

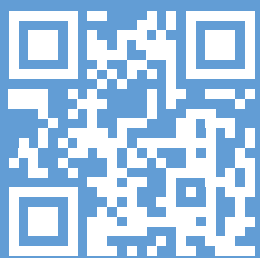


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Mojgan Pourmoradi, director of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, and Alan Mindel, its chairman, reflected on the Hamas attacks one year later.

Survivor of Hamas attacks speaks at Holocaust Center

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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It has been a year since the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, the deadliest in the country's history. Since the attack, many survivors, like Shir Zohar, have traveled across the United States, describing their own experience of the harrowing events.

Last Sunday, Zohar shared the details of her narrow escape with a gathering at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. Dressed in black, she recounted attending the Nova Music Festival in Re'im with her best friend, Esther. As missiles filled the sky, they tried to flee, but

encountered terrorists disguised in the uniforms of the Israel Defense Forces. Desperate to escape, Esther drove through the attackers, but their car was hit by gunfire and they were forced to flee on foot.

The pair found temporary shelter with a young man named Ori Arad, who selflessly tried to help them escape. Despite his efforts, their car was shot at again, and crashed, after which Arad was killed while trying to protect them. Zohar and Esther, injured but alive, pretended to be dead to avoid being taken by terrorists, and were eventually rescued by IDF soldiers.

Zohar described her constant fear of cap-

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G.C. proposes \$65.4 million spending plan

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Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck presented a \$65.4 million budget proposal for 2025 at the City Council meeting on Monday, which includes a 1.98 percent property tax increase for homeowners — roughly \$55 per year for an average home in the city, valued at \$75,000.

Before introducing the specifics of the spending plan, Panzenbeck highlighted several of the key achievements of her tenure, which she credits with significantly improving Glen Cove's financial condition.

"We've had three consecutive years of operating surpluses, totaling \$5 million," she said. She noted that by the end of the 2023 fiscal year, the city's operating deficit had been eliminated, leaving Glen Cove with a surplus fund balance of roughly \$780,000.

"This is a significant improvement," Panzenbeck said, recalling the deficit of over \$2 million that she inherited when she took office. She acknowledged that while the city still lacks substantial financial reserves, unlike larger municipalities and counties, she remains committed to building them up.

"We're working to get

there," she said, emphasizing the importance of using reserves to stabilize taxes and maintain services during economic downturns or when the city is faced with unforeseen expenses.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. Panzenbeck proudly noted that Moody's had upgraded

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 Glen Cove mayor

ed Glen Cove's credit rating to BAA1, its highest since 2010, one tier below Moody's low-risk A3 category. She added that State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli's office recently categorized Glen Cove as having no fiscal stress, an important milestone, because the city has been deemed

susceptible to fiscal stress in the past.

While these successes have laid a solid foundation, Panzenbeck was candid about the challenges ahead. Assembling next year's spending plan, she said, was no easy task.

"It's difficult to formulate a budget, considering how much is required to upkeep the city," she said, noting that her administration has always sought to balance fiscal responsibility with the need to maintain city services.

The proposed budget is \$2 million larger than the current \$63.45 spending plan, an increase of about 3.11 percent.

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City goes pink for breast cancer awareness

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By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Each spring, Glen Cove transforms into a breathtaking display of pink tulips, reminding onlookers of the importance of early detection in the fight against breast cancer. This floral display is part of an ongoing initiative by Glen Cove CARES, a non-profit organization founded 28 years ago by breast cancer survivor Terry Petikas. In collaboration with the Glen Cove Beautification Commission, CARES has made it an annual tradition to plant thousands of pink tulip bulbs throughout the city. When the tulips bloom in spring, they serve as a powerful reminder of those affected by breast cancer and a visible message encouraging early detection.

The planting project has expanded over the years, with tulips being placed in prominent locations across the city. This year, the tulips were planted in front of all the veteran memorials, the “love triangle,” and behind City Hall. Local high school students from DECA, a business-oriented club, played a key role in planting the bulbs, further instilling in them the importance of community service and awareness about breast cancer.

The driving force behind Glen Cove CARES is to provide support to cancer patients in ways that go beyond what health insurance typically covers. According to Dr. Eve Lupenko, a board member of both Glen Cove CARES and the Beautification Commission, CARES helps about three to five people each year. These funds are used to offset medical costs, assist with homecare needs, transportation to chemotherapy sessions, and even everyday expenses such as gas, groceries, and utilities, which can become overwhelming for cancer patients and their families.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Catlsea Cruz and Alisa Edwards, part of the high school's DECA program, helped to plant tulips to raise awareness for breast cancer.

“When you're out of work, there might be things that you might not be able to do like gardening, or landscaping, or maybe you're behind on your gas, water or electric bill” Lupenko said. “We want to fill in the gaps where medical insurance doesn't cover these extras in life.”

Nassau County has a breast cancer rate 10 percent higher than the state average, and breast cancer remains the most diagnosed cancer among women worldwide, even surpassing lung cancer in terms of total diagnoses. In New York, more than 110,000 people are diagnosed with cancer annually, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Of those, over 35,000 die from the disease.

“Terry was a breast cancer victim, and she founded this organization just to help local people and local families survive,” Lorri Prince, president of Glen Cove CARES said. She noted in the early days of the organization, much of their fundraising went toward helping patients cover the cost of chemotherapy, which at the time was considered experimental and not always covered by insurance. Though insurance coverage has improved since then, the organization continues to help families with the many expenses that are still not fully covered.

Glen Cove CARES operates entirely on a volunteer basis, with all of the funds raised going directly to help those in need. The organization also funds cancer research at Cold Spring Harbor, aiming to support both the treatment and prevention of the disease. To continue their mission, the group hosts fundraising events throughout the year, including an annual dinner dance in February. The tulip planting project is one of the organization's most visible efforts, but behind the scenes, their work extends much further into the community.

Anyone interested in supporting Glen Cove CARES can make a donation by calling Prince at (516)-671-0629. As the pink tulips bloom each spring, they will stand not only as a symbol of beauty but as a powerful reminder of the importance of community support and early detection in the fight against breast cancer.

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Fire department hosts urgent blood drive

By ROKSANA AMID

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It's not often you can do something simple that can save another person's life, but that's what occurs every time you donate blood. That's something the Glen Cove volunteer firefighter department knew all too well during their bi-annual blood drive on Oct. 5, part of a crucial effort to address a nationwide emergency blood shortage.

The American Red Cross has reported a significant drop in blood donations over the summer, with the national supply falling by over 25 percent since July. With the combination of extreme summer heat and many Americans traveling for vacations, blood banks have faced dangerously low inventory levels, particularly for Type O blood, which is critical for emergency transfusions and routine medical procedures.

The blood drive brought in 96 volunteers, with 88 successful donations collected by the New York Blood Center. The drive, recognized as particularly urgent due to the national shortage, played a critical role in replenishing supplies for local hospitals, where blood levels have been dangerously low. There was a strong turnout, but eight potential donors were turned away during medical screenings before donation.

"Some people come in ready to donate but are turned away because they don't pass the medical screenings," Pete Prudente, volunteer firefighter explained. "While it's disappointing for them, their willingness to help speaks volumes."

The importance of blood donations cannot be overstated. The American Red Cross notes every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. requires blood or platelets, and hospitals use around 29,000 units of red blood cells daily. The need spans across many scenarios, from victims of accidents to patients undergoing cancer treatments. A single car accident victim, for example, may require as many as 100 units of blood to survive. Yet, with shortages this severe, hospitals are struggling to provide timely and critical transfusions.

"When blood isn't available, patients don't get the treatments they need," Prudente said. "Sometimes, that delay can have life-threatening consequences, whether it's a car accident, cancer, or another critical condition."

To encourage participation in the drive, Garvies Point Brewery partnered with the fire department, offering a free beer for every pint of blood donated.

In addition to whole blood donations, the drive saw six participants give double red cell donations. This specialized process, known as apheresis, allows donors to give two units of red blood cells in a single session. By separating the red cells from plasma and platelets, the automated system ensures donors return those components, allowing for a more focused replenishment of much-needed red blood cells, which are vital for many



Pete Prudente talked about local happenings with Drew Shaver a Glen Cove local while he donated blood. Shaver said he likes to donate to give back to his community.



