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City Council passes \$65M spending plan

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In a 5-1 vote on Tuesday, the Glen Cove City Council passed the \$65.4 million budget for 2025, which includes the first property tax increase in three years. Homeowners will see a 1.9 percent rise in their tax bill, roughly \$55 more for homes assessed at \$575,000 and \$64 for homes valued at \$1 million.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck defended the tax increase, citing a \$279,000 increase in the tax levy that is necessary to cover the city's growing expenses.

"As much as we do not want to raise taxes, at some point we have to," Panzenbeck said, pointing to increases in pension contributions, health insurance and city contracts. "Just like in our homes, everything has gone up," she added.

The city's 2025 budget is \$2 million larger than

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With focus on breast cancer, Connolly students walk

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A vibrant wave of pink-clad elementary students from Connolly Elementary School filled the streets of Glen Cove on Oct. 17. Their small footsteps echoed a large message of hope and solidarity. Hand in hand, they walked with purpose, carrying signs and wearing handmade bracelets, not only raising funds but also symbolizing support for those battling breast cancer.

The annual breast cancer awareness walk-a-thon, organized by the Connolly Student Council, with the guidance of

advisers Susan Stanco and Nancy Gorman, was a resounding success. The students raised a total of \$1,600, which will go to Glen Cove Cares and the American Cancer Society. This year's fundraising surpassed last year's total of \$1,000.

"This collective expression of hope and positivity takes something that is genuinely quite intimidating and scary, and shows that when we work together and we have a common cause, that we can have an impact and that we can lift each other up," Connolly Principal Bryce Klatsky said after the event.

One participant, fifth-grader Mackenzie Alessandro, with the help of a few friends, spent weeks during recess crafting pink bracelets to sell in support of breast cancer research. Her efforts raised \$600.

"I wanted to help people who have breast cancer and raise money to find a cure," Mackenzie said, adding, "I learned that a little help goes a long way."

Klatsky couldn't have been prouder of Mackenzie and the rest of the student walkers. "Mackenzie came to us," he said. "Nobody went to her and said, 'Hey, do you have any ideas for how to raise addition-

al funds or raise awareness?' For a fifth-grader to take it upon herself to figure out how she can help improve other people's lives — it's the pinnacle of what we hope for our students in terms of their self-advocacy and civic engagement."

Breast cancer awareness is particularly important on Long Island, where rates of the dis-

ease are higher than in most other parts of the country. According to the New York State Cancer Registry, Nassau County's breast cancer incidence rate between 2017 and 2021 was 146.8 per 100,000 women, higher than both the state and national averages.

For the first time this year,

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OBITUARY

Mamiekate Willett

Mamiekate Willett, 85, of Glen Cove, died on Oct. 11. Beloved mother of Pamela Hubbard and the late Lee; loving grandmother of Londell Hubbard (Lisa); cherished great-grandmother of Londell (Brianna), Tyrese and Tymell;

adored great-great-grandmother of Kyle and London. Ms. Willett was a founding member of Salem Baptist Church. She loved to garden. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Lorraine F. Pileri

Lorraine F. Pileri, 86, of Lattingtown, died on Oct. 11. Beloved wife of the late James; loving mother of Lauren and James (Barbara); cherished grand-

mother of Sabrina, Sara, Sophia and Samantha. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Ana Ruth Espinoza

Ana Ruth Espinoza, 51, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 29. Beloved daughter of Maria and Miguel; loving mother of Gerson and Tania; dear sister of Caroli-

na and Elmer. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Carla E. Abbondandolo

Carla E. Abbondandolo, 81, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 27. Beloved wife of Joseph; loving mother of Angela (the late Gregg), Joseph (Kathy), William, Thomas (Donna) and the late Geraldine (the late Curtis); dear sister of Kay (the late Beca), Angela (Eddie), Renee (John), Peter, the

late Theresa (the late Russell) and the late Carl "Sparky"; cherished grandmother of Brendan, Joseph, Nicholas, JohnPaul, Christopher, Timmy, Bryan and Mariah; adored great-grandmother of 3. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Lee H. Oak

Lee H. Oak, 76, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 26. Beloved husband of Joanne; loving father of Richard and Julia (Gaetano); cherished grandfather of Chloe, Enzo, Anais, Charlotte, Phoenix, Romeo, Luna and Logan; dear brother of

Pak Oak Sun, Pak Yang Ji and Pak Chun Ja. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Lee loved his family, was an avid golfer and loved the outdoors. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Michael R. Rubin

Michael R. Rubin, 89, of Glen Cove, died on Oct. 4. Beloved husband of Barbara K; loving father of Stacey Barnett (Phil), Nancy Acerenza (James), Mailien Kirby, Sumitra, Bruce and Laura Miller

(Todd); cherished grandfather of Jordan, Jacob, Alexa, Hanna, Ozzie and Wyatt. Dubin was a Vietnam Veteran. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Tommaso Moccia

Tommaso Moccia, 98, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 29. Beloved husband of Lidia; loving father of Nicola (Teresa) and Filippo (Susan); dear brother of Antonietta (the late Angelo) and Elena (the late Lester); cherished grandfather

of Lidia, Tommaso, Maria, Lidia and Thomas; adored great-grandfather of Luca, Emma, Milo, Zoey, Andres and Frankie. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Margarita Mihali,

Margarita Mihali, 70, of Astoria, and formerly of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 29. Beloved wife of Nasi; loving mother of Marina Papa (Vasilis) and Enri; dear sister of Lazaros Goga, Vasilika Kola,

Kristaq Goga, Sotiris Goga and the late Konstanine Goga; cherished grandmother of Sotiris, Thanasi and Mathew. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

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Cove Animal Rescue celebrates “Cattober”

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Cove Animal Rescue is hosting a unique Halloween-themed event, aptly named “Cattober.” On Oct. 27, from noon to 3 p.m., the shelter at 40 Shore Road will transform into a festive, spooky haven for animal lovers, all in support of the cats and dogs that call Cove their temporary home.

But the event isn’t all about kittens and cats. There will be a garage sale, a bake sale, and raffles, all aimed at raising funds for the shelter. Cove is always in need of supplies—laundry detergent, bleach, and cleaning products—but more urgently, the funds will help cover mounting medical bills. Recently, one of the shelter’s dogs required emergency surgery after swallowing something during a walk, costing \$1,500. A highlight of the event will be the “Haunted Cat Suites,” a whimsical twist on Halloween that allows visitors to tour the shelter’s cat colony. These suites aren’t just a holiday spectacle—they are part of the shelter’s cage-free colony, where cats live in comfort, complete with skylights, cozy perches, and access to a screened-in outdoor space.

Behind the festive decorations and cheerful activities, Cove Animal Rescue is a place where stories of survival and second chances unfold daily. Walk into the shelter on any given day, and you’re likely to hear the soft mews of kittens tucked in cozy corners, some no bigger than the palm of your hand. These kittens, many of them rescued from the streets, often come in sick and malnourished, left outside to fend for themselves. Diane Connolly, the rescue’s

manager and self-proclaimed adoption “guru,” knows all too well the challenges these little ones face.

“We recently took in a group of kittens that were very sick,” Connolly explains. “They were so young, and it’s that time of year when the temperature starts to drop, and people find them huddled outside, barely surviving.”

And while the shelter may be decorated for Halloween, the real magic happens in the quiet moments when these animals, once abandoned, begin to trust again.

Children and adults alike can get creative by painting mini cat-themed pumpkins and browse through a garage sale and a bake sale, both of which aim to raise essential funds for the shelter.

All proceeds will go toward covering medical expenses, cleaning supplies, and food for the animals.

The organization is also doing its part to combat Long Island’s growing feral cat population. Through their spay and neuter program, Glen Cove residents can receive certificates to have feral cats in their neighborhood sterilized for free at participating veterinarians. This program is critical in controlling the population and preventing the overwhelming number of cats that can result from unchecked breeding.

Those interested in adopting or supporting Cove Animal Rescue can find more information, including their donation wish list, at coveanimalrescue.org.



Photos courtesy Alyssa Kelly

A playful black-and-white cat enjoys the Halloween decor, ready to meet visitors at Cove Animal Rescue’s “Cattober” celebration.



A relaxed cat lounges among festive Halloween decorations, ready to charm visitors at Cove Animal Rescue’s “Cattober” event.



A curious cat investigates a spooky Halloween display in the festive “Haunted Cat Suites” at Cove Animal Rescue.



A sleek black cat explores the Halloween-themed decorations at Cove Animal Rescue’s “Cattober,” ready to greet visitors for a festive day of fun.

Norris celebrated for shaping school choral

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For over two decades, Edward P. Norris III has served as the Director of Choral Music at Glen Cove High School, conducting the Select Chorale and Mixed Chorus. His leadership has led to performances at esteemed venues such as Carnegie Hall, the White House, and St. Peter's Basilica. Beyond these achievements, Norris is celebrated for his profound impact on students, fostering personal growth and unity through music.

"He knows every kid intimately—he knows their fears, their challenges, and he advocates for every one of them as if they were his own child," remarked former English teacher Sally Zwiebach. This sentiment is also echoed by Isabella Smith, a senior in the choral program, who shared her transformative experience under Norris's guidance: "Between my freshman and sophomore year, I had no intention of singing again... But then I saw the Select Chorale perform, and it was like this power that just shined from within. I knew I needed to be a part of it."

Norris's dedication to his students has been recognized by the Friends of Arts and Music Enrichment GC, a nonprofit established by alumni in 2020 to honor educators who have significantly contributed to the arts.

Norris was added to the prestigious Tree of Inspiration, an art installation in the school's lobby that celebrates the district's most influen-

tial arts teachers. "I don't feel worthy of this, but I'm so honored," Norris humbly stated. "Without the children, there is no music. They make it all worth it."

FAME GC Vice-President Beth A. Corets, a Glen Cove High School alumna, emphasized the importance of preserving the legacy of beloved teachers like Norris and Dale Zurbrick, for whom FAME GC was initially founded. "We were intent on finding a way to honor [Zurbrick's] legacy and steward all the lessons he taught us for the next group of high school and middle school students," Corets explained.

As part of its mission to enrich arts education, FAME GC has launched a master class series aimed at exposing students to the wide range of career opportunities in the arts. The inaugural master class will be led by Al Gough, co-writer of Beetlejuice and co-creator of Wednesday, who will share his experiences in the entertainment industry. "I wish I had someone to ask questions when I was their age," Gough said. "It's important to expose students to the various opportunities that a career in the arts can offer."

Norris's influence extends far beyond music education; he instills in students a sense of community, resilience, and self-belief. As Zwiebach noted, "He's teaching much more than just music." Through his unwavering commitment, Norris has become a cornerstone of Glen Cove's artistic community, inspiring countless students to pursue their passions and harmonize their voices, both on and off the stage.

He's teaching much more than just music

SALLY ZWIEBACH

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Photos courtesy Steve Smith

Isabella Smith was inspired by Ed Norris to join the school's choir.

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Estate Planning for the Estranged Child (Part Two)

Last week, we wrote about having compassion for the estranged son or daughter married to the narcissist when considering leaving an inheritance. But what about leaving an inheritance to the estranged child who is not in this situation.

The reasons for estrangement are as different as are families. As Tolstoy famously remarked, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way".

One of the keys to resolving what to leave the estranged child is determining who in the family are they estranged from and for how long and for what reasons (if known). Sometimes they are estranged from only one parent and the other parent does not wish to see that child disinherited. Sometimes they are estranged from the parents but not their siblings — or some but not all of their siblings. It's complicated. Often, hope springs eternal that the estranged son or daughter will come back into the fold.

In cases like these we like to use a technique

we call "Schedule A". Generally, in a trust or a will, you will find the dispositive provisions, i.e. who you are leaving it to and in what amounts, somewhere in the middle of the document. When you amend the trust, or prepare a codicil to the will, you may legally change your wishes. Nevertheless, all of the parties can see what it was before and what the change was. For example, if you left someone out and now you are putting them back in, they will clearly see that they were left out before, and vice versa!

To avoid the hurt, confusion and possible litigation that these emotionally fraught situations may engender, we recommend using a "Schedule A" to the trust. Here, in the body of the trust we state that the wishes are provided in "Schedule A" annexed hereto which may be replaced from time to time with the same formalities as the execution of the trust. Now, when a change is made we destroy the old "Schedule A" replacing with the new one avoiding hurt feelings and misunderstandings.

