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Rocking the town

The second Downtown Sounds concert included Milagro, a Santana tribute band, performing its interpretations of the iconic rock group's songs. Story, more photos, Page 10.

Stop & Shop to be replaced in Greenvale

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The grocery chain Stop & Shop has confirmed that it will close seven underperforming stores in New York state, including its location at Wheatly Plaza in Greenvale, which many North Shore residents rely on.

It has also been confirmed that Uncle Giuseppe's Marketplace will replace the Stop & Shop at the plaza. The high-end, full-service grocer, which specializes in Italian food, will open in early 2026.

The response from North Shore community members to the news of the store's closure, which is scheduled for November, has been a mix of concern, anxiety and resignation with many saying the store is their primary place to shop.

Sonna Allen, of Glen Cove, noted the superior products and healthier options available at the Greenvale store, and lamented the loss of a better-

stocked alternative to the Glen Cove location.

"The Glen Cove store carries a narrow selection of food and rarely carries healthier options like whole wheat pasta," Allen said in response to a Herald Facebook survey. "We're going

to miss the Greenvale store, our area has so few decent affordable grocery stores."

Barbara Adamo, of Glen Head, said that while she doesn't frequently shop at Stop & Shop, she appreciates the parking and the well-stocked shelves at the Greenvale location. She speculated that Uncle Giuseppe's might do well as an alternative, but noted

that it lacks everyday necessities.

Melissa Schultz, of Locust Valley, who uses the Instacart mobile application for groceries, was critical of the Glen Cove Stop & Shop, describing the difficulty of fulfilling orders due to frequent shortag-

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City confronts a water shortage

Conservation ordinance remains in effect in Glen Cove

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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As summer temperatures soar, Glen Cove faces the dual challenge of maintaining lush green lawns and managing its water supply. The city recently lifted strict water restrictions put in place to combat a severe shortage, which interrupted the familiar sound of sprinklers and altered residents' daily routines.

On June 18, the city issued a water restriction alert, which prohibited outdoor watering from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On July 7, residents were prohibited from watering lawns, washing cars and any other non-essential use of water use due to the extreme heat and critically low water levels. Those restrictions were lifted on July 12.

"It's very nice to have beautiful roses, but it's very important to have water in your homes," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said. "This is the

time of year when it's hot. People are barbecuing, they're outside. God forbid you have a house fire — you always need to have enough water for that."

The city continues to enforce a water conservation ordinance requiring residents to follow a watering schedule. Outdoor water use, including the use of sprinklers and car washing, is permitted on odd- and even-numbered days, for odd- and even-numbered houses and buildings, from 5 to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to midnight. Houses and buildings without numbers use even-numbered days. No watering is permitted on the 31st of any month, and all sprinkler systems must have rain sensors.

Michael Colangelo, the city's water service foreman, said that many properties run sprinkler systems between 2 and 8 a.m. By midnight the city's water system recharges, but by 5 a.m. it

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OBITUARIES

Rebecca Weiss

Rebecca Weiss, 92, formerly of Canarsie, Brooklyn died on June 21. Beloved wife of the late Harry; loving mother of Jerry (the late Susan) and Helen Forte (Rick); adored grand-

mother of Andrew, Julia and Michael. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Arrangements entrusted to Service at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.



REBECCA WEISS

Jeffrey Jackson Sr.

Jeffrey Jackson Sr., 82, of Glen Cove, died on June 23. Fifty two year member of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department and former Captain of the Fire Police and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Lieutenant of Company 4. Beloved husband of Lucy; Loving father of Jeff Jr., Car-

rieAnn and the late J.D.; dear brother of Brenda, Howard and Diane; cherished grandfather of Ian, Sierra, Miles, Trevor, Isaiah and Isis; adored Godfather of Linda, Melissa, Sandra, Marriana and Yvonne. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.



JEFFREY JACKSON

Francis A. Pavone Jr.

Francis A. Pavone Jr., 75, of Locust Valley, died on June 19. Former husband of Lorraine; loving father of Allison (Michael), Jillian (Christian), Katelyn (Greg); dear brother of Douglas and the late

Robert; proud poppy of Alivia, Michael, Gemma, Piper, Lana. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.



FRANCIS A. PAVONE JR.

Agostino Bellocco

Agostino Bellocco "Augie", 91, of Glen Cove, died on June 23. Beloved husband of Rosa; loving father of Ralph (Donnamaria) and Tina (Ronnie Speranza); dear brother of Angela (the late Michele), Carmella (the late Giuseppe), Armando (Nella), Orlando (Angelina), Concettina (the late Salva-

tore), the late Francesco and the late Michele (the late Adelina); proud grandfather of Rosina, Agostino, Nicole, Anthony and Isabella. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and extended family members. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove.

Angelina Vissichelli

Angelina Vissichelli, 61, of Locust Valley, died on July 3. Loving sister of Dominic, the late Grace, Joan DiPietro, Marylou Mangiapane, Patrick and Michael. Also survived by many

loving nieces, nephews and extended family members. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove.

