. We are proud to commemorate that high point in American journalism by reprinting that historic document.

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at

places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness of his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws of Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Government:

For suspending our own legislature, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War; in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

The Declaration was signed first by John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, and then by 55 others representing the 13 original states.

OPINIONS

Our future should include transit-oriented development

The Iroquois, the first inhabitants of what became New York state, adopted a code of living about 500 years ago that still stands as a model of forward-thinking decision-making. Their Great Law of Peace stipulated that “in every deliberation, we must consider the impact on the seventh generation.”

How regressive, then, that many of today’s Nassau County elected leaders are failing to consider how their decisions will affect even the next couple of generations.



KEVIN KELLEY

For example, the rejection of a proposed wind-power project far out to sea from Long Beach reflects indifference to the impact of fossil fuel-generated climate

change on that community’s children and grandchildren. And now Town of Hempstead officials are poised to kill a zoning change that would allow residential and retail development near the Lawrence and Inwood Long Island Rail Road stations. The effect of that action would be to perpetuate environmentally destructive sprawl into the second half of the 21st century — and beyond.

The Hempstead Town Board had unanimously adopted the currently threatened transit-oriented development initiative five years ago. The ordinance declared that the plan would “achieve multiple municipal goals: encourage walking and bicycling; increase transit ridership; emphasize mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented development; reduce potential automobile dependency associated with new land uses ... and support a larger commercial tax base for North Lawrence and Inwood.”

But those favoring repeal of the zoning designation now warn that transit-oriented development would diminish “community character” and represent “a threat to public health, safety and welfare.”

What happened in the past five years to bring about such a 180-degree shift in attitude toward this kind of development? One important factor was the fierce opposition to Gov. Kathy Hochul’s move in 2023 to mandate denser housing development in Nassau County and other suburbs around the state. Eric Alexander, director of Vision Long Island, points to a still-cresting “wave of anti-development sentiment in communities across Long Island.” The leader of

this “smart growth” planning organization adds, “It’s no longer just ‘Not in My Backyard’; it’s now ‘Not in My Region.’”

This desire to preserve a 1950s version of suburbia may be understandable, but it’s also shortsighted and narrow-minded. As Kyle Strober, director of the Association for a Better Long Island, observes, “The boomer notion of white picket fence suburbs is a thing of the past. Young people want to move into areas with cool downtowns.”

Transit-oriented development can give them what they want. It could enable some of the 55 percent of 20- to 34-year-old Long Islanders now living with their parents or other

older relatives to buy or rent apartments near amenities such as restaurants, cafes and clothing stores. It would also cater to the preference for non-automotive transport that many young adults have expressed in numerous surveys. Rather than increasing traffic congestion, as opponents warn, building homes and stores near train stations would reduce car trips to supermarkets, dry cleaners and other everyday destinations.

As of now, however, millennials on Long Island can find few convenient and affordably priced homes outside the

transit-oriented developments planned or being built in communities such as Baldwin, Farmingdale, Lynbrook, Mineola and Ronkonkoma. And that’s because their elders often make it difficult, or impossible, to build apartment houses or row houses. Over the past decade, the Regional Planning Association noted in a 2022 report, Nassau and Suffolk counties permitted the lowest rate of new housing construction in New York state.

Transit-oriented projects are “vital to our economic health on Long Island,” Strober says. “They’re vital to the creation of a young and vibrant workforce that can call Long Island their home.”

Residents of Nassau County — not just those in Inwood and Lawrence — who want to leave a legacy of affordability, diversity and economic dynamism should make their views known at the July 2 Town of Hempstead public hearing on the repeal of the transit-oriented development zoning designation. Seven generations may be too far into the future to contemplate, but we can surely be sensitive to the needs of those who will closely follow us.

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Young people have expressed a preference for non-automotive transport.

LETTERS

For my daughters, I’ll vote for Laura Gillen

To the Editor:

Re Laura Gillen’s op-ed last week, “I’m running to fight for women’s freedoms”: As a New Yorker, I have always felt that women’s right to making reproductive health care decisions were safe in this state. With the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, that is not the case. In her piece, Gillen described the frightening ramifications across the nation.

I have two adult daughters of child-bearing age. I need to know that they will have the right to terminate a pregnancy if there are complications, that they will have the right to fertility treatments if need be, and that they will have access to contraception. In addition, I need to know that there will be doctors still willing to deal with these situations without fear of

jeopardizing their medical licenses.

A national ban on abortion is a real possibility. Although he tries to portray himself as a moderate, I know that our current congressman, Anthony D’Esposito, has a record of being an anti-choice extremist. For New York women to be safe from restrictions on their reproductive medical care, we need a law that will codify *Roe* and once again make it the law of the land. I will be voting for Laura Gillen because I know she will support that. D’Esposito will not vote to codify *Roe*, which would protect a woman’s right to make the most personal of medical decisions without government interference.

My daughters’ rights to reproductive health care, including contraception and in vitro fertilization treatments, are on the line.

PAMELA KORN
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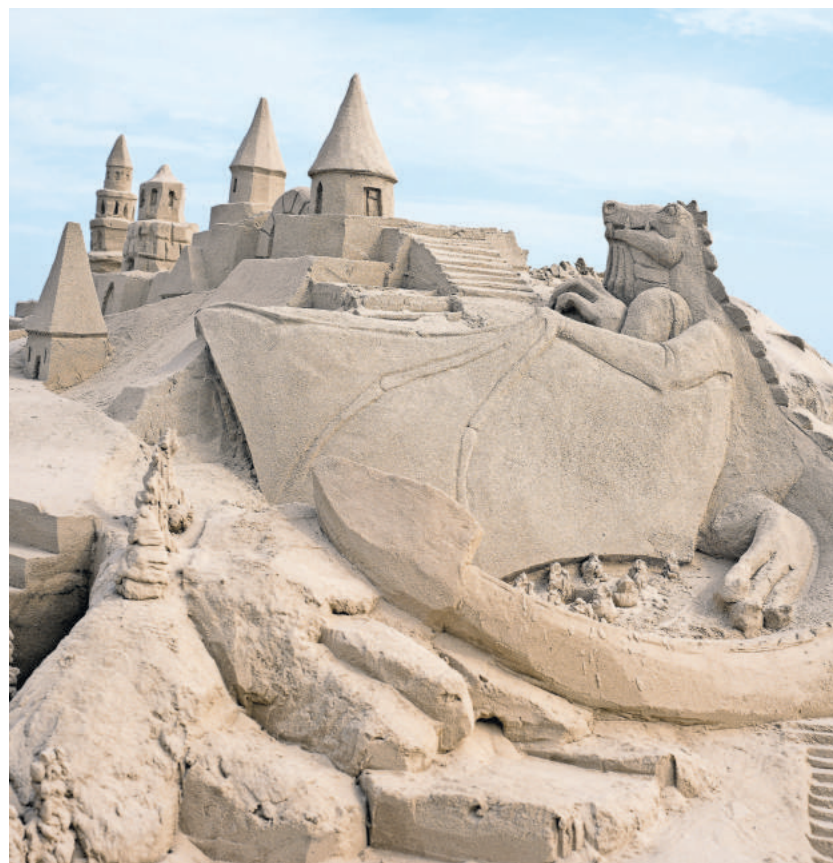
CORRECTION

The photo of Rob Moore in last week’s Graduation Section, on the ‘Check Out Who Graduated From Our Local High Schools’ page, was incorrect. This is Rob Moore, who graduated from Hempstead High School in 1986 and played in the National Football League.



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