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Drainage work on Glenwood Road

Nassau County has initiated drainage improvement work along Glenwood Road in Roslyn Harbor, just north of Bryant Avenue, expected to last two to three weeks. Motorists should anticipate periodic lane closures and detours, and are advised to plan alternate routes to avoid delays. This project is part of ongoing infrastructure upgrades in District 11, including recent drainage enhancements near North Shore High School

and milling and repaving Scudders Lane. Earlier this year, the Nassau County Legislature approved nearly \$15 million for sewer system upgrades, including the rehabilitation of pump stations in Glen Head and Glen Cove. County officials stress that these investments are essential for improving the safety and functionality of local roads and sewer systems.

—Roksana Amid

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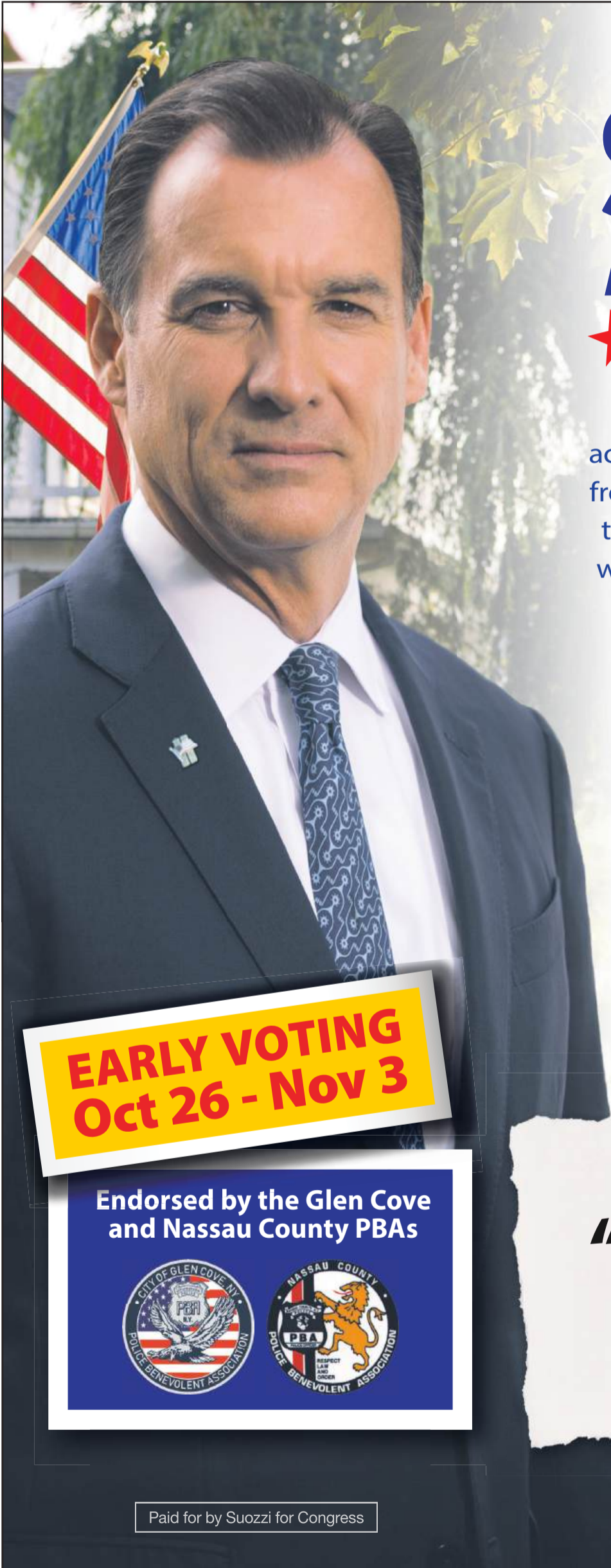
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Students, staff, and community members from Connolly Elementary proudly walk through the neighborhood during their pink-themed walk-a-thon to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

Connolly students unite to fight cancer

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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On October 17, students from Connolly Elementary School in Glen Cove participated in a vibrant pink-themed walk-a-thon to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research, successfully raising \$1,600 for Glen Cove

Cares and the American Cancer Society. The event, organized by the Student Council and led by advisors Susan Stanco and Nancy Gorman, marked a significant increase from last year's fundraising total. Fifth-grader Mackenzie Alessandro made a notable contribution by selling handmade pink bracelets, raising \$600.



Students and staff from Connolly Elementary walk proudly in a pink-themed walk-a-thon to raise breast cancer awareness and support.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Smiling and wearing pink to support a noble cause.



Smiling students from Mrs. Buehre's class proudly hold their hand-decorated signs during Connolly Elementary's walk-a-thon to support breast cancer awareness.



Many proudly held signs reading "Faith, Hope, Believe" while participating in Connolly Elementary's walk-a-thon to support breast cancer awareness.

Roksana Amid/Herald

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Disappearing Act

Dear Great Book Guru, *Sea Cliff* is so beautiful at this time of year - well it's beautiful every season of the year, but the old Victorians give an especially awesome, eerie feeling during the Fall. I'm looking for a really good book that evokes that sense of mystery and autumnal wonder. Thoughts?

Falling for Sea Cliff

Dear Falling for Sea Cliff, I just finished the perfect book for you: "The God of the Woods" by Liz Moore. Set in an Adirondacks camp owned by a very wealthy family, the novel recounts the disappearance of a young camper in August 1975.

The story is told from the perspectives of seven people: the parents, various campers, counselors, and the young detective assigned to the case. The family employs most of the townspeople so there is an uneasy alliance between the two groups.

The novel goes back and forth from the fifties to 1975 - where the story opens. Barbara, daughter of the wealthy VanLaar Family, is missing from her bunk - fourteen years before her eight-year-old brother disappeared and was never found.



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The remainder of the book traces the impact these events have on three worlds: the opulent summer community, the camp which exists in its shadow, and the working-class townspeople who serve both worlds.

This is much more than a simple thriller - it is a complex study of character, sociological impact, and history of the times.

It appears on many Best Books of the Year lists, including Barak Obama's Summer Reading List. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

■ A 36-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Oct. 18 for driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with .08 percent of 1 percent alcohol or more in his blood and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage on Titus Road.

■ An 18-year-old Port Washington man was arrested on Oct. 18 for driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage on Pratt Blvd.

■ A 25-year-old undomiciled man was arrested on Oct. 17 for disorderly conduct on Coles Street.

■ A 28-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Oct. 16 for aggravated family offense and criminal contempt on Pearsall Avenue.

■ A 30-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Oct. 15 for unlawfully fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle and reckless driving on Carpenter Street.

■ A 31-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Oct. 12 for aggravated

unlicensed operation, circumventing an interlock to operate a motor vehicle without a device, failing to stop at a stop sign and equipment violation on Coles Street.

■ A 44-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance on Hazel Street.

■ A 62-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs on Crescent Beach Road.

■ A 57-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on Oct. 12 for criminal possession of a weapon, assault and criminal mischief on Barry Drive.

■ On October 10, A 23-year-old Flushing woman was arrested for grand larceny on Cleveland Place.

■ On October 6, A 44-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested for aggravated driving while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated, operating a motor vehicle with 0.08 of 1 percent of alcohol or more in blood on Landing Road.

People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.

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Kaiserman's journey to Senate campaign

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Kim Kaiserman, a former teacher and education advocate, is running for the State Senate, bringing with her the energy of grass-roots activism and a deep connection to the people of Long Island.

Her foray into politics was born out of frustration and determination. What began as a call to action to hold disgraced Congressman George Santos accountable for his actions turned into an 11-month ground-level effort that ultimately reshaped her political perspective. Kaiserman found herself at rallies, speaking at news conferences and engaging with people who shared her concerns about representation in government.

"It really got me thinking about the importance of representation in our democracy," Kaiserman said. "I realized that we don't have as strong a voice in the New York State Senate as we need to be fully represented in Albany." From there her campaign for state office began, fueled by a desire to ensure that Long Island communities are properly heard.

Knocking on doors across the district, Kaiserman consistently hears about one pressing issue: affordability. Residents, she said, feel squeezed by the high cost of living, particularly housing and taxes. Families worry about their ability to retire and stay on the Island, and many question whether their children will be able to afford to return after attending college.

As a former educator, she also has a unique perspective on the importance of area schools. "People care deeply about making sure that Long Island's public schools remain top-notch," she said. "For many, that's why they moved here in the first place." Kaiserman's background in curriculum development and public-school advocacy has made education a central focus of her campaign. She's a firm believer in ensuring that schools are supported not just financially, but also



Will Sheeline/ Herald

Kim Kaiserman, a former teacher, is challenging State Sen. Jack Martins in the 7th District.

through policies that allow teachers and students to thrive, particularly after the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Reproductive rights are another priority for Kaiserman, who has been vocal about the need for vigilance in protecting those rights in New York. "We cannot be complacent," she said. She often reminds voters about Proposition 1 on the ballot, urging them to turn their ballots over and make sure their voices are heard on this critical issue. In her view, reproductive care extends beyond the right to abortion; Kaiserman sees an urgent need to address New York's rising maternal

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mortality rate, which disproportionately affects women of color. She hopes to work across party lines through the bipartisan Pro-Choice Caucus to tackle the issue.

Living near Baxter's Pond in Port Washington, she regularly witnesses the impact of environmental neglect, from plastic pollution to flooding on local roads. Her Seven-Point Environmental Plan outlines her priorities, including improving water quality and protecting vulnerable infrastructure.

"We are on the front lines of climate change," Kaiserman said, emphasizing the need for proactive solutions, such as mapping areas at risk of flooding and improving Long Island's mass transit system. She sees environmental issues as something that should unite Long Islanders. "The environment is a centrist issue," she said. "We all care about the future of our drinking water."

When it comes to public safety, Kaiserman strikes a balance between supporting law enforcement and addressing the root causes of crime, such as poverty and a lack of job opportunities. She's quick to point out the disparity between Nassau and Suffolk counties when it comes to enforcing red flag laws intended to disarm potentially dangerous people.

"Suffolk County issued over 1,700 extreme-risk protection orders last year," she said, "while Nassau County issued just 28." She plans to push for better training and education on the use of these life-saving laws in Nassau, believing that with the right policies, lives can be saved.

Martins focuses on challenges of life on L.I.

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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State Sen. Jack Martins began his political career at the local level, serving as a trustee in Mineola in 2002 before being elected mayor in 2003. Throughout his career, he has focused on local issues — particularly taxes, infrastructure and education — and now, as he runs for another term in the Senate, his message is clear: the cost of living and quality of life on Long Island are his top priorities.

"It's expensive to live in New York state, and in recent years it's gotten even worse," Martins said. "Whether it's shopping for groceries or simply paying property taxes, people are feeling squeezed from all sides." He highlighted the sharp increase in state spending — up nearly \$70 billion in the past eight years — as a main cause, and emphasized the need to rein in government spending and allow people to keep more of their money.

"Government should not be taxing people to the extent that it is," he said, stressing his commitment to cutting taxes wherever possible.

Martins also sees housing as a major part of the affordability problem. Long Island, he noted, has a shortage of rental housing, particularly for younger people and empty-nesters looking to downsize. He praised towns like Glen Cove, Patchogue and Farmingdale for their efforts to build up their downtowns with more affordable rental options.

"We don't have the same percentage of rental housing stock that other areas like Westchester do," he said, "and that needs to change if we want to keep young people and retirees on Long Island."



Will Sheeline/ Herald

Jack Martins, who has served in the Senate since 2011, is concerned about his constituents' cost of living.

The migrant crisis and its impact on local communities are exacerbated by what Martins views as a lack of accountability on the part of New York City officials. "The city put out a welcome mat, and now the rest of the state is paying for it," he said, referring to spending to support migrants. He believes resources should instead be allocated to local priorities like education and public safety.

Crime is another area of concern for Martins, especially the rise in quality-of-life crimes like burglaries and catalytic converter thefts. "We live in what's been called the safest county in the country, but that doesn't mean people aren't worried about crime," he said, calling for tougher penalties for illegal gun possession. "We have some of the strictest gun laws in the country, but we're not enforcing them effectively when it comes to illegal guns."

School safety also remains a priority for Martins, especially in light of recent bomb and gun threats. He acknowledged the investments that have been made to harden school security, but he stressed the need for continuous vigilance and improved mental health services. "The common denominator in many school shootings is mental health," he said. "We need to make sure people get the care they need before a tragedy happens."