Angelo Giannuzzi, Pete Prudente, Salvatore Calandra, and Theresa Giannuzzi say they donate blood at least once a year. They showed off their pink bandages for breast cancer awareness month, and coupons from Garvies Brewery.

medical procedures. These double donations are especially helpful, as they can make a more significant impact in addressing the shortage.

Looking ahead, Glen Cove will con-

tinue its efforts to support the blood supply. Another blood drive is scheduled for December at the Polish National Home of Glen Cove.



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Lynne Philips, from Glen Cove, said she donates whenever she can. Phlebotomist Ricky Bisnath drew her blood.



Beatrice Tomasino, from Glen Cove, came to donate blood because it only takes one hour of her day.



Meredith Brown, from Sea Cliff, heard about the blood donation through social media.

Steps of hope at Alzheimer's Association walk

By JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO

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The 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's — the Alzheimer's Association's largest annual fundraiser — returned to East Meadow on Oct. 6 to support breakthrough research and quality-of-life care for people with dementia.

The walk in Eisenhower Park was one of about 600 happening nationwide.

The Alzheimer's Association Long Island Chapter continues to provide a community and support system for people with Alzheimer's, their families, friends, and caretakers, while raising awareness of the importance of brain health, said Community Educator Francesca Todaro.

"I feel like a lot of people that have Alzheimer's or are confused about Alzheimer's and other dementias, really could use the education and resources that the association can help them with," Todaro said.

Before the walk, a Promise Garden ceremony was held, displaying solidarity where walkers carried color-coordinated flowers that represented how Alzheimer's affected their lives and the people around them.

"It is very touching to hear the stories of how people are personally affected by this disease," Nassau Walk Committee Member Michele Targovnik said in a news release. "The Promise Garden



Brittany Krilov/Herald photos

Walkers took steps for a brighter future at the Alzheimer's Association of Long Island's annual Walk to End Alzheimer's in Eisenhower Park.

Ceremony is special because when you see everyone around you holding different color flowers it makes you feel so supported and wonderful to be standing next to the person next to you."

Ed Miller, the vice chair for the Alzheimer's Association Long Island Chapter Board of Directors, played a leading role in making the past two year's walk a success in Nassau County.

Miller joined the Long Island chapter after his father was diagnosed with dementia in 2019. Miller, his sister, and mother faced challenges in providing the care an individual with dementia requires, so he began to participate in fundraisers like the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

"I did my first walk in 2022 — it moved me, and it kept moving me,"

Miller said. "It's an absolute honor to come together at Eisenhower Park for this event, and to walk together and to see a sea of purple."

There are 426,500 people in New York aged 65 and older with Alzheimer's Dementia, and over 7 million across the country, according to the Long Island Chapter. While symptoms become severe later in life, the brain changes that cause Alzheimer's can begin decades before symptoms start. This period of time is a critical opportunity for people at risk of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia to reduce the risk of the disease and catch its symptoms as early as possible.

Alzheimer's researchers have made significant progress in treatments that improve the quality of life of Alzheimer's patients and caretakers. The breakthroughs — such as a blood test that can help identify Alzheimer's early — allow for intervention before symptoms escalate.

"There's been a lot of breakthroughs that have come out in the news over the course of the last couple of years," Miller said. "These are treatments that aren't going to eradicate the disease at this point, but they are treatments, and there is hope.

For more information on the Walk to End Alzheimer's, the Long Island event, or to view other events, visit Alz.org or call (800) 272-3900.

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Integrity and Gratitude

If we had to choose only two concepts as a prescription for a good life, they would be integrity and gratitude. While we usually associate integrity with honesty, the word also means "fits together" as in integrated or integration. Oddly enough, both meanings are also interrelated. When someone is honest, their life tends to "fit together". It works. As one sage put it, if you're honest you never have to remember what you said.

People who have integrity are consistent. You can count on them. Wikipedia says "the word integrity evolved from the Latin adjective 'integer' meaning whole or complete. In this context, integrity is the inner sense of 'wholeness' deriving from qualities such as honesty and consistency of character."

If you or someone you know finds their life is "not working" there may be a lack of integrity somewhere that needs to be sought after and rooted out.

Gratitude has to do with appreciation. Appreciation means to add value to. Things that appreciate tend to grow, just as being

grateful for something or someone raises its or their value in our estimation. Even though, at any given time, countless more things are going right than going wrong in most of our lives, too many of us focus more on what's going wrong and take for granted what's going right — our health, our loved ones, our resources.

Grateful people tend to be giving people —and giving people are the happiest among us. Takers can never be as happy as givers because takers can never get enough. Givers already have more than enough, which is why they have some to give away. But having enough is not a state of fact, it is a state of mind. Once you can cultivate that state of mind you are on your way to a happy life.

One of the best ways to rewire your brain from focusing on the negative to focusing on the positive, is to keep a "Gratitude Journal", examples of which may be easily googled.

The elusive "holy grail" of being happy can be found by cultivating integrity and gratitude in your life.



Frank, Kaitlyn, Maddie and Mary Pitkewicz of Merrick took part in this year's event.

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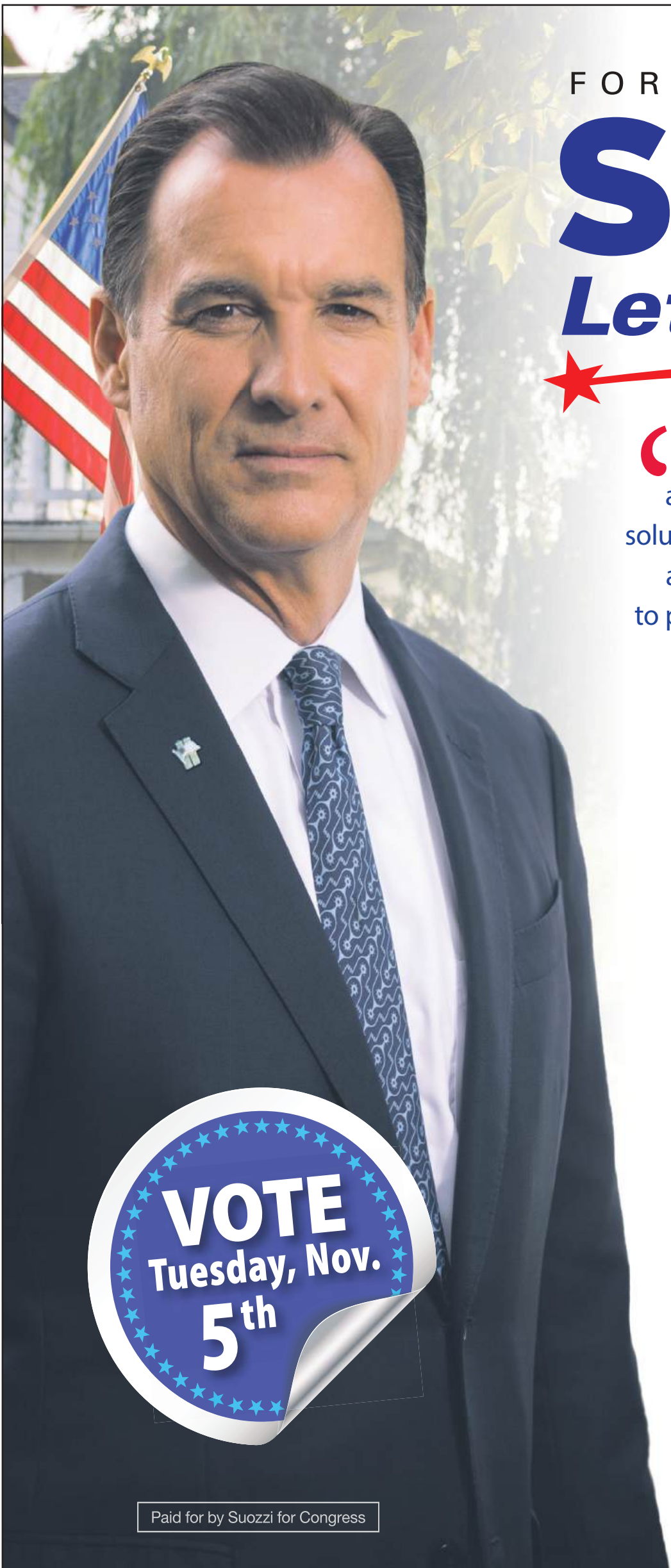
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One year later, 'We must free the hostages'

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ture and the miracles that saved her and Esther's lives. While fighting back tears, she said that Esther, despite serious injuries, displayed extraordinary strength and survival instincts.