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Art promotes shorebird conservation

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center announce the winners of this year’s ‘Share the Shore’ student sign initiative. This annual event, part of Audubon New York’s education and conservation efforts, aims to educate elementary students about shorebird protection through the creation of colorful, informative signs.

Long Island, a critical breeding ground for many shorebird species, faces increasing threats from human activities and development. Recognizing the need to protect these habitats, 3rd graders at Connolly and Landing School embarked on a civic inquiry lesson to explore ways they could help endangered shorebirds, particularly the Piping Plover. 20 students from both elementary schools were selected to have their artwork displayed.

The students’ efforts culminated in the creation of vibrant signs that promote Audubon’s ‘Share the Shore’ message. These signs encourage beach-goers to give nesting birds space, avoid littering, and adhere to “no pets” or leash laws. The initiative not only fostered a sense of civic responsibility among the young participants but also provided them with an opportunity to contribute to the conservation of their local environment.

The students’ artworks are currently on display at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center, with the exhibit running through July 19. However, the impact of their work will extend far beyond the exhibition. The winning signs will be printed on weather-resistant materials and installed at various beaches, including Stehli Town Beach, Centre Island Beach, Sunk-en Meadow State Park, and West Meadow Beach, as well as beaches in Glen Cove. This ensures that the young conservationists’ messages reach a wide audience, helping to raise awareness and protect shorebird habitats throughout the summer.

Erica Albert, the center’s Coastal Outreach Technician, highlighted the importance of the initiative, stating, “The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center works with multiple elementary schools throughout the area to educate students on conservation and ways they can protect endangered bird species. Our staff hosts programs in schools to educate students about birds through games, art, and other interactive methods to create empathy and understanding for these animals.”

Albert and the Audubon Center staff have been instrumental in engaging the next generation in conservation efforts. Their programs not only provide valuable knowledge about local wildlife but also inspire students to take active roles in protecting their environment. Through interactive methods, including games and art projects, the staff fosters empathy and understanding for endangered birds, encouraging students to become lifelong advocates for wildlife conservation.

The ‘Share the Shore’ initiative is a shining example of how education, community involvement, and creativity can come together to make a positive impact. By empowering young students to take action to protect birds in their environment.



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Some signs encourage beach-goers to adhere to “no pets” or leash laws.



Long Island, a critical breeding ground for many shorebird species, faces increasing threats from human activities and development.



Signs remind beach-goers to give nesting birds space in their habitat.

Share the Shore artists

Connolly Elementary School artists

- Katie Alvarado
- Jasmine Rivas
- Petria Christodoulou
- Leia Roditi
- Bella Davis
- Valentina Lopez Rivas
- Sasha Escobar
- Helem Villatoro
- Nuri Sosa Marquez
- Milena Anna Prokop
- Madison Mora Rangel

Landing Elementary School artists

- Abigail Borukhova
- Victoria Serna
- Evelyn Alvarado Diaz
- Abigail Zavala
- Emily Hallquest
- Nicole Martinez Mejia
- Dylan Magallanes Orellana
- Sienna Quiroz
- Aleah Rios

Hochul notes major L.I. crime reduction

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Governor Kathy Hochul announced a substantial decrease in shooting incidents and overall crime rates on Long Island, highlighting the impact of unprecedented state investments in public safety. The data, reported by the Nassau, Suffolk, and Hempstead police departments, shows a 44 percent reduction in shooting incidents with injury, a 15 percent drop in index crimes, and a 16 percent decrease in property crimes compared to the same period in 2023.

This decline in crime coincides with Governor Hochul's historic allocation of over \$50 million for public safety in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, marking the largest state investment in the region's history. These funds, included in this year's State Budget, are aimed at enhancing the capabilities of local law enforcement agencies through the State's Gun Involved Violence Elimination program and other initiatives.

The GIVE program has been instrumental in this crime reduction. It utilizes evidence-based strategies to tackle gun violence, focusing on areas with high incidences of shootings. Nassau, Suffolk, and Hempstead police departments, key participants in the GIVE program, reported significant progress. From January 1 to June 30, 2024, there were 22 shooting incidents with injury,



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The Glen Cove Police Department received \$1.1 million from the state to purchase advanced law enforcement technology and equipment. Lieutenant Brian Miller, Deputy Chief Christopher Ortiz, Detective Lieutenant John Nagle, Governor Kathy Hochul and Detective Theodore Karousos met in Glen Cove to celebrate the decreased crime rate in the state.

down from 39 during the same period in 2023. This 44 percent decline is notably higher than the statewide average reduction of 27 percent.

Governor Hochul expressed her commitment to public safety, stating, "Public safety is my top priority, and I am committed to using every tool at my disposal to protect the people of this state and

crack down on gun violence and violent crime. We've partnered with local police agencies to successfully get guns off the streets and drive down overall crime on Long Island, and I will continue investing in the men and women in uniform who are working hard every day to make sure their communities are safe."