Martins believes we must modernize Long Island's water infrastructure to cope with increased rainfall and population density. Many local drainage systems were built decades ago, he said, and are no longer equipped to handle the volume of water they now receive. "It's a systemic problem, and every level of government — local, state and federal — needs to be part of the solution," he said. Martins also expressed concern about the long-term health of Long Island's sole-source aquifer, urging stronger educational efforts to raise awareness about pollution and water conservation.

He believes, he said, in a balanced approach to taking on these challenges. "We need to get back to basics," he said. "If we can control spending, make smart investments in infrastructure and protect our quality of life, Long Island will continue to be a great place to live and raise a family."

Hundreds attend Herald Senior Health Expo

Oceanside's O'Connell Gardens hosts fourth highly anticipated event in series of 2024 gatherings

By Alexa Anderwkavich

The O'Connell Gardens in Oceanside welcomed eager attendees for the Herald's Senior Health & Beyond Expo, produced by RichnerLIVE, on October 10 — the fourth in a series of exciting Expos for 2024.

The Expo is a community-loved event where diverse businesses and innovative services share their products and refined knowledge with Long Islanders.

"We are so thrilled with the turnout today — over 400 attendees!" stated Amy Amato, Executive Director at RichnerLIVE. "It offers valuable opportunities for companies and guests to learn, engage, and access essential screenings, benefitting both attendees and businesses. And we are so excited to expand this expo to Suffolk next month on Nov. 3."

Over 45 vendors offering health, wellness, and personal care insights filled the hall. They provided guidance on enhancing lifestyle through new products and programs, as well as advice on senior living arrangements, financial security, and more.

Guests received free flu and COVID vaccines, courtesy of Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation and free COVID test kits from Nassau County Executive Bruce Blake-man's office.

Before noon, guests sat down for a panel discussion to hear experts discuss various topics, including consumer assistance programs and preparing for winter, advanced care directives, Medicaid asset protection trusts and estate planning, and the FCA Ombudsman Program. Guests also experienced an incredible segment from Mae Caime, CEO of aMAEzing Midlife & Beyond, called "Ageless Attitude," — which got the crowd stretching and in motion!

"Never disappoints!" Caime said. "I love getting the crowd moving and grooving!"

Attendees received a goody bag — courtesy of Giftbag Sponsors Grandell Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Beach Terrace Care Center and Oceanside Care Center — filled with the special-event section, keepsakes and vital take-home information. At the end, the first 150 attendees also received a free to-go lunch provided by O'Connell Gardens and raffles winners were announced!

The Expo was made possible thanks to Silver Sponsors New York Department of Public Service, Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, Centerlight Healthcare PACE and Long Beach Nursing & Rehabilitation Center (Cassena Care).

Guests and vendors are looking forward to the fifth and final expo of the year, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Suffolk Y JCC, at 74 Hauppauge Road in Commack, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Pablo Rendon and team of the Parker Jewish Institute for Healthcare and Rehabilitation.



Guests of the Expo enjoying their mindset, movement, and magic class guided by Mae Caime.

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Alison Fenech, of the Long Beach Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, at the podium.



Speaker Daniel Miller, of Miller and Miller Law Group, with his wife.



A representative of the Oceanside Care Center with a vendor display.



Mae Caime, event host and CEO of aMAEzing Midlife and Beyond.



NYS Department of Public Service Utility Consumer Program Specialist Xenia Vega, right, and Jill Wasser.



A representative of Beach Terrace Care Center at its exhibitor table.



A representative of Silver Lining Home Care.



Kim Accardi and a colleague from FCA NYS Office of the State Long Term Care Ombudsman program.

Haunting Halloween homes in Glen Cove

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By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Decorating homes for Halloween has its roots in ancient Celtic traditions, particularly the festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and carve turnips to ward off spirits. Over time, these practices evolved, especially in the U.S., where Halloween decorations became more elaborate and festive, incorporating carved pumpkins, spooky lights, skeletons, and eerie scenes to create a sense of mystery and fun. Today, transforming homes into haunted houses or whimsical pumpkin patches has become a beloved tradition, bringing communities together and sparking joy for both decorators and trick-or-treaters alike. The creativity and playfulness of Halloween decorations offer an exciting opportunity for people of all ages to express their spooky side and embrace the lighthearted thrills of the season.



Roksana Amid photos

This house is transformed into a haunted masterpiece with towering werewolves, skeletons, and ghostly figures ready to greet trick-or-treaters.



This spooky passenger is ready for a haunting cruise in style.



Step into the ultimate haunted yard, complete with dragons, witches, and a glowing pumpkin archway.



A fright-filled front yard! This Halloween display is packed with spooky creatures, tombstones, and ghoulish fun for all to see.



This yard is crawling with giant skeletons, spooky spiders, and ghostly ghouls ready for Halloween.

Concerns over 'optimistic' spending plan

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the current spending plan, an increase of 3.11 percent. It includes a hike of \$577,000 in mandated contributions to the state's local retirement system, and increases of \$538,000 in full-time employee salaries and \$515,000 in health care premiums. Part-time employee wages are also set to rise by \$115,330, in city departments such as Emergency Medical Services, the Youth Bureau and the Senior Center.

Despite the rising costs, the budget anticipates reduced severance expenses and tax refunds, offsetting some of the increases.

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who voted against the budget, voiced skepticism about revenue projections, particularly the city's continued reliance on expected payments from RXR Realty. The developer, which is constructing 346 luxury condos along the Garvies Point waterfront, had previously agreed to payments in lieu of taxes, but construction delays have led to a shortfall. Glen Cove officials had anticipated \$1.14 million in PILOT revenue in 2024 and \$1.17 million in 2025, but RXR has not made the payments, and there is no timeline for the completion of the

condos.

"Several of the revenues just seem a little too optimistic," Silverman said. "With the lack of income from PILOTs from the Garvies Point waterfront, I was hopeful that we could find other revenue streams to fill the gap, instead of just having new revenue streams that are

really alternate forms of taxes." She was referring to upcoming water surcharges and a contract with Pipe-logix for the planned sewer lateral program, which, while not directly labeled as taxes, still places a financial burden on residents.

As much as we do not want to raise taxes, at some point we have to.

PAMELA PANZENBECK
Mayor

Silverman's concerns were echoed by Councilman John Zozoro, who supported the budget but acknowledged being uneasy about two key revenue projections: an expected \$700,000 in fees from the Bus Patrol stop-arm program, and \$2.1 million in Building Department permits.

Zozoro noted that other municipalities have seen mixed results from similar stop-arm programs, and building permit revenue can be unpredictable depending on development projects.

"We continue to look for additional revenue streams," Panzenbeck said, adding that each year of her adminis-



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The city's 2025 budget is \$2 million larger than the current spending plan, an increase of 3.11 percent.

tration has presented budgetary challenges. "We've worked very hard to achieve a positive result, and we are going to continue to work with that energy. We never stop looking for additional revenue."

One of the significant increases in the spending plan is a 2.9 percent boost in police salaries, bringing the total to \$9.1 million, nearly \$255,000 more than the current year. Pension contributions for the police are also set to rise by 15 percent, to \$3.3 million, up from \$2.9 million this year. The city anticipates a substantial increase in EMS ambulance billing revenue due to a higher volume of calls and a broader mix of services provided.

The shadow of RXR Realty's delayed PILOT payments looms large over the spending plan. With a total loss of \$2.32 million in expected payments for 2024 and 2025, the city faces a significant revenue gap that will be challenging to close without additional streams of income. Panzenbeck is hopeful that conservative revenue estimates and continued efforts to attract development will help the city navigate its fiscal challenges in the coming year.

City officials are pledging to monitor revenues closely in the new year, and make adjustments if needed. But as Silverman pointed out, "I cannot operate on hope. We need solid, reliable revenue streams, not overly optimistic ones."



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Anzai challenges in 13th Assembly District

By ROKSANA AMID

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Ruka Anzai, an information technology engineer and an immigrant from Japan, is running for seat in the 13th Assembly District for the second time. After an unsuccessful first campaign in 2022, Anzai is back, more determined than ever to address the pressing concerns of her community. The Jericho resident brings a unique perspective shaped by her immigrant experience and a deep-seated belief in reforming policies focusing on immigration, safety and education.

Anzai's personal journey is central to her campaign. She arrived in the United States in 2006 seeking better opportunities, working her way through the lengthy and challenging immigration process before becoming a U.S. citizen in 2019. The experience has given her a strong sense of what fair immigration should look like. Anzai believes that current policies favor illegal immigrants, allowing them to bypass the legal process that she and many others had to endure. This, she feels, is unfair to both legal immigrants and taxpayers who are footing the bill for programs supporting undocumented migrants.

"Most of my voters' concerns (with) illegal immigrants (who) came to this country (are that) we provide them money," she said in often halting English. "Education safety and those illegal immigrants that committed violent crime(s) is definitely their concern."

A key issue driving Anzai's campaign is public safety. She is critical of the 2019 cashless bail law, which, she argues, has allowed dangerous criminals to be released back into communities, increasing crime and leaving residents feeling unsafe. Anzai believes that lenient bail policies undermine neighborhoods' security, and she emphasizes the need for stricter measures to keep violent offenders off the streets.



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Originally from Japan, Ruka Anzai has focused her campaign on immigration, safety and education.

Education is another focus of her platform, informed by her experience as a mother of a high school student. She is particularly concerned about the introduction of topics like sex education and gender identity to young children in schools. Anzai believes that parents should have more control over what their children are taught, especially when it comes to sensitive subjects. She advocates for a stronger emphasis on core academic subjects.

Anzai supports Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman's Mask Transparency Act, which makes it illegal to wear a mask to concealing one's identity in

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public.

Though she lost her first bid for office, Anzai remains undeterred. Her resolve has only strengthened, as she feels the issues she is championing are more important than ever. Drawing on her background in IT, she approaches problem-solving with efficiency and practicality, qualities she believes are lacking in current government.

Her campaign also focuses on reducing taxes and cutting ineffective programs. She aims to eliminate costly initiatives, such as the sanctuary city policies she believes are diverting taxpayer dollars away from critical services for legal residents. She also opposes congestion pricing for drivers entering New York City, which she views as an unnecessary financial burden on residents.

If elected, Anzai plans to push for more resources for law enforcement, ensuring that police departments have the manpower and equipment necessary to protect their communities.

"I believe law enforcement is so important for our citizen safety," she said. "I will fight for more resource(s) for the Nassau County law enforcement to make sure they have enough people ... We can hire more law enforcement (and get the) equipment that they need. So definitely we can support them."

As a mother, Anzai believes that every person should have the right to make their own decision about abortion, particularly in cases involving crime victims or challenging personal circumstances.

Lavine's concerns include aging infrastructure

By ROKSANA AMID

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Assemblyman Charles Lavine, who has been in Albany for 20 years, continues to focus on critical issues, from aging infrastructure and environmental concerns to the rise in antisemitism and gun violence.

Touching on infrastructure, Lavine pointed out that many neighborhoods are dealing with stormwater flooding. "These sewer systems go back a century," he said, "and they're not large enough to accommodate the amount of groundwater we're getting from storms."

Recent storms overwhelmed Glen Cove's drainage system, leaving residents desperate as water flooded their properties. Lavine has been in those neighborhoods, seeing residents trying to divert water into drains. He is hopeful that funds from the state's \$4 billion environmental bond and other resources can help, but he stresses that Glen Cove must be prepared to take on additional costs to solve the problem.

Lavine's dedication to environmental issues is well known. He helped secure funding for the repair of the seawall at Morgan Memorial Park, a project that has been in the works for years. He has also been a staunch advocate of every piece of environmental legislation that has come before the Assembly in the past two decades. His commitment to environmental preservation is especially important when it comes to protecting Long Island's sole-source aquifer. He has worked closely with experts, including New York Institute of Technology professor Sarah Mailand, to protect the aquifer from saltwater intrusion and ensure that Nassau and Suffolk counties coordinate their efforts.

"It's very challenging to make sure the saltwater



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Assemblyman Charles Lavine is hoping to begin his third decade in Albany next year.

doesn't intrude, but we're doing everything we can," Lavine said. He believes that without a joint working group overseeing the aquifer's protection across county lines, Glen Cove and the surrounding areas are at a disadvantage. His focus on long-term environmental sustainability is clear, as he continues to work behind the scenes with experts on measures that will safeguard the community's water supply for future generations.

In other realms, Lavine has been vocal about the rise in antisemitism and other forms of hate. As president of the New York chapter of the National Associa-

tion of Jewish Legislators, he has taken a strong stance against politicians who spread hate.