As well, Zohar now considers Arad a hero. His sacrifice ensured their survival, and she feels a deep responsibility to honor his memory.

"Both Esther and I are trying to return to life, to understand that every day is a gift," Zohar said, adding, "We need to keep alive the name of Ori Arad . . . Because of him, I'm able to speak here today."

Zohar, Holocaust survivors and others gathered at the center for the unveiling of a new memorial commemorating the 1,200 people killed in the attack by Hamas militants. A stone memorial, surrounded by yellow and velvet chrysanthemums, now sits outside the center. Its plaque reads, "May their memory be a blessing and one day we will all dance again."

Hamas and other militant groups also took more than 250 hostages last Oct. 7, with many abductions captured on video by the attackers and shared across social media, amplifying the shock. The surprise nature and scale of the attack led to an immediate and intense response from Israel, which declared war and launched extensive airstrikes on Gaza to dismantle Hamas and rescue the hostages.

"This is not just a commemoration — this is an affirmation that we must free the hostages," Rabbi Irwin Huberman, of Congregation Tiferith Israel, in Glen Cove, told the Herald after Sunday's event. "Because when the hostages are released, then this

conflict will very quickly wind down. The events of Oct. 7 were antisemitic in nature. The Jews were attacked for no other reason than they were Jewish. Hamas said that they would do this again and again and retreated with hostages to Gaza, hiding behind hospitals and schools and women and children."

We are no longer the Jews everyone likes, the dead Jews.

ALAN MINDEL
Chairman,
Holocaust Center

Alan Mindel, chairman of the Holocaust Center, emphasized the persistent nature of hatred and its connection to the atrocities of the Holocaust as well as ongoing extremist violence in Israel. He drew parallels between historical events, such as the rise of the Nazi regime, and present-day support for groups like Hamas, stressing the need to confront and educate those who support such ideologies.

"The hate that murdered, raped, tortured and kidnapped these people is the same type of hate that caused the Holocaust," Mindel said.

He spoke of the resilience of the Jewish people, particularly by recalling the 1945 liberation of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where survivors, despite their suffering, sang "Hatikvah," symbolizing their enduring hope. Mindel's message of strength and perseverance affirmed that the Jewish community will stand firm in defense of its values, with or without external support.

"We are no longer the Jews everyone likes, the dead Jews," Mindel said. "We love humanity. We are so thankful for the righteous that stand with us. We ask for people like each of you to stand with us. But if not, we will still stand with or without you. We will always be here."



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In the year since Hamas attacked Israel last Oct. 7, many survivors, like Shir Zohar, have shared their stories.



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Narcan training aims to curb deaths

By **BRIAN NORMAN**

Special to the Herald

The urgency of educating the public about how to reverse fentanyl overdoses has never been more critical, as fentanyl-related deaths continue to rise across the country. Training for Naloxone, better known as Narcan, provide essential skills, equipping people with the knowledge and tools to save lives. Participants at the Oct. 8 training session at the Glen Cove High School learned how to recognize the signs of an overdose and administer life saving nasal spray, that can counteract the effects of opioids.

“I think this is one of the most important things that my office has done,” said Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. “We have trained somewhere close to 1,000 people, and I am very proud of that.”

Corrine Kaufman, a Glen Cove grandmother became an advocate for overdose awareness after granddaughter, Paige Gibbons, died of an overdose in 2022, unaware a Percocet pill was laced with fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid. Since the loss of her granddaughter, Kaufman and her fami-

ly have worked to spread awareness about fentanyl’s dangers and the importance of knowing how to use Narcan.

“Fentanyl is ravaging our young people in the 18 to 45 age group,” Kaufman said. “They are the most vulnerable, but not the only ones. This demon drug knows no boundaries, and it’s taken people of all ages from all walks of life. It’s infiltrated our society right now. Knowledge and Narcan are the only weapons.”

People suffering from the effects of fentanyl have constricted pupils, and will fall asleep or lose consciousness. They will have slow or weak breathing and a limp body. They may make choking or gurgling sounds and have discoloration around their lips and nails. In the event of an overdose, a 911 call should be followed by the administration of Narcan in one of the victim’s nostrils. Bystanders should keep the victim awake and turn them on their side to prevent choking until

paramedics arrive.

Following Kaufman’s emotional testimony, Calle Panakos, the coordinator of education and training at the Nassau County Office of Mental Health, took the stage to provide detailed instructions on how to use Narcan in an emergency. Panakos stressed the importance of early intervention and educating oneself on the dangers of fentanyl.

“Please educate yourself,” Panakos urged. “One pill can kill, and every time I say that, it touches my heart. Losing someone that you love because of this infectious disease affects the user and the loved ones behind, so intervene early.”

During her presentation, Panakos shared the increase in fentanyl-related deaths, noting the number of Americans dying from overdoses had tripled since 2021, and emphasized the importance of continued education and intervention.

“In 2021, almost 130 Americans died every day to overdoses. Now in 2024,

that number has tripled, and one in 16 Americans who suffer from drug abuse will ask for help,” said Panakos. “So, continuous education is key. You’re going to say the same thing until you’ve made that impact on that person. Sometimes, you have to hand-hold them to take them where they want to go, but recovery is sweet.”

Some participants suggested expanding the program to include students during school hours.

“I think this could be a really great event to have during the school day, during students’ free periods,” said Vita Pipitone, a Glen Cove resident. “Things like Narcan training and CPR training are always very important and would be great for students to learn during the day as an extra educational benefit.”

DeRiggi-Whitton encouraged attendees to reach out if they were interested in hosting additional Narcan training sessions in their communities.

“We hope to have many more training sessions in the future, and if anyone is interested in having a training, just reach out to my office, and I would love to be able to set that up,” said DeRiggi-Whitton.

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CORRINE KAUFMAN
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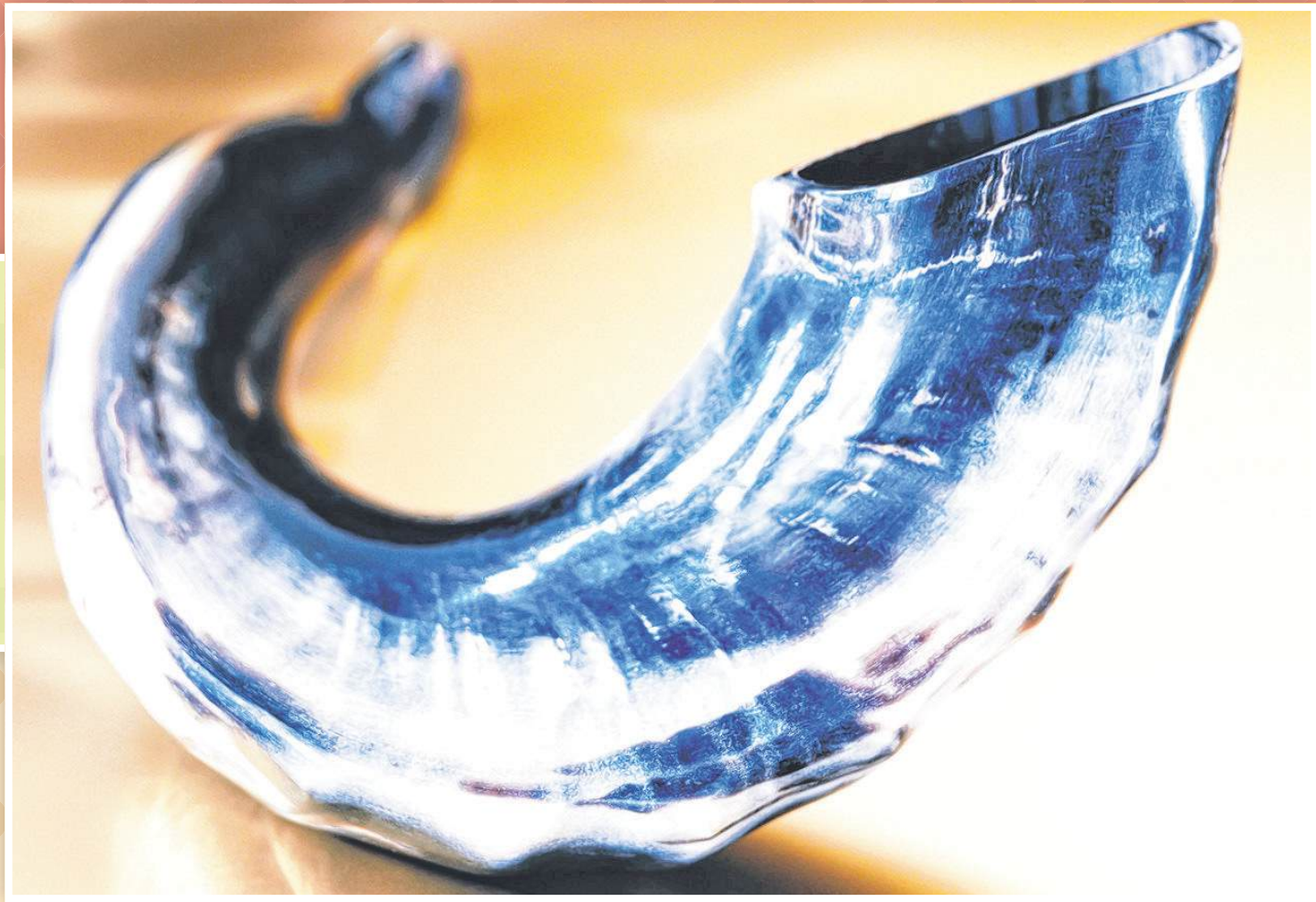