"Unless political representatives stand up against hatred, it's going to continue," Lavine said. He believes that education is the most important tool in combating hate, and he supports initiatives like Gov. Kathy Hochul's program to protect mosques, synagogues, and churches, as well as efforts to teach Holocaust history in schools.

Lavine has been a strong advocate of protecting abortion rights, emphasizing the importance of enshrining them in the state Constitution. He supports Proposition 1, which seeks to safeguard reproductive rights, as well as protections against discrimination based on gender, age or disability.

"Constitutional rights are more important because any governor, any legislature could decide to repeal statutory rights," he said. "It's very difficult to start to repeal constitutional rights."

Lavine's focus on public safety extends to gun control. He authored the RULED legislation, which would require those arrested for possessing illegal firearms to disclose the source of their weapons. He emphasizes that the country's gun culture is a major contributor to the violence plaguing schools and communities.

"Unless and until political leaders take steps to change that gun culture," Lavine said, "we're going to continue to face these crises."

As he seeks another term, Lavine's priorities are clear: improving infrastructure, protecting the environment, and keeping communities safe. His long career of public service and his commitment to tackling Glen Cove's toughest challenges have made him a respected voice in local and state politics. Now he hopes to continue that work for another term.



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Justice of the Supreme Court

Andrew Crecca

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 59

Legal career: Andrew Crecca, a figure in Suffolk County's judicial system for nearly two decades, is looking to take on the state Supreme Court, next.

Appointed as administrative judge for Suffolk County, the 10th Judicial District of the Supreme Court in 2020, Crecca currently oversees operations. This role follows his tenure as supervising judge for matrimonial matters in the same court, from 2013 to 2020.

Crecca's judicial career began in 2005 when he was elected to the county court in Suffolk. He has since served as an acting justice of the Suffolk Supreme Court from 2007 to 2010 and was elected as a justice of the Supreme Court in 2011, a position he will hold until 2024.

Along with his courtroom duties, Crecca has presided over the Integrated Domestic Violence Court in Suffolk County since 2007. He also served in the Suffolk Legislature.

Alfred C. Graf

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 66

Legal career: A Suffolk County District Court judge since 2018, Alfred Graf is now aiming for the state Supreme Court.

Born and raised on Long Island, Graf graduated from Farmingdale High School in 1976. He enlisted in the Navy that same year and rose to the rank of Operations Specialist Third Class Petty Officer. He received an honorable discharge four years later.

Graf earned his bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Plattsburgh and his law degree from Touro Law School. His professional experience includes serving as a NYPD officer. He has also worked as an alternative education schoolteacher and as an attorney with his own private firm.

His political experience includes serving two terms as supervisor of the upstate Town of Brighton and was an assemblyman from 2011 to 20118 representing A.D. 5 in Suffolk.

Paul E. Hennings

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 63

Legal career: Paul Hennings is a resident of Suffolk County and has served as a District Court judge since 2019 and Acting County Court judge since 2022.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Providence College in 1983 and went on to earn his law degree at Catholic University Law School three years later. After law school, he joined the Suffolk County District Attorney's office where he was an assistant district attorney until 1989.

Hennings began his career in private practice in civil litigation, trials and appeals in State and Federal Courts. He first served as an associate with Wortman, Fumus, Kelly (1989 to 1996). Then he joined the law office of Ted M. Toboias, until 2005. He then joined Devitt, Spellman and Barrett, LLP where he practiced as lead attorney until 2008. He then became a partner at Lawrence, Worden, Rainis, and Bard LLP.

Paul Hensley

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 63

Legal career: Paul Hensley was a judge for the district court of Suffolk County in New York. He was appointed to the court in 2002, elected in 2003 and re-elected in 2008. Hensley lost the 2014 election.

Before his judicial appointment, Hensley served as a principal law clerk. His current titles are County Court judge, District Court judge and acting Supreme Court justice.

Hensley has served as an acting Suffolk County Court judge since 2006, and was a law clerk for County Court Judge James Hudson from January 2001 until July 2002. From January 1999 to January 2001, Hensley was a law clerk for State Supreme Court Justice Leonard B. Austin. From March 1998 until January 1999, he worked as an assistant Huntington Town attorney.

Before that, Hensley worked for the Robert Plan Corp., and also served as a Suffolk County assistant district attorney. He received his law degree from SUNY Buffalo.

James F. Matthews

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Legal career: James F. Matthews, a candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court in the 10th Judicial District, has over 40 years of legal experience.

Since 2015, he has served as an Acting County Court Judge in Suffolk County, presiding over civil and criminal cases, including business law disputes, personal injury matters and criminal trials.

He has also been an adjunct professor of law at Touro Law School. His public service career includes a decade as Northport village attorney and nearly two decades as Huntington town attorney, responsible for municipal law, litigation and land use.

Matthews spent over 30 years in private practice, handling corporate and commercial law, litigation, and personal injury cases. He has a law degree from St. John's University School of Law and a bachelor's from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

Terence P. Murphy

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Legal career: Terence Murphy was elected to serve as a Nassau County Court judge in 2014. He previously served as a Nassau County District Court judge where he presided over the Veterans Treatment Court from 2010 through 2014. He is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association.

Murphy is a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He served 26.5 years active and military service and was deployed to Bosnia, Iraq and Kuwait. His active duty experience began in 1973 with enlistment after high school. Murphy served as legal adviser to multiple commanders.

Deanna D. Panico

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Legal career: Deanna Panico is a partner at Bee Ready Fishbein Hatter & Donovan, LLP. She has been in private practice since 2011, specializing in employment law.

Panico was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2011, the U.S. Eastern District of New York in 2012, the U.S. Southern District of New York in 2016, and the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals in 2014.

She earned her undergraduate degree from Stony Brook University in 2007 and her law degree from St. John's University School of Law in 2010.

Gregg Roth

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Legal career: Gregg Roth is an attorney with over 30 years of experience in many sectors of law, including civil rights law, employment law, personal injury law, social security disability law and workers' compensation law.

Roth received his law degree at Hofstra University's Maurice A. Deane School of Law in 1993, and has been a member of the New York State Bar since 1994.

He has served as a state principal law clerk for the past 11 years, and previously was the associate director for Drug Court programs February 2011 to April 2014.

An extremely accomplished legal professional for decades, according to people who know him, he's been cross-endorsed by the Democratic, Republican and Conservative parties in Nassau County as a nominee for the New York State's Supreme Court.





2024 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

4th District Court Judge

Michele M. Johnson

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 50

Legal career: Michele M. Johnson has been serving as an Oyster Bay Town councilwoman since 2013 and her focus has been to restore taxpayers' trust in government. She worked to cut wasteful spending, enhancing government ethics and protecting Oyster Bay's suburban quality of life, according to past campaign highlights.

She previously worked in government as a Nassau County deputy attorney. She is also a licensed real estate broker and a member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association.

If elected, she will have step down as a councilwoman before being sworn in as a district court judge.

Johnson is a lifelong resident of Oyster Bay Town. She graduated from Oyster Bay High School and received her bachelor's in political science from Syracuse University and her law degree from New York Law School. She also serves as an associate attorney for Capetola and Divins, P.C.

As an attorney and councilwoman, Johnson said that she understands the issues facing the community and said she will bring her extensive experience to the court. She added that she is proud to have been frequently recognized for her integrity, qualifications and ability to be fair and impartial and looks forward to serving the residents of Nassau County in her new position.

Lisa A. LoCurto

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 55

Legal career: Lisa LoCurto has nearly 30 years of legal experience having been admitted to practice law in New Jersey and New York in 1996.

She is currently acting as Bureau Chief, Property Assessment Litigation Bureau and is a senior staff member of the Nassau County Attorney's Office.

Charles G. McQuair

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 57

Legal career: Admitted to legal practice in 1993, Charles McQuair specializes as a criminal defense attorney in Sea Cliff. He graduated from the City University of New York School of Law. He is the owner of the law firm, Charles G. McQuair, Esq. From 2014 to 2020, he represented Glen Cove as the city attorney.

He is one of the top-rated attorneys in the nation and has been on the Super Lawyers list, that selects the top 5 percent of attorneys, from 2016 to 2024.

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Family Court Judge

County Court Judge

Chris J. Coschignano

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 60

Legal career: Chris J. Coschignano is a seasoned attorney and a candidate for family court judge, practicing law since 1990. As a member and partner at his firm — Sahn Ward — he specializes in zoning and land use planning, real estate law, municipal law, economic development, and family law.

His extensive experience includes managing complex zoning projects on Long Island, earning recognition for smart growth initiatives. He served as a councilman for the Town of Oyster Bay from 2001 to 2017 and has held various municipal roles since 1995, including counsel to the town's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Coschignano is active in community service, serving on multiple boards, including the Nassau County Bar Association and the Touro Law Center. He co-founded the St. Edward the Confessor Church's Annual Summer Festival and coaches youth ice hockey. A recipient of numerous awards, he is committed to public service and education.

Lisa Daniels

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 58

Legal career: Lisa Daniels has over 25 years of legal experience, focusing on family litigation and guardianship cases.

Daniels holds a Bachelor's of Science degree from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations and a Brooklyn Law School law degree. She has been an adjunct professor, teaching family law and litigation at Hofstra University and Queens College from 1997 to 2001.

Daniels is a member of the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Children and the Law and serves on its legislation subcommittees. She is also a member of the Nassau County Bar Association Family Court Advisory Committee. Daniels ran for county legislator in 2013 and eight years later.

In 1998, Daniels founded her law firm, addressing a wide range of family law issues, such as juvenile delinquency actions, abuse and neglect matters. She is listed on the New York State Court Part 36 Fiduciary List, serving as a court examiner, evaluator and guardian for incapacitated individuals.

Joseph Nocella Jr.

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 60

Legal career: Joseph Nocella Jr. currently serves as a Nassau County District Court judge, having been elected to the position for the 2023 to 2028 term. County Executive Bruce Blakeman initially appointed him to the court in 2022.

Before becoming a judge, Nocella served as the town attorney for Hempstead from 2021 to 2022 and as chief of staff to the Hempstead Town Supervisor from 2020 to 2021.

From 2017 to 2020, he was the town attorney for Oyster Bay. Within Nassau County government, Nocella has an extensive background, including positions as Counsel to the Office of Housing & Community Development from 2014 to 2017, Managing Attorney in the County Attorney's Office from 2011 to 2014, and Counsel to both the County Executive and the Nassau County Legislature from 2006 to 2008 and again from 2010 to 2011.

Jeffrey A. Goodstein

Endorsed by Republican, Conservative, and Democratic parties

Age: 57

Legal career: Jeffrey A. Goodstein is running for Nassau County Court Judge.

Goodstein has served as an acting justice of the Nassau County Supreme Court in the 10th Judicial District since 2012, appointed by Chief Administrative Judge A. Gail Prudenti. He also holds a position as a judge in the New York Court of Claims, appointed by Governor Andrew Cuomo in 2012 and reappointed in 2014.

Goodstein earned his law degree from Touro Law School and has served in various legal capacities throughout his career. He is also an adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Law.



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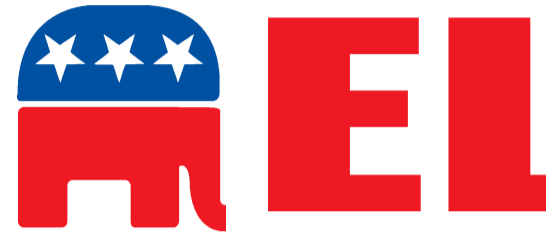
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- Thomas R. Suozzi (D,CS) | Michael J. LiPetri Jr. (R,C)

United States Senator

Senador Estatal, Distrito Vote for One (1)

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- Diane Sare (L)

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Senador Estatal, Distrito 7 Vote for One (1)

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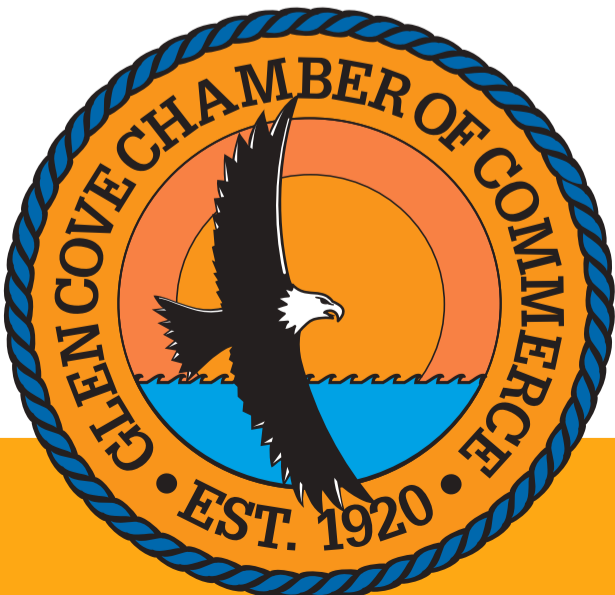
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Member of Assembly District 13
 Miembro de la Asamblea Distrito 13 Vote for One (1)

James D. Lavine (D) | Ruka Anzai (R,C)

Member of Assembly District 15
 Miembro de la Asamblea Distrito 15 Vote for One (1)

Tom L. Murphy (D) | Jake Blumencranz (R,C)

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3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Mike LiPetri Jr. A lifelong district resident, LiPetri said he is committed to protecting the community's future and making the area attractive for families.

On the issues:

On affordability, LiPetri attributes the rising cost of living to one-party rule, advocating for tax reforms that include ending taxes on overtime and tips, exempting Social Security from taxation, and lifting caps on childcare expense deductions.

"Cost of living is a huge problem," LiPetri said. "So with a Republican stepping in, the suburbs will have a greater voice."

He opposes defunding the police and advocates for measures such as death penalties for those who kill law enforcement officers, life sentences without parole for fentanyl dealers, and increased mandatory minimums for firearm-related crimes.

"As a New York assemblyman, I was an outspoken opponent of the 'Defund the Police' movement," LiPetri said.



Mike LiPetri Jr.

Party: Republican

He proposes establishing a National Water Quality Task Force to tackle wastewater and drinking water issues, along with federal funding for infrastructure upgrades.

He aims to restore and expand the Joseph P. Dwyer mental health fund, ensuring veterans have access to preferred healthcare providers.

On border security, he said he supports a comprehensive approach, including reinstating policies like

Title 42, implementing a biometric exit-entry system, and advocating for legal, merit-based immigration.

"We had a secure border before the Biden administration," LiPetri said. "My opponent voted against prohibiting illegal aliens from voting in our elections, and that's ridiculous."

Regarding abortion rights, LiPetri said he opposes a national abortion ban, supports states' rights, and seeks a balanced approach to late-term abortions.

On the issues:

Tom Suozzi is running for re-election with a campaign focused on addressing what he sees as the most critical issues facing his constituents: border security, the restoration of the SALT tax deduction, affordability, and political partisanship. Suozzi also said that immigration remains the top concern for his district, despite a decrease in media coverage and border crossing numbers.

"My number one issue is the border," he said. "My number two issue is SALT and the restoration of the full deduction."

He emphasized the need for a bipartisan approach to border security, working with Republican colleagues to secure the border, fix the asylum system, and ensure humane treatment for immigrants.

He said that many asylum seekers are being exploited by organized crime and coyotes, making it vital to reform the system while preserving America's tradition as a beacon for those fleeing persecution.



Tom Suozzi

Party: Democrat

While efforts to repeal the cap have been blocked in the Senate, Suozzi is optimistic that the cap, which is set to expire in 2025, will be part of broader tax talks. As a House Ways and Means Committee member, he plans to be a "central player" in these discussions.

He also emphasized his continued commitment to supporting the United States' alliance with Israel. He praised Israel's ongoing conflict against Hamas and Hezbollah as

a direct form of action against Iran, which he views as a major international threat.

"Iran is doing things throughout the entire region, and they are a very bad actor and very nefarious," Suozzi said.

Suozzi says his campaign is driven by a desire to bridge political divides and find pragmatic solutions to the complex issues facing his district and the country.

"People are sick and tired of all the partisanship," he said. "They just want us to work together and get something done."

The 3rd Congressional District includes Bayville, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Oyster Bay, Sea Cliff, several other Long Island communities and extends into Queens.



SENATE DISTRICT 7

On the issues:

Jack Martins is known for his strong focus on economic reform, public safety, and environmental issues. As a state senator from 2011 to 2017, he passed significant reforms, including a 2 percent property tax cap and the repeal of the MTA Payroll Tax.

He helped to cut middle-class income taxes to their lowest level in 58 years and increasing state education aid for Long Island schools by 19 percent.

Martins worked with the NY Works program, which created 139,400 jobs, and he had success in assisting with closing a \$13 billion budget deficit without raising taxes or fees. He also helped to restore School Tax Relief rebates for homeowners, veterans, and seniors, ensuring direct benefits to these groups.

He also advocates for more affordable rental housing, praising communities such as Glen Cove and Patchogue for creating options that cater



Jack Martins

Party: Republican

to younger residents and empty nesters.

On public safety, he stresses the importance of maintaining Nassau County's low crime rates while addressing quality-of-life crimes like burglaries. He also highlights the need for school security, mental health support, and stronger penalties for illegal gun possession, while pushing for better infrastructure and water protection to safeguard Long Island's future.

His decision to enter politics stems from his observations of local issues in Mineola, where he served as a trustee and mayor. Frustrated by high taxes and excessive government spending, he believes the best way to make a difference is through direct involvement in public service.

Today, one of the top concerns he hears from residents is the rising cost of living. He emphasizes the need to cut unnecessary state spending to relieve taxpayers, especially in a time of significant inflation.

On the issues:

Kimberly Garber Keiserman, a Port Washington resident, is focused on education, reproductive rights, and environmental protection. Applying her experience advocating for her local school district, Keiserman said she has developed a deep understanding of the budgetary challenges Long Island schools face.

A priority is ensuring that public schools receive their fair share of foundation aid. She is committed to advancing educational equity, fully funding schools, and expanding access to post-secondary education, particularly for low-income students.

Keiserman serves on the board of Come to Believe that promotes a two-year college model and aims to provide more opportunities for vocational training and mentorship programs.

"I'm very well aware of the difference between a well-funded school system and a not well-funded school system," she said.



Kimberly Keiserman

Party: Democrat

Her foray into politics was fueled by the 2016 election of Donald Trump, which motivated her to join the Port Washington Democratic Club.

She said she played a pivotal role in the coalition in support of ousting expelled U.S. Rep. George Santos through the Concerned Citizens of NY-03 group.

Keiserman said she prioritizes safeguarding Long Island's sole-source aquifer from pollution and overuse. She said she would advocate for

increased funding to support studies, public education on sustainable practices, and policy changes to improve water quality and quantity.

"We need to be thinking of water as a precious and limited resource, especially here on Long Island," she said.

If elected, Keiserman said she plans to join the bipartisan pro-choice Legislative Caucus, pushing to codify reproductive rights into the state constitution and ensuring comprehensive reproductive care.

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ELECTION '24

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 13

On the issues:

Ruka Anzai, an immigrant from Japan, mother, and industrial technology professional, is running with the goal of restoring stability and bringing common sense back to government.

Having moved to the United States in pursuit of the American dream, Anzai said she understands the importance of hard work and integrity in building a successful life. She chose to settle in Nassau County because of its strong sense of community, excellent schools, and safe environment.

Her son attends school in Jericho, one of the area's many top-tier districts, and Anzai said she and her family have embraced the neighborhood's welcoming atmosphere, where the word "neighbor" still holds meaningful value.

Despite her love for the community, Anzai said she is deeply concerned about the direction the state is heading. She said she believes that in just a few short years, the policies implemented



Ruka Anzai

Party: Republican

have unraveled much of the good legislation that once made New York a beacon of culture and economic prosperity.

She points to the alarming rise in violent crime, which she attributes to the bail reform laws, and highlights the skyrocketing gas and food prices as a direct result of what she considers poor economic management by Democrats. Anzai said she also experiences frustration with the continuous rise in taxes,

which she feels does not translate into a better quality of life for New Yorkers.

Anzai said she is also critical of any and all attempts to control personal medical choices and the push to eliminate single-family-home zoning, which she views as a core aspect of the American dream.

She promises to represent hardworking taxpayers and listen to their concerns. Anzai urges voters to support her, pledging to bring change and restore representation and growth to New York.

Charles Lavine remains driven by his commitment to making a positive impact through legislation and public service. His background in law, including experience as a public defender and legal instructor, has provided him with a foundation for his work in politics, where he has served on the Glen Cove City Council and various Democratic committees.

Lavine, 75, has also taken serving as chair of the Committee on Ethics and Guidance and co-Chair of the New York State Legislative Ethics Commission. He was involved in key investigations, including that of former Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

On the issues:

Lavine's legislative efforts have addressed significant issues like gun control and combating hate crimes. His introduction of the Scott J. Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act, aimed at curbing the distribution of "ghost guns," was a way to honor the memory of a



Charles Lavine

Party: Democrat

victim from the Parkland school shooting. He also championed educational initiatives against hate crimes, including legislation signed by Gov. Kathy Hochul to ensure New York schools teach about the Holocaust.

He said he is passionate about defending constitutional rights and that extends to women's reproductive rights. Lavine was outspoken in his criticism of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to

overturn Roe v. Wade, which he viewed as a politically motivated denial of rights. He emphasized that such decisions impact all Americans, not just women, and reaffirmed his belief that personal freedoms should be protected.

He said his dedication to shaping policy and standing up for justice continues to motivate his work in the Assembly. He believes that he makes a meaningful difference and that he said drives his desire to serve his community for another term.

Assembly District 13 includes Bayville, Glen Cove, Oyster Bay and Sea Cliff.



ELECTION '24

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 15

Incumbent Republican Assemblyman Jake Blumencranz is running for re-election with a focus on affordability, mental health, and public safety.

On the issues:

Blumencranz has made affordability his top priority, especially for Long Island families struggling with the high cost of living. As a member of the Insurance Committee, he said he has taken steps to lower insurance rates, focusing particularly on coastal homeowners, who face high premiums due to storm risks. He is spearheading a five-point plan to create a state-backed reinsurance fund aimed at easing this burden.

Blumencranz, emphasized that making insurance affordable is crucial for maintaining livable conditions on Long Island.

He is also working to improve access to childcare by reforming the state's pre-K lottery system, which he believes unfairly leaves some families without spots for their children. He said he advocates for



Jake Blumencranz

Party: Republican

streamlining the enrollment process, allowing schools to better plan for funding and giving parents more certainty.

"The lottery system leaves too many families out, and we need to fix that," he said.

Blumencranz highlighted Nassau County's reputation as one of the safest areas in the nation. He warned against complacency, citing the need for legislative measures to address modern threats

such as Wi-Fi signal jammers used during home invasions. He supports expanding the use of license plate reader systems across the county, believing they enhance intelligence-led policing and deter crime.

Blumencranz said he is concerned about the growing mental health problem and advocates for funding mental health services.

Another focus is the dangers of artificial intelligence, including the rise of deepfakes, which have already impacted educators in other countries.

Will Murphy, a first-time candidate for the Assembly, is running on a platform rooted in his personal experiences as a middle-class father and advocate for the developmentally disabled.

On the issues:

His decision to run stems from the challenges he and his wife have faced securing critical services for their son, who has developmental delays. After his son was denied necessary therapy during a school break, Murphy felt compelled to act.

"I realized so many other families are facing similar battles," he said. It's not about politics; it's about helping children who need support."

He stressed that his experiences give him a better understanding of the financial pressures facing Long Island families.

"We're getting pinched from every end—property taxes, childcare, healthcare, and the cost of goods," he said.



Will Murphy

Party: Democrat

Murphy said he is focused on Nassau County's high property taxes, saying that homeowners deserve better public services in return for their investment.

"We pay some of the highest taxes in the country, but families aren't seeing enough return in the form of better schools, safer neighborhoods, or improved infrastructure," he said.

Murphy said he supports red flag laws, enhanced background

checks for gun purchases, and stronger measures to stop illegal firearms entering New York. He backs increased money and training for local law enforcement, stating that police officers deserve the resources they need to serve the community effectively.

Murphy said he aims to improve special education programs.

"Special education is one of the areas where the system is failing," he said. "We need to make sure every child has access to the resources they need to succeed."

Assembly District 15 includes Glen Head, Locust Valley, Oyster Bay and portions of Glen Cove and Sea Cliff.

Project 2025 pushes controversial policies

By JENNA ZAZZA & LORI SAXENA

Special to the Herald

Written by the conservative Heritage Foundation, Project 2025 is a 922-page book detailing overhauls of the executive branch and proposing what some consider as radical policy changes regarding the economy, culture, education and healthcare.

The controversial plans have Democrats in a tizzy, the Trump campaign distancing themselves from the ideas and saying they would embrace the mandate's demise.