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Dozens of vendors took over the streets of Sea Cliff.

Another year, another successful Mini Mart

Mini Mart, Sea Cliff's biggest street fair and one of the most anticipated events of the year, took over the village on Oct. 6 as vendors, musicians, residents and visitors enjoyed a beautiful day of food, fun and community. Representatives from the North Shore Kiwanis Club, who organize the event,



Ellen Andriello, right, and her husband Paul made sure their dog Ollie had the most comfortable seat in the house at Mini Mart.



Thousands of people from across Long Island visited Sea Cliff for this year's Mini Mart.



North Shore Kiwanis volunteers like Vincent Labbate, left, Jessica Labbate, Delia Verna and Lisa Larsen Hill organized another successful Mini Mart.



Ezra White, 2, attended his first Mini Mart with his dad, Michael.

City hopes to attract more part-time workers

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Significant factors driving the increase include \$577,000 in mandated contributions to the state's local retirement system, \$538,000 in full-time employee salaries and \$515,000 in health care premiums. Part-time employee wages are also set to increase by \$115,330.

"We have to give increases to attract new workers and to keep our workforce," the mayor said, pointing out that some part-time workers earn as little as \$11 per hour, while fast-food jobs in the area pay significantly more. Increases in part-time wages will benefit employees in several city departments, including Emergency Medical Services, the Youth Bureau and the Senior Center.

To offset some of these increases, the budget anticipates reduced severance costs, down by \$175,000, and a \$100,000 decrease in tax refunds. Panzenbeck also outlined several revenue streams that are expected to bolster city finances in the coming year. Building permits are projected to generate \$1.38 million, thanks to several development projects in the pipeline. The city is making conservative revenue estimates, however, because Panzenbeck wants to avoid relying too much on potential income.

Glen Cove's school bus stop-arm enforcement program, implemented



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Glen Cove's proposed \$65.4 million budget is \$2 million larger than the current \$63.45 million spending plan, an increase of about 3.11 percent.

earlier this year, is expected to bring in \$655,000 in revenue. Panzenbeck described the program as having had "great success" in enhancing student

safety. Other anticipated revenue increases include interest and penalties on property taxes and liens, which were under-budgeted this year. The city also

expects an increase in EMS ambulance billing revenues due to the volume of calls and the mix of services provided.

One notable fiscal challenge in 2025 will be the expected shortfall in payments from RXR Realty's Garvies Point development. Panzenbeck explained that the city had not received a \$1.15 million payment in lieu of taxes from RXR this year, and next year's \$1.17 million PILOT is also expected to go unpaid. The total loss of \$2.32 million will create a significant revenue gap, but Panzenbeck remained optimistic, saying, "We are going to get that someday, but I don't believe it's going to be any day soon."

Despite the obstacles, she assured residents that the proposed property tax increase remains well below the allowable state tax cap. This is the city's first tax increase in three years, which she attributed to the administration's ability to carefully manage expenses and improve Glen Cove's fiscal outlook.

"Our mission," the mayor said, "is to right-size government through efficiency, eliminate wasteful and non-essential spending, and manage down expense growth where possible."

The City Council is scheduled to vote on the proposed budget on Oct. 22.

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Honoring Long Island's best in health care

By Melissa Berman

Health care professionals traded their scrubs and lab coats for suits and cocktail dresses at the third annual Herald Excellence in Healthcare Awards at the Heritage Club, in Bethpage, on Sept. 18, which honored the best in their field.

The event, organized by the Richner-LIVE team at the Long Island Herald, drew more than 300 attendees, and recognized more than 10 health care professions.

"Tonight is not only a celebration of achievement, but also a sincere expression of gratitude to those who tirelessly safeguard the health and well being of our community," Amy Amato, Richner Communications' executive director of corporate relations and events, said. "Your dedication, resilience and passion are truly inspiring."

Awards were presented to 46 health care professionals, including three special honors: Distinguished Visionary, Organization of Excellence and Excellence in Nursing Advocacy.

"From dedicated doctors and nurses to visionary hospital executives and inspiring educators, these honorees are the backbone of our communities' health," Stuart Richner, chief executive of Richner Communications, said.

Michelle Ballan, of the Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center, who received an Excellence in Healthcare award, expressed her gratitude for being recognized for her hard work.

"It's a tremendous honor to be here and to be celebrated, because I'm just a liaison for individuals with disabilities to eradicate and minimize the health care disparities that exist in different settings," Ballan said. "To be honored for the health care award, it's really just an extension of the work that my team does for individuals with disabilities, who are the true experts."

Having worked in the home care field for 20 years, Joseph Verdirame, CEO of Alliance Homecare/TrustHouse, has learned that there are no shortcuts, and you need to provide exceptional care for the patient, he said.

"We've spent a lot of time building and developing our business model to really enhance the way home care is provided in the industry," Verdirame, who also won the Excellence in Healthcare award, said. "We're very proud of what we've accomplished today for all the work we've put in."

According to Luis Fandos, of Alluring Age: Anti-Aging and Wellness Center, who won an Excellence in Healthcare award, it was a dream come true to be honored, and he finally feels that all the effort, sweat and tears he put into his work has come to fruition.

"When you have other people recognize what you do, and appreciate that, it's priceless," Fandos said.

The keynote speaker was Stanley M. Bergman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Henry Schein and the winner of the Distinguished Visionary Award. "Health care is local, and it is critical that we maintain an outstanding quality of health care system here on Long Island," Bergman said, and



Jason Thomas/Herald photos

Honoree Michelle Ballan, of Stony Brook University Health Sciences Center, with her family and friends.



Muriel Donnelly, VP of PR at Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, with Stuart Richner of Richner Communications.



Honoree Denis Nankervis, of Peconic Bay Medical Center Northwell Health.



Honoree Jennifer Lazzaro, of Hearing and Brain Centers of America, Long Island.

told the crowd, "Thank you for what you do, being amongst the nation's best health care systems."

The major sponsors of the awards included Alliance Homecare, Henry Schein, Nassau University Medical Center, the New York State Nurses Association, Northwell Orthopedics, Stony Brook Medicine, The Aspen Group and Trusthouse.



Honoree Dr. Howard Goodman, the Long Island Weight Loss Doctor, with Jessica Kleiman of the Long Island Herald.



Honorees from Aspen Dental, Lina Patino, DDS, and Roumiana Tzvetkova, DMD.



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Dr. Todd J. Cohen, of New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine.



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Honoree John McGuigan, of AHRC Suffolk, right, with Stuart Richner.



Honorees Roxanne Carfora, of AgelessMD, and Dr. Luis Fandos, of Alluring Age: Anti-Aging and Wellness Center.



Keynote and Distinguished Visionary recipient Stanley Bergman, of Henry Schein.



Honoree Catherine Canadeo, center, of Catherine Canadeo Health & Wellness Corp.



Dr. Jill Kaman, of the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell.



Honoree Dr. Brian Mayrhoon, of Maywell Health.



Melissa Schachter, of the Speech Language Place.



Honoree Megan C. Ryan, of Nassau University Medical Center.

For more photos from the Excellence in Healthcare Awards Gala – and for a full list of sponsors – visit RichnerLive.com/24hcgallery/

Stevenson-Mathews joins HMTC team

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The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County has appointed Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews as its new Community Engagement Officer and Social Media Coordinator. Stevenson-Mathews brings a wealth of experience in media, production, and community outreach, having worked extensively in strategic communication and fostering connections between organizations and their communities. In his new role, he will collaborate closely with HMTC's Executive Director and other key personnel to enhance the center's outreach and expand its impact across Nassau County and beyond.

As Community Engagement Officer, Stevenson-Mathews will focus on increasing inclusion, engagement, and participation among diverse demographics. He will work to strengthen the center's existing ties to the community while fostering new relationships, ensuring that HMTC's mission of tolerance and education reaches a wider audience. His work will involve curating and creating content for the center's social media platforms, with the goal of amplifying the center's message and increasing its visibility.

Stevenson-Mathews has long been an advocate for HMTC's mission. While his first formal collaboration with the center came in May 2024, when he helped



Courtesy Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews

Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews is the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center's new Community Engagement Officer and Social Media Coordinator. He will work closely with HMTC Co-Vice Chairman Bernie Furshpan and Executive Director Moji Pourmoradi.

produce The Symphony of Hope—a concert that promoted unity through

music—he has been a supporter of HMTC's initiatives for years, attending

events and promoting the center's efforts within the community. The concert, a joint effort between HMTC, the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, and the Long Island Concert Orchestra, showcased the healing power of music in fostering understanding across different cultures. Bernie Furshpan, Co-Vice Chair of HMTC's Board, praised Stevenson-Mathews' ability to engage the community and promote important causes.

Stevenson-Mathews has a long history of public service on Long Island. He is a former Glen Cove Councilman and the founder of three non-profit organizations, including the Tribute and Honor Foundation, which serves veterans and their families. His contributions to the community have earned him several awards, including the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Award.

"I am deeply honored to join the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center," Stevenson-Mathews said. "This role aligns with my passion for amplifying important voices, and I look forward to working with HMTC's team to further its vital mission of fostering understanding and promoting tolerance."

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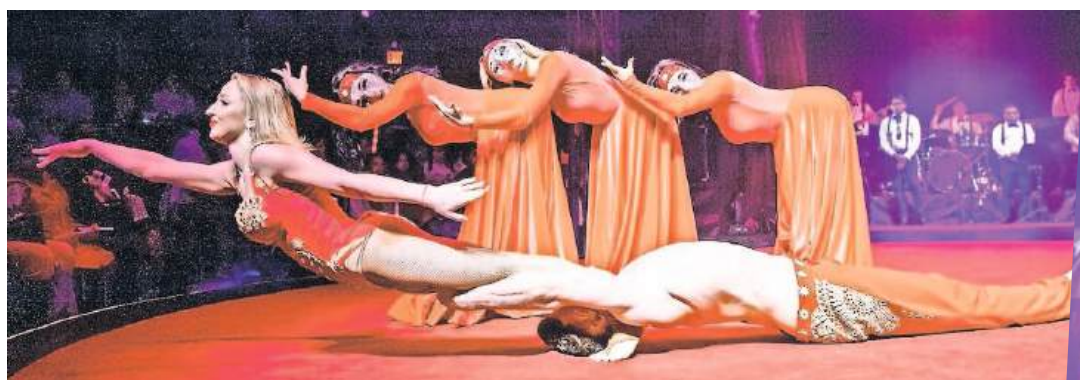
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STEPPING OUT



Flippin' out at the circus

It's all a thrill with daredevils under the Big Top

By Danielle Schwab

The Big Top has sprung up on Long Island once again for a Flip Circus spectacular that brings audiences up close to the action.

The circus spectacle, which wowed audiences here earlier in the spring, brings its intimate Big Top experience back, now through Oct. 15, to Hicksville's Broadway Commons.

Flip Circus was started by the Vazquez family, a long line of circus performers dating back over 50 years. Its older counterpart, the Circus Vazquez, originated in Mexico City in 1969 and has since ventured to the U.S.

While Circus Vazquez has one of the largest tents in America, Flip Circus has one of the smallest with around 800 seats. It brings a refreshing, more intimate look at the circus experience with no seat more than 50 feet from the ring.

"It makes it very different and very unique. We wanted to create a show that appealed more to the traditional side of the circus," says Alexa Vazquez, a fourth-generation performer.

"The seats are made for a 360-degree view, so wherever

you're sitting, you're getting the best view. You feel like a part of the performance," she continues.

Training since she was 15, Vazquez showcases her acrobatic skills in her mesmerizing Hula Hoop gymnastics act. She weaves various hoops together simultaneously, including a giant hoop, the Cyr Wheel.

"It's something where, if you lose concentration very quickly, it can go very wrong," Vazquez explains. "But at the same time it's fun because people see a gigantic wheel, but then they see a smaller one. It's confusing for them, but fun at the same time."

Flip Circus takes traditional acts and gives them a contemporary twist with — in the grand circus tradition — an international flair. Jugglers, trapeze artists and daredevils from throughout the world — including Brazil, India, Chile, Ukraine, the Czech Republic, Mexico, and the U.S. — live and travel together from location to location.

That global flavor is led by Brazil's favorite clown, Bubi Guiner, who brings his classic comedic routines and side-splitting antics to the U.S. for the first time. He may even invite you on stage as part of the show.

From India, watch as Hasan Ansari thrills audiences with his flexibility, performing body-bending maneuvers on a wooden pole, leaving you wondering how a human body can do that. Ukraine's Anastasia & Misha present a stunningly synchronized and poetic presentation of dance and acrobatics. Also Pavel Valla Bertini, a fifth-generation performer from the Czech Republic, keeps everyone on the edge of their seats



- Now through Oct. 15
- Weekdays, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 1 and 4 p.m.; Sunday, noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m.
- Tickets start at \$50 adult, \$30 children; available at flipcircus.com or can be purchased in person at box office
- Broadway Commons, 358 N. Broadway, Hicksville



Tom Colicchio on 'why he cooks'

Get an unprecedented insights into the life of one of America's top chefs when Tom Colicchio brings his "Why I Cook" book tour to the Paramount stage. Part memoir-part cookbook, Colicchio's newest book shares an exclusive look inside the mind and kitchen of the beloved multiple-Award-winning chef, restaurateur, and television personality. Colicchio cooked his first recipe at 13-years-old — a stuffed eggplant from an issue of Cuisine magazine that he picked up out of boredom — and it changed his life. Through 10 memoir chapters and 60 recipes, "Why I Cook" shares Colicchio's personal reflections of more than 40 years behind the stove. From pre-dawn fishing excursions with his grandfather to running the flat-top at the snack shack of the local swim club, to finding his way as a young chef in New York City, into Tom's life yet.

Saturday, Oct. 12, 2 p.m. \$95, \$65, \$54, \$35. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.



Anthony Pascal and Anthony Rapp

Get ready to be swept away with Adam Pascal and Anthony Rapp, the original stars of "Rent." Their enduring friendship, spanning three decades, forms the heart and soul of this duo show, promising an evening filled with music, anecdotes and laughter. Pascal and Rapp's friendship and history create an unforgettable evening of music, stories and fun. Expect songs from highlights throughout their careers, music that has influenced their lives, and of course some of the iconic hits from where it all began — meeting on the stage of "Rent." Jonathan Larson's iconic show, remains an international phenomenon, continuing a trajectory that began with its Off-Broadway opening all those years ago.

Thursday, Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. \$69, \$64, \$54. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Visit landmarkonmainstreet.org for tickets and information, or call (516) 767-6444.

with his unparalleled one, three and even 15-wheeled unicycle skills.