Some of the project's more significant policies include eliminating the

Department of Education, transforming the Department of Health and Human Service into an anti-abortion-focused "Department of Life," and increasing the president's control over independent agencies like the

The Project would decimate the working and middle classes.

JOHN RIZZO
Economist

Department of Justice.

Despite Trump rejecting the project, six of his former Cabinet secretaries and over 140 people who played a role in the project also worked in his administration, according to a CNN report.

It's clear that Project 2025 is an election year buzzword. It has both opponents and proponents. At its core, the initiative seeks to reshape the federal government, but its impact extends to the local level.

In the plans forward, the Heritage Foundation notes: "Every hour the Left directs federal policy and elite institutions, our sovereignty, our Constitution, our families, and our freedom are a step closer to disappearing. Conservatives have just two years and one shot to get this right. With enemies at home and abroad, there is no margin for error. Time is running short. If we fail, the fight for the very idea of America may be lost."

The economy

The mandate criticizes the Federal Reserve's monetary policies, recommending a major reform of the agency. Even with major reform, the project argues the Federal Reserve, also known as The Fed, would still cause "inflationary and recessionary cycles." The report calls for abolish it outright, replacing it with either a free-banking system or re-implementing the gold standard.

A free-banking system allows banks to issue their own notes without government oversight or regulation. The gold standard system fixes the value of currency to a specified amount of gold. Up until 1970, the U.S. operated under the gold standard.

"A gold standard imposes very tight constraints on the government to spend,



Courtesy George Giokas

The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 is a touchstone of controversy, proposing major changes to national policies.

especially in times of crisis like Covid," said Stephanie Kelton, an economy and public policy professor at Stony Brook University. "This is why countries always go off the gold standard. There is a lot of economic instability in the gold standard."

Kelton is a former chief economist on the U.S. Senate Budget Committee.

The project claims that the gold standard offers a more stable and less inflationary economy. It asserts that the gold standard will deter the government from arbitrarily issuing more money since a hard asset must back the dollars.

"When we were on a gold standard, the economy would have big booms and big crashes," Kelton said. "You could say that it was stable if you look over a long period of time like a century or 50 years, but within that period of time, prices are crashing."

According to economists, a free-banking system isn't ideal either.

"We saw what unregulated banks did in 2008. It caused a great recession," John Rizzo, former Long Island Association chief economist, said. "If anything, we need more regulation not less."

Long Island is among the top areas in New York state that was hit the hardest by the 2008 financial crisis. The state experienced the most subprime loans with either none or low documentation per 1,000 housing units, according to a report released by the state comptroller.

Long Island also had the most foreclosures, with one every 500 households or less, according to the same report. Congress created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to prevent another great recession and housing finance

bubble. Project 2025 also calls to eliminate the CFPB.

"A bunch of lending activity took place that never should have taken place. Banks steered people into buying homes that they couldn't afford," Kelton said. "So if we eliminate the CFPB, it just makes it more likely that something like that can and would happen again."

Long Island's unemployment rate is increasing, namely in Babylon town which follows the state rate of 4.9 by only 0.5 points, according to the state's Department of Labor statistics. The entire region lags behind the state by 1.1 points. Unemployment insurance is also declining. As the rates climb, housing prices are too. The median sale price of a single-family home is nearly \$800,000, up 11 percent from last year.

"The housing crisis nearly brought the global economy to its knees, it did, in fact," Kelton said. "We need people whose job it is to watch out for stuff like this and to intervene and take action on behalf of consumers because, in many cases, people didn't understand the risks they were taking."

Project 2025 also proposes peeling back worker pay and protections, making fewer workers eligible for time-and-a-half overtime pay by lowering the threshold, and permitting children to work in "hazardous jobs."

"[The project] is an extreme anti-worker agenda that's more or less designed to allow employers to use and abuse workers as they see fit, pay them as little as possible, offer limited protections, unions, wages, benefits—the whole thing," Kelton said.

All economists contacted for com-

ment had similar negative perspectives on the project's economic plans.

The proposed income tax reform simplifies the system to a 15 percent rate for those earning up to about \$168,000 and 30 percent for higher earners could have significant implications for Long Island's middle-income residents. With median individual incomes of around \$54,000 in Nassau County and \$49,000 in Suffolk County, a large portion of Long Islanders would fall into the lower tax bracket, according to Census Bureau data.

However, many households are already struggling to afford basic necessities like housing, food, and transportation, according to a report by United Way of Long Island. Nearly 30 percent of households in Nassau and Suffolk County face financial hardship despite the region's relatively low poverty rate of 6 percent.

"It's blatantly in favor of large corporations and the 15 percent and 30 percent would have a devastating effect on lower and middle-income individuals' financial situation and overall on the economy," Rizzo said. "There will be an adverse impact on small businesses that account for 90 percent of the business on Long Island and the middle class. In fact there wouldn't be a middle class any longer. The Project would decimate the working and middle classes."

Jenna Zazza and Lori Saxena are reporters with The SBU Media Group, part of Stony Brook University's School of Communication and Journalism's Working Newsroom program for students and local media.

Spreading a message of hope and support

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the walk-a-thon extended beyond the school grounds and into the streets of Glen Cove. The police and fire departments provided safe escort for the walkers, including a fire truck that added an air of excitement.

“In years past, we would just walk around the building once or twice,” Klatsky said. “This is the first year we decided to go into the community. We wanted to increase visibility and awareness, and I think it really added to the experience for our students and the people in Glen Cove who saw us.”

I learned that a little help goes a long way.

MACKENZIE ALESSANDRO
Fifth-grader

Klatsky and the staff at Connolly have been mindful of the emotional impact that breast cancer can have on young students with family members who have battled the disease.

“We know it can be a scary and upsetting situation for our students,” he said after the event. “When we talk to our third- to fifth-graders, we try to focus on how they can project

hope and take local action to raise funds and awareness. We keep the messaging positive and celebratory. It’s about showing them that through collective action, we can bring hope and, hopefully, someday find a cure.”

This year’s event was particularly meaningful for one member of the Connolly staff: art teacher Jean Barnnado, who has taught in the city school district for 30 years. Barnnado was diagnosed with breast cancer in August 2023, and underwent five months of chemotherapy, followed by surgery and radiation. She



Courtesy Bryce Klatsky

Mackenzie Alessandro, far left, Vivienne Glowinski-Cave, Emma Garcia and Isabella Martens worked together to sell bracelets promoting breast cancer awareness.

completed her treatment in June, and last month she was cancer-free. Barnnado attributes her recovery to early detection in a routine mammogram.

“I was surprised, because there isn’t any breast cancer history in my family,” she said. “I guess I was very lucky that I went to my routine screening.”

While she was undergoing treatment, Barnnado had to make many lifestyle changes, such as being more cautious about germs and sun exposure. “As the

chemotherapy goes on, you get more tired, so day-to-day activities become harder,” she recounted. “But I worked through most of it.”

She said she was deeply moved by the love and support she received from her coworkers, her students and the community during her treatment. “You don’t realize how loved you are until something like this happens,” she said. “I’m so grateful for all the people who showed love and support for me.”

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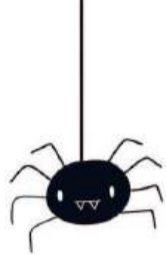
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Witches Finger Sandwiches



Spooky Bones and Ghosts



Spiderweb Cheesecake

By Karen Bloom

The countdown is now on to spooking and assorted revelry. The signs of that festive day are all around us as all those ghouls, witches and wizards look forward to Oct. 31.

So throw on a costume and act like a kid — with or without the kids. Transform your house into a spooky (or mildly spooky lair) with party tricks and Halloween treats. Set the scene with a mad scientist-themed sweets table and carry it home with a crazy good menu featuring frightfully yummy appetizers, some mocktails for the kids (and non-drinkers in your crowd) and, of course, treats.

Dress up the details: Many folks can't wait to dress up for a Halloween party, but that's not so for everyone. Don't make costumes mandatory. Instead offer a table of accessories that anyone can borrow and use to alter their appearance. Goofy glasses, strange hats, adhesive mustaches, or masks can be fun.

Have fun with Halloween cuisine. Cookie cutters can turn sandwiches, desserts, biscuits — just about anything — into different shapes. Foods also can be made a tad more spooky simply by renaming them or presenting them in interesting containers. Beverages can be offered in jugs or old bottles and labeled "potions."

Try these tricked-out treats for some tasty spooking.

Witches Finger Sandwiches

Entice guests into your lair with some witchy fingers

- 1 (11-oz.) can refrigerated breadsticks
- 6 small slices pepperoni
- 12 (2/3-oz.) slices cheese
- 3/4 cup finely shredded lettuce

Heat oven to 375°F. Separate dough into 12 strips. Place flat on ungreased cookie sheet; do not twist. With sharp knife or kitchen scissors, cut 2 small triangles from one end of each dough strip to form a point that resembles a fingertip. Lightly score breadsticks in center to resemble knuckles.

Cut each pepperoni slice into 2 pointed ovals to resemble 2 fingernails. Place 1 pepperoni piece on each breadstick.

Bake at 375°F. for 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. If necessary, reapply "fingernails" with small dot of ketchup.

Split each breadstick. Cut each cheese slice into strips and place in breadstick, overlapping strips. Top each with lettuce. If desired, serve with mustard, mayonnaise or ketchup. Serve warm or cold.

Note: Place leftover small triangular dough pieces on cookie sheet; bake until crisp. Use as croutons or nibblers.

Spooky Bones and Ghosts

Chase the demons away with a few "bones."

- 2 large egg whites
- 2 drops fresh lemon juice, or more to taste
- 7 tablespoons white sugar, or more to taste
- 2 chocolate chips, melted, or as needed

Preheat oven to 225°F. Line 2 baking sheets with silicone baking mats.

Whisk eggs whites and lemon juice together in a bowl until thick, white, and foamy. Add sugar a spoonful at a time, whisking constantly, until meringue is shiny, thick, and holds its shape.

Transfer meringue to a piping bag. Pipe 12 bone shapes onto a prepared baking sheet. Pipe 12

puffs to resemble ghosts onto the remaining baking sheet.

Bake in the preheated oven until dried and firm, about 1 hour. Turn off the oven, close the door, and cool until completely dried, about 1 hour more.

Dip the tip of a toothpick into melted chocolate and dot chocolate "eyes" on each of the ghosts.

Spiderweb Cheesecake

Snare your guests with some spider web cheesecake. Use your favorite 9" cheesecake recipe.

Topping:

- 1/3 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup milk, cream, sour cream or ricotta cheese

Web:

- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chunks or chips

First, make your favorite 9" cheesecake, one using a graham cracker crust. Add 1/4 cup black cocoa to the crust, before pressing it into the pan. Bake the cake as directed; remove from the oven, and let it cool.

To make the topping: Whip the heavy cream with the sugar just until soft peaks form. Fold the whipped cream into the sour cream just until combined.

Spread the topping over the cooled cheesecake.

To make the chocolate web: Heat the cream until it begins to simmer, then pour it over the chocolate and stir. The chocolate will begin to form one mass. Keep stirring until all the chocolate has melted — the cream should be hot enough to melt all the chocolate. If not, reheat briefly.

Transfer the melted chocolate to a piping bag fitted with a small tip (or a zip-top bag with one corner cut to form a 1/8" opening). Pipe one central dot onto the cream topping, then six concentric circles around the dot, spaced 1/2" apart.

Beginning with the center circle, gently pull a toothpick through all the circles toward the outer edge. Wipe the toothpick clean and repeat, moving clockwise and dragging the toothpick through at every eighth segment of the circle to complete the web pattern.



Rock the Dock

Ambrosia, John Ford Coley and Peter Beckett (The Voice of Player), come together for a magical night performing all of their 1970s and '80s Billboard Top 40 Hits, on the Tilles Center stage, Yacht Rock the Dock shines the spotlight on the original artists, with Elliot Lurie, as they reinvigorate their many beloved tunes. Enjoy Ambrosia's everlasting hits including "How Much I Feel," "You're the Only Woman" and "Biggest Part of Me." John Ford Coley, most known as half of the Grammy-nominated duo England Dan and John Ford Coley, performs many memorable hits, including "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight," "Love Is The Answer" and "Nights Are Forever Without You." These songs are the soundtrack to a generation. Today's so-called smooth yacht rock music scene would not be yacht rock without the contributions of these Grammy winning artists.

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'Old Time Rock'

Peter Lemongello, Jr., the son of Long Island's legendary star, returns to the Landmark stage. He takes his audience on a nostalgic musical journey from the 1960s through the '80s with his "Old Time Rock 'N Roll" show. Accompanied by his eight-piece band, Peter delivers an engaging performance that evokes pure emotion. He continues to honor his father's legacy — Peter Lemongello was the first artist to sell over a million albums on TV, through an innovative TV commercial campaign that paved the way for music video infomercials and MTV. A special highlight is Peter Jr.'s heartfelt tribute to his father, performing the hit "Do I Love You," written by Paul Anka, which his Dad debuted on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson."

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America

The perennial classic rock favorite is back on the road again as founding member Dewey Bunnell celebrates the band's 54th anniversary, appearing on the Tilles Center stage, Saturday, **Nov. 2**, at 8 p.m. Billed as "Ride On Tour 2024," will draw on the band's deep catalog of hits including signature song "A Horse With No Name," a Number One hit on Billboard's Hot 100 in 1972. Bunnell and America's co-founder Gerry Beckley (along with former band mate Dan Peek), who met in high school in London in the late 1960s, quickly harmonized their way to the top of the charts on the strength of that tune. Forty plus years later, these friends continue to make music together (although Beckley has now retired from touring) thrilling audiences with their timeless sound. Yet beyond their impressive catalog of hits, listeners discovered there was always much more to America than surface perceptions. The combination of Beckley's melodic pop rock and Bunnell's use of folk-jazz elements, slinky Latin-leaning rhythms and impressionistic lyric imagery contrasted well with Peek's more traditional country-rock leanings and highly personal lyrics.

On their way to becoming a global household name, America's journey found them exploring a wide variety of musical terrain. Their best-known tunes, including "I Need You," "Ventura Highway," "Don't Cross The River," "Tin Man," "Lonely People," and "Sister Golden Hair" were beloved as cornerstones of 1970s Top 40 and FM rock radio. From their formative years, America has been a band capable of transcending borders with its uplifting music and positive message. Embracing a rainbow of divergent cultures, America's audiences continue to grow, comprising a loyal legion of first, second and third generation fans, all bearing testament to the group's enduring appeal. Tickets start at \$35. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville. Tickets available at TillesCenter.org or (516) 299-3100.



'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, Friday, **Oct. 25**, also **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.

Dog Days Weekend

Enjoy the glorious grounds of Old Westbury Gardens with your pooch (leashed of course), Saturday and Sunday, **Oct. 26-27**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. With dog parade and costume contest on Sunday, 3-5 p.m. Prizes awarded to best dog costumes, including Prettiest, Most Handsome, Most Original, Best Duo or Group, Funniest.



Costume contest participants must register. Advance ticket purchase for weekend events required. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information, visit oldwestburygardens.org or call (516) 333-0048.

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.

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Halloween Parade

Sea Cliff Civic Association hosts a Halloween Parade, Saturday, **Oct. 26**. It starts at Memorial Park at 4 p.m., with all invited to come walk, scooter, and roll to their final destination of Clifton Park. For more, visit seacliffcivicassociation.com.

Boo-tique by the Bay

Oyster Bay Main Street Association hosts its 4th annual, "Boo-tique by the Bay," Saturday, **Oct. 26**, at Oyster Bay High School. Enjoy scavenger hunts, food and drink specials, ghost tours, shopping and more. The 8th annual ghost walk, presented by Raynham Hall, commences at 5:30 p.m. 150 E. Main St. Visit bootiques.obmsa.org to see vendors offering discounts.



In concert

Musical quintet Sybarite visits Adelphi University's Performing Arts Center, Friday, **Oct. 25**, 7:30 p.m. The ensemble is known for bridging genre gaps to bring unexpected musical combinations together to create unique, dynamic, and intoxicating concert experiences. Equal parts passion, grit, and musical ecstasy, it's an intoxicating cocktail of genre-breaking artistry expressed through the virtuosity of violinists Sami Merdinian and Suliman Tekalli, violist Caeli Smith, cellist Laura Andrade, and double bassist Louis Levitt.

The group is constantly evolving, defying categorization, and keeping audiences on their toes. Tickets start at \$35. Adelphi University Performing Arts Center, 1 South Ave., Garden City. Visit Adelphi.edu/pac for tickets and information or call (516) 877-4000.



Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturdays at Nassau County Museum of Art. The drop-in program continues Saturday, **Nov. 2**, 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.

On stage



See Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull," presented by Nassau Community College Theater and Dance Department, opening Friday, **Oct. 25**, 7:30 p.m.; also Saturday, **Oct. 26**, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, **Oct. 27**, 2 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, **Oct. 29-30**, 7:30 p.m. Delve into the lives of Arkádina, a famous — but fading — actress, and that of her lover, Trigrín, a well-known author. They arrive at her brother Sórin's country estate for the summer, just as son Konstantín is staging an experimental new play he's written and directed, starring his girlfriend, Nína.

Chekhov's first successful naturalist play follows the lives of young artists as they navigate life. Thematically, it's a study of the arts and the artist, the lack of real satisfaction to be found there, the pretense and mediocrity that pervade the practice, and yet the power and mystery that are possible. \$12; NCC students free \$10 veterans, alumni, seniors 60+, students and NCC employees. Nassau Community College's Little Theatre, Garden City. For tickets/information, visit nassau.booktix.com or NCC.edu or call (516) 572-7676.

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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Nassau County early voting starts this weekend

Nassau County will offer early voting for the 2024 election from Oct. 26, through Nov. 3.

Voters can cast their ballots at any designated early voting location, regardless of where they live.

Polling hours vary: Oct. 26, 27, 31, Nov. 1, 2, and 3 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Oct. 28 from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Oct. 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on those two days. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of early voting to avoid potential Election Day crowds and ensure their votes are counted.

All early voting sites are accessible to voters with physical disabilities. If voters need assistance or have questions, they can visit the Nassau County Board of Elections website at nassauvotes.com or call 516-571-VOTE.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 5, but those who vote during early voting will not be able to vote on Election Day itself. Make sure to bring proper identification.

Early voting locations include:

- Oyster Bay Ice Rink**
1001 Stewart Ave, Bethpage
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Staying ahead of the next major storm

By WILL SHEELINE

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With storm season in full swing, Long Island faces increasing risks from major storms and flooding, particularly in coastal areas like Sea Cliff and Oyster Bay. Firefighters play a crucial role in keeping residents safe, but as weather events become more severe and frequent, as seen with the recent storms hitting the American Southeast, preparedness remains key.

When storms hit, the combination of high winds, heavy rain, and potential flooding creates hazardous conditions for residents and emergency services. Firefighters see an uptick in incidents ranging from trees and power lines coming down to flooded roads.

“Visibility during these storms is poor,” Anthony Grella, chief of the Sea Cliff Fire Department, said. “We’re dealing with trees on houses, wires down, and increased car accidents because people don’t adjust their driving for the weather conditions.”

One of the greatest dangers during flooding is driving through water. Despite repeated warnings, many people still attempt to drive through flooded roads, often underestimating the depth. This endangers the driver and requires firefighters to perform rescues that could have been avoided.

“We see it all the time,” Grella said. “People think they can make it, and then their car stalls, trapping them.”

Fire departments across Long Island prepare extensively for storms, maintaining a wide range of equipment to manage different emergencies. One critical resource is the dive rescue team at Atlantic Steamer Fire Company, which is the only one of its kind on the North Shore of Nassau County.

“We’ve been called all over the North Shore and even to the South Shore with our jet skis,” Bill Gagliano, who oversees the boat operations, said.

Having specialized teams like the dive rescue unit allows firefighters to navigate flooded areas and rescue stranded individuals. Gagliano explained that their equipment, including dry suits and rafts, is crucial for safely conducting rescues in flooded streets and homes. However, these operations are inherently dangerous, especially when combined with downed power lines or unstable structures.

Frank Ozol, an ex-chief at Atlantic Steamer, highlighted another often-overlooked risk: carbon monoxide poisoning.

“We had incidents where people brought grills inside their homes during storms, which is incredibly dangerous,” he explained. “Carbon monoxide can build up, and you wouldn’t even know it until it’s too late.”

He advised residents to never use outdoor equipment like grills or generators indoors, especially during power outages.

While firefighters are ready to respond, residents can take steps to

ensure their own safety and reduce the strain on emergency services. One of the simplest ways to prepare for a storm is to create a “go bag” with essential supplies, including water, food, flashlights, batteries, and medications.

Gagliano and Ozol also stressed the importance of moving vehicles to higher ground before a storm hits.

“During a nor’easter in 1991, cars left in driveways were submerged in five feet of water, and there was no salvaging them,” Ozol remembered.

In addition, people should avoid leaving electronics plugged in during a storm, as power surges caused by high winds and downed power lines can lead to electrical fires.

“Unplug non-essential items, especially your computer or TV,” Grella advises. “The voltage fluctuations can damage them or even cause a fire.”

For those who choose to hunker down and ride out the storm at home, it’s critical to have enough water and non-perishable food to last at least a week, particularly if power outages are expected. Flashlights with extra batteries are essential, and residents also charge any essential electrical devices, like phones, before the storm hits.

The most important advice from firefighters is to heed official warnings.

“In today’s age of technology, if they’re telling you to evacuate, listen to them,” Gagliano said. “They’re not trying to scare you—they know what’s coming.”

One common mistake during storms is underestimating the danger posed by floodwater. Even shallow water can sweep vehicles away or trap individuals in hazardous conditions.

“If you’re safe, stay put,” Gagliano said. “Move to the second floor if necessary. We’ll come for you if it gets worse, but the best thing you can do is avoid putting yourself in danger in the first place.”

As storm risks grow, Long Island’s fire departments continue to adapt. At Atlantic Steamer, the firefighters ensure that teams are always ready with dry suits, rafts, and other specialized equipment. They’ve also trained extensively for ice rescues, given the year-round risks presented by Long Island’s waterways.

“We’re constantly adding to our equipment and preparing for different scenarios,” Gagliano said. “But no matter how prepared we are, we can’t do it alone. People need to take responsibility for their own safety, too.”

In the end, protecting Long Island from the dangers of storms is a team effort between firefighters and the community. By staying informed, preparing ahead of time, and following safety guidelines, residents can help ensure that they and the first responders stay safe when the next big storm hits.

“There’s a saying in the fire service, called ‘the five p’s,’” Ozol concluded. “‘Prior planning prevents poor performance.’ If you expect disaster, do everything you can to be ready for it.”



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Law school bonds formed decades ago are still strong

Few possessions in life are more valuable than lasting friendships. I've been more than blessed with friendships that began almost 60 years ago, when I was a student at Notre Dame Law School, and remain strong all these decades later. That was clear when we got together again at Notre Dame last week.

I entered Notre Dame in 1965. From my home in Queens to the campus in South Bend, Indiana, was about 800 miles by car. In life experience, the distance was light years. I had no clue what to expect. My life up to then had been almost entirely confined to Queens, where I grew up; Brooklyn, where I went to high school and college; and Manhattan, where I was born, and where, during my last two years of college, I worked loading and unloading trucks and freight cars at the Railway Express Terminal on 10th Avenue.

My out-of-state ventures had been limited to New Jersey: a two-week summer rental when I was 9, a handful of one-day visits to relatives and two nights at Palisades Amusement Park. In

New York, I took the ferry once to Staten Island, made the occasional trip to Jones Beach and journeyed to the Bronx for a handful of Yankees games and once to watch the football Giants practice at Fordham. I had never eaten in an actual restaurant, my dining experience limited to White Castle and pizza joints.

The Notre Dame campus was as impressive as advertised, with its famed Golden Dome glistening in the Indiana sun and more trees and manicured grass than I'd seen anywhere except Central Park. The law school was a three-story Gothic structure that radiated seriousness of purpose. I opted to live in Fisher Hall, the graduate student dorm, rather than an off-campus apartment mainly for convenience: It was a two-minute walk from the law school and next door to the dining hall.

Most important, the law students living around me in Fisher Hall were great guys. Dick Manning, Tom Curtin, Tom Ward, Charlie Weiss and Lanny Bonenberger became lifelong friends. For the most part we all had similar upbringings, Catholic school-educated. Every one of us except Ward, whose father was a doctor, was the first in our family to go to college. And every one of the others

had gone away to college, and I had no idea what dorm life was like.