Others delight audiences with their fast-paced juggling skills, energetic roller skating feats, graceful dancing and acrobatics.

There's always something new to enjoy, no matter how many times you go, according to Vasquez.

"Every year that it comes to town, you're going to see a different show," she says.

Every act brings a different culture to the stage. Each is accompanied by a special musical score, played by the Flip Circus Band. The versatile soundtrack ranges from classic instrumental to upbeat rock.

"I always like to say, with Flip to expect the unexpected," says Vazquez. "As you walk into the stands — (with) the music, the lights, and the way the atmosphere is set — you're inside a different world, and it's something that you have to experience yourself."

And, of course, there's an assortment of tasty circus treats to munch on from the concession stand.

Capturing over 200 years of circus tradition into high-energy show, Flip Circus invites everyone to immerse themselves in the experience.

"We just want the audience to enjoy the show, and we want them to be transformed into what we're doing," says Vasquez. "We want the audience, when they come in, to feel welcome, to feel like they're a part of the family."

Photos courtesy Flip Circus

Modern yet vintage describes the Flip Circus experience.

THE SCENE

Oct. 19

Steve Martin and Martin Short

Icons, collaborators and dos amigos Steve Martin and Martin Short have a relationship that's evolved in unexpected ways since their SNL days. Their comic prowess has surely reached new heights since their involvement in Hulu's smash hit "Only Murders in the Building." The pair takes another comic turn as special guest performers at Tilles Center's 2024 Gala, Saturday, **Oct. 19**, 8:30 p.m. These two funnyman display their impeccable talents as "The Dukes of Funntown!" — a show that redefines the form in unexpected and profound ways, from two of the most influential and acclaimed talents of the past century.



Their humor is often subversive, but it is always a joyous self-deprecating romp from two comedy masters driven to make each other laugh as much as the audience. The jokes come at you at a rapid-fire pace with little set-up and big punch lines as they mock Hollywood and the fickle nature of celebrity, but the comedy truly soars when they lovingly (and relentlessly) roast each other. Martin and Short's chemistry and timing on stage reflects a friendship forged over three decades which developed when they met for the first time on the set of the 1986 film "Three Amigos." These two titans of comedy have been touring together since 2015, when they launched their first live show entitled "A Very Stupid Conversation." Tickets start at \$70. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville. Tickets available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.

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'The Birthday Party'

Looking for something to do this Halloween season that isn't just for kids? Visit Sands Point Preserve for an exclusive, immersive theatrical production, "The Birthday Party," held in a secluded, opulent mansion, Saturday, **Oct. 12**, 7-8:30 p.m. and 9-10:30 p.m.; also **Oct. 18-19, Oct. 25, Oct. 31**, and **Nov. 1**. For those who attended Archie's last "Birthday Party," rest assured, there are new surprises in store.

Guests will be blindfolded and escorted to a secret location on the property, Villa Vanitas, to celebrate the enigmatic Lord Archibald Axel Von Finkelshorn Chatterton's 30th birthday. He is a witless charmer on the cusp of a life-changing revelation, and everyone's invited to witness his journey on a night that promises to be unforgettable and delightfully unpredictable. Cocktail attire preferred. \$175 per person. Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road. For information, visit SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901.



Adelphi's Best of Broadway: Decades

Jump into the dazzling world of Broadway as Adelphi's talented students bring to life the magic of shows that opened 10, 20, 30 or more years ago, Sunday, **Oct. 20**, 4 p.m. Enjoy modern and classic Broadway hits from shows like "Suffs" (2024); "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" (2014); "Sunday in the Park with George" (1984) and "Anything Goes" (1934). Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City. (516) 877-4000 or Adelphi.edu/pac.

Circle of Friends

Glen Cove Circle Senior Center hosts its annual Circle of Friends. Wednesday, **Oct. 16**, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a nice dinner, live music and dancing with friends. Open to all residents. \$10. Call (516) 759-9610 or email Eric Shuman at eshuman@glencoveny.gov for more information or to purchase tickets. 30 Glen St. Unit A, Glen Cove.

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Spooky Fest is back

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For those who want a scare, venture into the Haunted Woods, where zombies and dinosaurs hang out. Admission starts at \$22. 1450 Tanglewood Road, Rockville Centre. Visit CSTL.org for call (516) 764-0045 for more information.

Raynham Hall Tour of Oyster Bay

Raynham Hall Museum invites all to stroll along the two-hour Oyster Bay Historic Walk, Saturday, **Oct. 12**, 10 a.m.-noon. The one-and-a-half mile loop takes you to multiple historic sites, each whispering stories of the town's vibrant colonial roots and its role in America's formative years. \$20 members; \$25 for general admission. 30 W. Main St., Oyster Bay. Visit raynhamhallmuseum.org for tickets and information.

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Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturdays at Nassau County Museum of Art. The drop-in program returns for a new season, Saturday, **Sept. 12**, 9, noon-3 p.m. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join educators at the Manes Center to explore and discover different materials to create your own original artwork.

Kids and their adult partners connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. \$20 adult, \$10 child. Registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org for more information and to register or call (516) 484-9337.

On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition "Seeing Red: Renoir to Warhol," reveals the many meanings, connotations, and associations of this powerful color in art. Evoking strong emotion, red can represent the human condition. Its myriad variations have come to signify authority as well as love, energy and beauty. Red warns us of peril and commands us to stop, but it can also indicate purity and good fortune. Red boldly represents political movements and religious identities. From the advent of our appreciation for this color in antiquity to its continued prominence in artistic and popular culture, this exhibition will span various world cultures through a range of media.



It features more than 70 artists, both established and emerging, ranging from the classical to the contemporary. American portraitists such as Gilbert Stuart imbued red in their stately paintings of prominent individuals to conjure authority. Robert Motherwell, Ad Reinhardt, and other major abstract painters displayed a deep fascination with red in their commanding compositions that evoke a sense of chromatic power. And, of course, Andy Warhol is known for his bold and imposing silkscreened portrait of Vladimir Lenin saturated in bright red to his signature Campbell's Soup Cans. On view through Jan. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

Tribute concert

Plaza Theatricals' tribute series continues, Sunday, **Oct 20**, 2:30 p.m., with Shades of Grey. From his best-remembered role as the iconic Master of Ceremonies in "Cabaret," both on Broadway and in the film version, to his more recent portrayal as the Wizard of Oz in "Wicked," Joel Grey continues to entertain audiences of all ages. And now, continuing his own tradition of creating unique and memorable performances, Bob Spiotto takes to the boards once again, in both story and song, to educate and entertain, as he pays tribute to this legendary performer. See the concert at 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$40, \$35 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.

In concert

Veteran singer-songwriter and Sea Cliff resident, Nini Camps hosts longtime friends/touring partners, Edie Carey and Sarah Sample, at Sea Cliff Arts Council, performing songs from their new album, "Lantern in the Dark," Thursday, **Oct. 17** at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25. 86 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff. Get tickets at seacliffartscouncil.org.

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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Using art to bring the community closer

By WILL SHEELINE

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The youth group DUO, short for “Do Unto Others,” at St. John’s of Lattingtown Episcopal Church has been making a significant impact on the Glen Cove community through their collaborative art project, “Doors.” The project, now in its second year, brings together high school students from Glen Cove, North Shore, Locust Valley, and nearby private schools with homeless or formerly homeless men from Glen Cove.

It’s about building relationships and breaking down barriers.

SAMMY ZAROU
leader, DUO

Together, they create art and build connections.

Courtney Callahan, the organizer of the DUO group, explained that the group’s mission is rooted in community service and interfaith collaboration.

“We have kids from all different high schools, and it’s really exciting to see how this mix of young people brings energy to everything they do,” she said.

“Doors” was inspired by the idea of new beginnings and opportunities. For the project, participants paint on actual doors, symbolizing transitions and the opening of new chapters in life.

Last year, the group worked on canvases, but this year they decided to take the concept to the next level by painting on doors.



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DUO members spent months working on the ‘Doors’ exhibition with homeless men from around Glen Cove.

Sammy Zarou, one of the youth leaders and a senior at Locust Valley High School, has been part of DUO since its early days.

“We wanted to do something meaningful with the men at the shelter, and after talking to them, we realized that art was a way to connect,” Zarou said. “This project has helped integrate these men into the community. We talk to them, hear their stories, and now, when we see them on the street, we wave and we chat. It’s about building relationships and breaking down barriers.”