We were all willing to work together and help one another out — very different from the cutthroat competition at many law schools. That was a great defense against the dean of the law school, who took pride in the number of first-year students who flunked out or bailed out. His welcoming greeting to us had set the tone: "Look at the man on your left and the man on your right. Before long, one of you won't be here. And damned be he who first cries, 'Enough, enough!'"

Fortunately, the six of us survived the dean's first-semester bloodletting, with Ward and Weiss doing exceptionally well and the rest of us doing well enough.

Sometime in the spring of our first year, there was a climactic power struggle between the dean and the Rev. Theodore Hesburgh, president of the university, over the starting date for the law school in the fall. Their grand compromise was to give the dean his starting date, but to throw the law students off campus. It was my first experience as collateral damage! But the six of us found a house to rent in South Bend, and our friendships grew stronger than ever. Adding to all this was my meeting

Rosemary, who was a student at neighboring St. Mary's, during my first semester, and her becoming an integral part of our group. We got married at the start of my final semester before graduation.

After graduation, everyone did well: Manning in Chicago, Ward in Maine, Curtin in New Jersey, Weiss in St. Louis and Bonenberger in West Virginia. Though we were many miles apart, we stayed in close contact over the years, including at five-year class reunions, even holding weekly Zoom meetings during Covid.

Then, last summer, Manning, who was in many ways our magnet, died, and we decided to have our own mini-reunion. So last week we were together again in South Bend.

There were changes. Fisher Hall and the house we rented have been demolished. The law school building is many times larger than it was. But among us, nothing had changed. We walked the campus, reliving good memories, retelling old stories, talking about our children and grandchildren. We were thankful for our bonds of friendship, which had been forged in another century and have grown only stronger over seven decades. A great gift.

Go, Irish!

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PETER KING

Catching up with four longtime, far-flung friends from Notre Dame.

Why I'm voting for Kamala Harris

For the past year, politicians and political commentators have described the upcoming election as the most consequential in American history. To be realistic, all elections have consequences, but there is no doubt that this one will have a dramatic impact on my family, and countless others, for years to come.



JERRY KREMER

With less than two weeks to go until Nov. 5, I am weary from the back-and-forth discussions I have had with family members, friends, neighbors, and political allies and adversaries. Happily, all of those talks have been cordial, and it has been worthwhile to listen to all opinions. These exchanges have better prepared me to explain why I will vote for Kamala Harris for president.

Before explaining the basis for my vote, I need to rebut some of the arguments that I have heard from supporters of Donald Trump. Some have made the claim that Harris is "anti-Israel."

They point to the fact that then-President Trump moved the American embassy to Jerusalem, but they have not offered any proof that as a candidate, Harris has failed to support Israel. She has shown her unhappiness with its prime minister, but Benjamin Netanyahu is not Israel.

Three months into the election madness, some people tell me they "don't know enough about Kamala." I view that as an excuse not to vote for a woman. My response to them is, "Where does Trump stand on abortion, child care tax cuts, more housing opportunities for people of modest means and tax breaks for middle-income families?"

I frequently hear people describe the vice president as "too liberal." They reference her former support for Medicare for All and her past opposition to fracking. Harris has modified her positions on a number of issues, as has Trump's vice presidential nominee, J.D. Vance, who is now in lockstep with Trump — after once calling him a "Hitler."

I choose Harris over Trump for a

number of reasons. I trust her, and believe that she will be an honest president. I don't believe that she will make private deals with campaign donors, or craft laws that will favor a handful of wealthy donors like Elon Musk. Above all, she won't lie, lie and lie some more at every opportunity.

Thanks to President Biden's hard work, America has the respect of world leaders once again. NATO is once more a united force in Europe, and the only firewall we have against Russia and Vladimir Putin. Harris will be a strong supporter of NATO and Ukraine. That will make our country safer. She will uphold our alliances with Asian nations and oppose China's efforts to harm Taiwan.

Harris will appoint qualified people to major positions in her cabinet, and has pledged to seek bipartisan advice on key issues. There are countless thought leaders in America who would gladly give their time to the government if they thought their views would be respected. Above all, she will not sell out the nation to domestic or foreign

interests.

Harris will protect a woman's right to choose. She has pledged to reinstate Roe v. Wade, and will appoint judges to the Supreme Court who will protect women's rights. She will appoint an attorney general who will follow the Constitution, and be the people's lawyer and not the president's lap dog.

Harris will maintain our support for Israel. She has seen the powerful support that Biden has provided, including his latest pledge to give Israel guided missiles and U.S. military support to back them up. She will honor those commitments.

Rather than recite the reasons why I do not support Trump, I'll defer to America's top generals, who have called him dangerous and unfit to be commander in chief. To add to their opposition, I could further quote all of Trump's former cabinet members who oppose his re-election.

Enough said.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Don't miss your chance – get out and vote

As we approach a pivotal election that portends high political drama, there's never been a better time to stress the importance of voting. Every vote counts, and participation is more than a right — it's a crucial responsibility that shapes this nation's democracy.

This is not about whom to vote for. It's about making the most of the privilege of voting.

Early voting is now underway in parts of the country, and in the state of Georgia, the turnout has already made headlines. On the first day of early voting, more than 300,000 Georgians cast their ballots — more than double the number who voted that day in 2020.

That could signal the beginning of another record turnout for the presidential election. Four years ago, both eventual President Joe Biden and the incumbent, Donald Trump, garnered the most votes ever in a presidential election. Biden won with some 81 million.

The heightened enthusiasm, to put it most politely, for next month's election underscores why every eligible voter should make his or her voice heard.

This year, Election Day falls on Nov. 5, but early voting provides flexibility for those who may not be able to vote on that day. In New York, early voting gets under way this Saturday and ends on Nov. 3.

Early voting gives voters the chance to skip the long lines and cast their ballots at a time and place that is convenient for them. It's a safeguard against last-minute emergencies or unforeseen obstacles that might occur on Election Day.

The surge in early voting is a promising sign for democracy, but it also sends a larger message about civic engagement in today's highly charged political climate. Voting is one of the most direct ways individuals can influence the policies that shape their lives.

Whether the issues voters are focused on are health care, education, the economy, social justice or abortion access, the winning candidates, and measures on the

New York state elections are all about the major parties

To the Editor:

As New York voters prepare for the Nov. 5 elections, it is apparent that candidate choices are limited now more than ever. The Herald Roundtable articles, for example, are limited to coverage of Democratic and Republican candidates. The anti-democratic impact of former Gov. Andrew Cuomo's electoral

ballot, will help determine the future of those issues. By casting your vote, you become part of the collective decision-making process that steers the direction of the country.

For those who feel disillusioned or disengaged, it's important to remember that democracy works best when it's fully inclusive. Every election offers the opportunity to hold public officials accountable, to approve or reject ballot measures, and to influence the future of local, state and national policies.

When large numbers of people opt out of the process, fewer voices shape the policies that affect everyone. Voting is a way to speak up, even when the system feels

“reforms” has become abundantly clear with this year's elections in our state.

Having made it virtually impossible for independent third-party candidates to appear on the ballot, drastically changing longstanding ballot access laws and regulations in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, this fall we find ourselves with only Democrats and Republicans listed on our ballots. In a manner similar to what Republicans have done elsewhere, New York Democrats have suppressed the vote and stifled

meaningful political debate on the issues that face us all. We urge Gov. Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature to reverse these draconian changes to our election law as soon as possible. New Yorkers deserve more voter choice, more democracy.

Thanks to the Cuomo “reforms,” New York is the only state to have just two candidates for president appearing on the ballot. This has happened in only one other state in the past 40 years, Oklahoma. Many voters now feel faced with two unsatisfactory

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LETTERS

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Join the necessary fight against spotted lanternflies

The Herald and other publications have detailed the negative impacts of the invasive spotted lanternfly on Long Island, and while the population of these unwelcome insects continues to require intervention to prevent their unchecked spread across our region, there are steps that every Long Islander can take in



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their own backyard to protect against them.

At the Long Island Conservancy, we are eager to share some tips that will make a positive impact — and in some cases, multiple positive outcomes by eradicating not only this invasive insect, but also invasive plants

that serve as the lanternfly's primary food source.

First off, much like the MTA's famous slogan, if you see something, *squish* something! This fall, keep your eyes peeled for egg masses, and make sure to destroy them through the spring.

Removing the tree of heaven, an invasive non-native plant, is a top priority when it comes to proactive ways to erad-

icate the lanternfly. The tree of heaven is a fast-growing, invasive species across North America that you may not recognize by sight, but you certainly can by scent — it's also known as the stinking sumac, stink tree, stink weed, and a variety of other names including "stink."

The plant is spreading with the same vigor as the lanternfly, and removing it eliminates the insect's favorite food. Mechanical removal is possible: Girdle it, rip it out and remove it; whatever you can do to set them back. Make sure to follow up to ensure it doesn't regrow.

Many land managers and conservation professionals have warned against mechanical removal, encouraging the use of herbicides instead. In our experience, this isn't necessary; while the removed/damaged trees will sucker up, if you pull the suckers biweekly for a growing season, the roots will give up the ghost and the problem can be eliminated.

The tree of heaven is a significant problem in our region, not just because of the smell, but because it chokes out beneficial native plants. In the case of the lanternfly, the plant is essentially the closest thing to "home cooking" for

a species displaced halfway across the world.

If getting rid of that awful smell isn't enough incentive, early scientific research suggests that lanternflies that feed on the tree of heaven sequester toxins, called quassinoids,

that make our native birds extremely less likely to eat them. So the lanternflies are essentially exempt from the food chain, another reason why so many have managed to thrive in our competitive environment. This is, by the way, why they have those bright red warning colors!

And the tree of heaven isn't the only invasive species of plant that supports the lanternfly population. Porcelainberry and other species that originated in Asia are key sources of food. Every pernicious invasive species removed means more available space for native, healthy species to grow and thrive on Long Island.

When it comes to native species, there are a few to consider planting, like milkweed. I've seen dead lanternflies on milkweed plants — it appears that the dopey insects feed on them and poison themselves. (If you need a bonus reason to plant milkweed, the influx of mon-

arch butterflies is lovely!)

While taking steps to remove invasive plants in your yard and replace them with native species is proactive, some people are well past that point — they're dealing with infestations. In that case, you may be ready to set up a trap around a native host tree.

Observe where the lanternflies congregate most on your land and set your trap up there. While they tend to like walnut and sumac the best, they've been seen on maples, birches, sycamore and other trees. Building a trap is easy — you can find a step-by-step guide at <https://extension.psu.edu/how-to-build-a-spotted-lanternfly-circle-trap>.

For saplings that aren't big enough for a proper trap, just knock the bugs into a soapy dish. Some will hop away, but they're quite easy to catch this way, and if you do this once a day, over time you'll see fewer of them returning.

While combating the spotted lanternfly has been compared to trying to keep water off the beach because there are so many, by eradicating invasive species like the tree of heaven, we are helping to protect our environment now and for years to come.

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Squash them, plant milkweed, and yank out all the tree of heaven you can find.

LETTERS

choices: a candidate who is engaged in sowing pernicious and deadly seeds of ethnic and ideological conflict, and another who supports wars and continuing our nation's complicity in an ongoing genocide.

The Green Party urges all progressive voters to write in "Jill Stein" in this year's election. Don't stay home, and don't waste your vote!

JIM BROWN

*Chair, Green Party of Nassau County
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Kremer summed up Trump, but there's more

To the Editor:

In his Oct. 10-16 column, "A historic election for all the wrong reasons," Jerry Kremer presents several compelling reasons to reject Donald Trump's "desperate campaign" for president.

But voters should consider other factors as well. Conservatives, in particular, ought to ask whether Trump adheres to three principles they surely hold dear: family values, law and order, and patriotism.

Do Republican parents really want their children to view this potential president as a role model? Should kids

seek to emulate a philanderer and a vulgarian incapable of telling the truth?

How do those professing to "back the blue" square that stance with support for a convicted felon? Is someone charged with racketeering and 51 other criminal offenses a credible champion of the rule of law?

Are red-white-and-blue all-Americans OK with a candidate who orchestrated the attempted overthrow of the country's constitutional order? Does denigrating members of the U.S. armed forces demonstrate love of country?

Trump defiles all three of the values most Americans regard as sacrosanct.

This is not to say that Kamala Harris is without personal flaws of her own. She's imperfect, both as a candidate and a human being. Besides, voters should be assessing a candidate's policy positions, not only his or her personal behavior. And Harris's record and her proposals can be fairly criticized from a conservative perspective.

But character *does* matter. And on that score, Donald Trump is utterly unqualified to hold the nation's highest office.

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