Riccardo Rodriguez, a formerly homeless man and one of the artists involved in the project, said he was grateful for the opportunity to contribute.

“I was homeless once, so I understand what it’s like,” Rodriguez said. “Even though I have a home now, I still identify with them. Painting on these doors gave me a way to express myself and tell my story.”

The collaboration has been impactful for both the students and the men they work with. Callahan shared that DUO has about 40 participants, with students working on different aspects of the group’s projects throughout the year. Despite the challenges, Callahan said the youth group continues to grow and evolve, driven by a shared sense of purpose.



David Nunez, left and Riccardo Rodriguez worked with members of St. John’s of



Both the youth group members and the artists collaborated to create the central piece of the exhibit.

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Remembering a cherished friendship with Nelson DeMille

The bestselling, superbly gifted novelist Nelson DeMille recently died. The author of 23 books, including 17 bestsellers, DeMille was so much more than a brilliant writer. He was first and foremost an outstanding human being and a loyal friend.

The first book of his that I read was “Cathedral,” in the early 1980s. It was a gripping tale of an attack on the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and St. Patrick’s Cathedral. I was hooked. Among all of DeMille’s books, I found “Gold Coast,” a satiric depiction of Long Island’s North Shore, to be a true classic. My wife, Rosemary,



PETER KING

became an almost obsessive reader of his works.

I didn’t actually meet DeMille until the early 2000s, when I was privileged to be invited to several lunches hosted by Mets owner Fred Wilpon and New York jurist Sol Wachtler at which DeMille was also a guest. I was struck immediately by what a regular guy he was. Totally unassuming and down-to-earth. Humorous. Extremely intelligent, and

knowledgeable on so many topics. Never once telling us how many bestsellers he authored, or mentioning his service in Vietnam as an infantry commander, for which he was awarded a Bronze Star.

Those early gatherings opened the way for lunches, dinners and social gatherings at which Rosemary and I would see Nelson and his wife, Sandy, as well as get-togethers he and I would have with guys we each knew. I distinctly recall the wonderful evening Rosemary and I enjoyed at DeMille’s home, celebrating his 75th birthday with his family and a multitude of friends.

Conversations with him ran the gamut of his varied interests, including dedication to his family and his concern for others. Nothing was more saddening or distressing than when Sandy, a non-smoker, was stricken with lung cancer. The years following her diagnosis in 2014 were marked by peaks of hope, but then by the darkest valley in 2018, when Sandy succumbed after waging a courageous, uncomplaining struggle.

She was an absolute delight to be with. Intelligent and always upbeat. Sandy was the center of her husband’s life. She was especially friendly with

Rosemary, who, in what turned out to be Sandy’s final social event, invited her to a formal congressional lunch in Washington honoring then first lady Melania Trump.

That evening, Sandy joined Rosemary, our daughter, Erin, and me for dinner at a Capitol Hill restaurant, and she was as outgoing and upbeat as ever. Just months later, in September 2018, she died. As devastated as he was, Nelson never showed even the slightest bit of self-pity.

Rosemary and I continued to get together with DeMille and, if anything, our friendship and admiration for him only deepened. More than ever, I realized that, with all his fame and success, he was, at heart, still the blue-collar guy who grew up in Elmont. Though he moved easily with the socially upscale and the movers and shakers, he very much identified with cops, firefighters, construction workers and military veterans. Those were the people who, through guts and dedication, make our nation work with little recognition or acclaim.

DeMille also never left Long Island. His roots were here, and this was where he stayed.

He continued his literary efforts,

writing, as always, in longhand on yellow legal pads, and rushing feverishly to meet his publisher’s deadlines. His final work was “Blood Line,” published in 2023, which he co-wrote with his son, Alex. Last Oct. 11 I had the privilege of moderating a discussion of “Blood Line” with the two of them before a large audience at LIU Post.

Weeks later, on Oct. 28, Rosemary, and I got together with DeMille at the Paramount, in Huntington, at a reception prior to a performance by Bill O’Reilly and Sid Rosenberg. DeMille was in good spirits, and seemed entirely healthy, but that was the last time we were with him. Soon after, he let us know he was being treated for cancer, but was confident all would be well.

This went on for months. On June 6, Rosemary received an email from him, saying he had just one procedure left, and then we’d be getting together for dinner. That was the last we heard from him. Nelson died of esophageal cancer on Sept. 17.

His wake and funeral, attended by hundreds of admirers and friends, were a celebration of a wonderful man of great accomplishment. He will be missed. Nelson DeMille, R.I.P.

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The bestselling author was still the blue-collar guy who grew up in Elmont.

A historic election for all the wrong reasons

This has been a political year like no other in my lifetime. It may be the only year that was dominated by mean-spirited and ugly conduct, all in the name of winning an election. I am not naïve, having run 12 successful campaigns for public office. But the desperate campaign being run



JERRY KREMER

by Donald Trump, in his quest for renewed power, will stand out in the history books for many years to come.

Let’s start with this backdrop. Trump lost the 2020 election by 7 million votes. His years of claims that his success was “stolen” are fake by any measure. He admitted that he was beaten by challenging the election results in Georgia. If you lost an election, why would you be asking the Georgia secretary of state to “find 11,780 votes”? What is sad is that there are millions of Americans who have fallen for that charade.

The second historical event that

taints the Trump re-election effort is the Jan. 6, 2021, riot on Capitol Hill. Trump once told Americans that they shouldn’t believe what they saw with their own eyes. Whether you’re blind or able to see, at Trump’s urging, hundreds of people broke down the doors to the Capitol and destroyed government property, and their actions contributed to the death of five people. That is not my conclusion. It is the findings of countless jurors who heard the facts after weeks and weeks of criminal trials.

And so, with the blemish of a torrent of facts that would undo any re-election effort, Trump commenced his 2024 campaign. He once claimed he would “drain the swamp,” but instead he has created a new swamp by conducting a campaign heavy with racial undertones, vicious personal attacks and attacks on the American court system.

There have been so many vitriolic assaults that it would take more than one column to adequately describe all of them. One of the current ones that deserves public scorn is his attacks on

the Haitian community in Springfield, Ohio. Despite the pleas of the Republican governor of Ohio, the mayor of Springfield and many other elected officials, both Trump and his running

mate, Sen. J.D. Vance, have continued to spread false charges about Haitians eating dogs and cats.

I long ago learned that personal attacks on your opponent don’t get much voter applause. Trump has decided that calling his challenger, Vice President Kamala Harris, “mentally impaired” is a way to get voter support. He also thinks that attacking her appearance is a way to win over skeptical women voters. These tasteless tactics are not the way to get the support of the fast-shrinking independent vote.

One of the winning ways to get voters to be your boosters is to offer solid policy proposals and to give the public a chance to hear your vision for the next 10-plus years. Trump has offered little in way of new ideas, but has Project 2025 as his policy proposal. That 900-plus-page volume, drafted by former officials of his administration, calls for

Donald Trump’s vision of the nation is depressing and false.

dismantling the federal government as we know it and turning it over to pre-screened loyalists who will complete a menu of bureaucratic horrors.

Perhaps the most vexing part of the current Trump effort is his constant harping on what he thinks our country looks like. He describes America as a “failed state.” His vision of the nation is depressing and false. He claims that many thousands of the migrants who have come to America have committed major crimes. Any honest presidential contender would not tear down the country at a time when it wants a leader with a brighter view of the nation.

Obviously, my view of the Trump campaign is not a flattering one. Am I a partisan? I have spent all of my life cultivating relationships with my Republican counterparts, and have succeeded because of our mutual respect. But I draw the line when it comes to Donald Trump. I just don’t think he is the true face of America.

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Calling for fire safety, honoring local volunteers

With Fire Prevention Week — Oct. 6-12 — upon us, it's important to reflect on the significance of fire safety in our communities, and to recognize the extraordinary contributions of the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians who keep us safe.

These men and women are truly local heroes, but they are also neighbors just a phone call away who risk their lives in hazardous situations that include fires and floods. They should never be taken for granted, and this annual observance serves as a reminder that we all have a role to play in preventing fires and responding to emergencies of all kinds.

There are 71 fire departments in Nassau County — 69 all-volunteer, and two with both professionals and volunteers — along with six volunteer ambulance corps that provide fire, technical rescue and emergency medical help, all serving 1.3 million residents. In Suffolk, more than 125 volunteer fire and EMS agencies serve that county's population of more than 1.5 million.

Fire Prevention Week is a nationwide campaign aimed at raising awareness of fire hazards and promoting practices that can save lives. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed it a national observance in 1925 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which devastated much of the city and claimed hundreds of lives.

"Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!" is this year's theme. The goal is to

educate people about the crucial role smoke alarms play in preventing injury and death when a fire breaks out in a home.

Three of every five home fire deaths occur in properties without working smoke alarms, and the risk of dying in a house fire is cut in half when there are functioning alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. This underscores the fact that fire prevention isn't just about avoiding accidents — it's about saving lives.

The American Red Cross also stresses the importance of installing smoke alarms. At the organization's Sound the Alarm events, volunteers install smoke alarms for free. For more information, go to RedCross.org.

Education is paramount, too. Children, adults and seniors benefit from learning how to prevent fires and to respond appropriately if one breaks out. Teaching children not to play with matches, encouraging adults to avoid being distracted while cooking and reminding seniors to be mindful of electrical appliances are just a few essential lessons that can reduce the likelihood of fires.

It's also important to honor the brave people who respond when fires and other emergencies occur. Volunteer firefighters often juggle full-time jobs and family responsibilities, yet they still make time to respond to calls for help — whether it's a house fire, a car accident or a medical emergency.

They undergo extensive training to ensure that they are equipped to handle the myriad dangerous conditions that can arise in an emergency, and they are often the only line of defense when a home catches fire and lives are on the line. It's no wonder that so many people find firefighters' dedication so inspiring.

The same is true for volunteer EMTs, who provide critical care during medical emergencies, administering life-saving treatment before a victim can be transported to a hospital. Their swift action and expertise often mean the difference between life and death.

A former Long Island volunteer firefighter and EMT who continues to serve as a paid paramedic and a New York City police officer explained why he became a first responder.

"I wanted to participate in something that allowed me to help my neighbors at their most vulnerable points in life, while also providing me with valuable life experience and training," he told the Herald. "The fire department put me on a path to serve the people and communities that I live and work in, as well as (having) a second family I know would come to my aid should my family or I need it."

We strongly urge you to be there for your local fire department's next fundraiser or open house, salute the volunteers at their next holiday parade and, if you're able, consider becoming one of them.

LETTERS

Letter writer defending D'Esposito was 'splitting hairs'

To the Editor:

In his letter last week, "Is D'Esposito vulnerable to a House probe?" Christopher Kane complained that the Herald owes Congressman Anthony D'Esposito an apology for an article about the hiring of his mistress and the daughter of his fiancée that was headlined "D'Esposito faces ethics probe over hiring." Kane argued, in part, that D'Esposito didn't violate any ethics rules because he wasn't married to his fiancée.

However, according to a Sept. 23 article in The New York Times, "The House code of conduct prohibits members of Congress from employing spouses or relatives, including stepchildren. Though Mr. D'Esposito has never married, congressional ethics experts said that employing a woman akin to his stepdaughter, who shared a home with him, could breach the requirement that members of Congress 'adhere to the spirit and the letter of the rules.'"

The Times article continued, "A separate provision adopted in the wake of the #MeToo movement explicitly states that lawmakers 'may not engage in a sexual relationship with any employee of the House who works



under the supervision of the member."

Although D'Esposito was not married to his fiancée, with whom he was

allegedly cohabiting, it appears that in his letter, Kane was doing nothing more than splitting hairs!

Lastly, while he criticizes Laura

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Blakeman's actions bring serious risks for first responders

In recent months, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman has pursued a number of controversial measures that, in addition to likely being unconstitutional, bring with them a number of unintended consequences that will negatively impact our police and first responders.



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The most glaring of those actions is Blakeman's provisional emergency special deputy sheriff program. Known more commonly as the "militia," this misguided initiative has sparked tremendous concern in a number of local police departments. Even as the first classes of "militia" cadets have now graduated and are in the process of being activated, our concerns about their training, how they will be identified, and how and when these "deputies" can and will be deployed remain unaddressed by the Blakeman administration, which continues to stonewall

the County Legislature's Democratic minority and the public.

The Republican majority's public mask ban, which Blakeman eagerly signed into law, is another piece of legislation that puts our police officers in highly precarious situations. Under this measure, it's up to an officer to determine the "intent" of a person wearing a mask. This would expose our officers to thorny constitutional and medical privacy issues under the Fifth Amendment and HIPAA laws. Moreover, there's the risk that a sick person could feel pressured to remove their mask, thereby exposing the officers and the public to Covid or some other airborne disease.

To address concerns about constitutionality and practicality, the minority caucus proposed a more narrowly tailored mask law — the Masked Crime Accountability Act — that would reduce the burden on our law enforcement officers by focusing specifically on punishing those who use masks while committing crimes. While our bill is a clearer

deterrent to crime, the Republican majority pushed through its version of the law without considering public concerns or the potential consequences.

For both of these measures, there is the issue of how effectively they can be enforced, if at all. The same goes for Blakeman's banning of transgender female athletes using county sports facilities, which, like the mask ban, is being challenged in court. How is an officer, having been called to one of the situations created by these laws, expected to proceed? How rigorously should an officer attempt to verify someone's claim that they qualify for an exemption under the mask ban? How can an officer navigate a heated confrontation over claims that a young athlete is violating the ban on trans athletes? Are we going to start interrogating athletes over their gender identity? It's all a recipe for disaster, and even more lawsuits against the county — litigation that you, the taxpayer, will end up footing the bill for.

With budget season now upon us, I

believe it is essential to analyze these controversial measures through another lens — police overtime. When we consider possible impacts on law enforcement professionals, we must factor in how these measures could further burden our officers and increase their workloads — especially as we ponder other proposals that could elevate overtime costs. Before the county clears the way for a casino or any other major development or legislative initiative that could be a significant driver of overtime, we would be wise to commission a thorough evaluation.

Specific to the casino, initial projections of \$1.8 million being sufficient to cover the resulting overtime — which is just one quarter of 1 percent of our current overtime budget — seem far-fetched. A rigorous review would go a long way toward revealing the true and accurate costs, so that law enforcement agencies serving not only the county, but also its cities and villages, can budget wisely and gear their training resources toward addressing every one of these new endeavors.

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton represents Nassau County's 11th Legislative District and is the minority leader of the Legislature.

LETTERS

Gillen, who "identifies as a Catholic," apparently Kane is not that troubled by D'Esposito's reported affair with a married woman (which ended her marriage) while he was engaged to someone else.

Do we really want to be represented by someone who is so ethically challenged?

ROBERT TOLLE
Cedarhurst

Abortion rights must be enshrined in N.Y.'s Constitution

To the Editor:

I was unclear about Proposition 1, and my concern grew when I learned that women in states with abortion bans are dying. I wondered if New York's abortion laws could withstand the radical extremists influencing our Supreme Court, Congress and potentially the White House. Despite Republican assurances against a national abortion ban, I remain skeptical, especially since the Supreme Court previously deemed *Roe v. Wade* settled law.

Moreover, the GOP made no effort to block the proposed ban on the abortion pill. While an outright abortion ban may not be imminent, without enshrining abortion rights in New York's Constitution, it's plausible that there will be attempts to erode women's rights gradu-

ally. For these reasons, it's crucial to condemn the fear-mongering falsehoods spread by the radical right about the ballot initiative and to vote "yes" on Proposition 1.

STEPHANIE CAPUANO
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Now Trump will approve the SALT deduction?

To the Editor:

Then-President Donald Trump and the Republicans limited our income tax deduction for state and local taxes. For two years the Republicans have controlled the House, so why haven't Congressman Anthony D'Esposito and the MAGA Republicans in the House introduced legislation to give us back our SALT deductions?

Now, in a desperate attempt to help D'Esposito keep his House seat, Trump comes to New York and tells us he's going to give us back the SALT deduction. He'll do that right after he finishes building the wall and Mexico pays for it. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.

It won't be all bad when D'Esposito loses the election. His friends in the Town of Hempstead will give him a good job.

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