The state has allocated \$1,494,692 to Nassau County agencies and \$1,307,677 to Suffolk County agencies for the GIVE funding cycle, which runs from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. This funding is part of a broader \$21.1 million one-time capital investment provided to 39 police departments and sheriffs' offices. This includes \$1.1 million specifically allocated to the Glen Cove Police Department for the purchase of advanced law enforcement technology and equipment. These resources are intended to enhance the effectiveness of local police in solving, reducing, and preventing crime.

"I am so grateful to Governor Hochul for supporting law enforcement and especially for today supporting my hometown police department," Congressman Tom Suozzi said in a statement. "The Governor and I are both

committed to supporting public safety and law enforcement. Fully funding our law enforcement partners should be a top priority for all elected officials."

The 2025 enacted budget further underscores the state's commitment to public safety, with nearly \$160 million allocated to law enforcement agencies and community-based organizations. This comprehensive plan addresses gun violence, reduces crime, and improves public safety through a multifaceted approach. Key allocations include \$80 million to offset costs of discovery reform implementation and pretrial procedure changes, \$59,459,000 in Aid to Prosecution funding for district attorneys' offices, and \$20 million for pretrial services.

The Glen Cove Police Department plans to use these resources to invest in new technologies and equipment. Chief of Police William Whitton said the additional funding will help invest in new technologies and equipment to better serve the community police are sworn to protect.

"It's very important that our police officers have the tools to keep the community and to keep themselves safe as well," Glen Cove mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said. "They're compiling that list now as to what they're going to buy. They're on top of everything. So many of them are actual Glen Covers, they know everyone in the community and they're wonderful."

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said Hochul has taken an important step toward ensuring that Glen Cove remains the safest municipality of its size in America. She says she's confident that these resources will greatly enhance and strengthen local community policing initiatives.

"From her first days in office, Governor Hochul has shown a continued commitment to fighting crime," Assemblymember Chuck Lavine said in a statement. "These new statistics reflect that her efforts are paying off and she's not done yet. This significant investment in local law enforcement, including more than a million dollars for the City of Glen Cove Police Department, ensures that it will have the necessary resources to keep my constituents safe."



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Second Marriage Planning

In second marriage planning, a co-trustee is sometimes recommended on the death of the first spouse. While both spouses are living and competent they run their trust or trusts together. But when one spouse dies, what prevents the other spouse from diverting all of the assets to their own children? Nothing at all, if they alone are in charge. While most people are honorable, and many are certain their spouse would never do such a thing, strange things often happen later in life. A spouse may become forgetful, delusional or senile or may be influenced by other parties. Not only that, but the children of the deceased spouse tend to feel very insecure when they find out their stepparent is in charge of all of the couple's assets.

If you choose one of the deceased spouse's children to act as co-trustee with the surviving spouse there is a conflict that exists whereby the stepchild may be reluctant to spend assets for the surviving spouse, because whatever is spent on that spouse comes out of the child's inheritance. Then what if stepparent gets remarried? How will the stepchild trustee react

to that event? What if it turns out the stepchild liked the stepparent when his parent was living, but not so much afterwards?

Here is where the lawyer as co-trustee may provide an ideal solution. When one parent dies, the lawyer steps in as co-trustee with the surviving spouse. The lawyer helps the stepparent to invest for their own benefit as well as making sure the principal grows to offset inflation, for the benefit of the deceased spouse's heirs. The stepparent in this case takes care of all their business privately with their lawyer. The trusts cannot be raided. These protections may also be extended for IRA and 401(k) money passing to the spouse through the use of the "IRA Contract". Surviving spouse agrees ahead of time that they will make an irrevocable designation of the deceased spouse's children as beneficiaries when the IRA is left to the surviving spouse, and further agrees that any withdrawals in excess of the required minimum distribution (RMD) may only be made on consent of the lawyer.

Second marriage planning offers numerous traps for the unwary.

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Uncle Giuseppe's is coming to Greenvale

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es, and expressing concerns about the safety and convenience of shopping there. Schultz said that the Glen Cove store is often out of staples like eggs and milk by Sunday afternoons, making it challenging for in-store customers and Instacart shoppers alike. She added that she goes to the Glen Cove location as a last resort.

"There's no way Glen Cove can handle the additional volume it would receive if Greenvale does, in fact, close," Schultz said in her Facebook comment. "Greenvale is a nicer environment. The staff is extremely accommodating. I feel safe leaving my car in the Greenvale parking lot. If I have to go to Glen Cove, I'll park as far as I can on the Petco side to eliminate carts randomly rolling into my car."

Despite the closures, Stop & Shop said it is committed to offering positions to all of its impacted employees and will focus on "growth through price investments and store remodels." Nonetheless, the planned closures have not only stirred anxiety among North Shore shoppers, but have also highlighted the broader issue of the area's limited grocery-shopping options, especially after the closure of the Glen Cove King Kulen in 2022.

Many respondents to the Herald's Facebook inquiry said they had been advocating for more affordable options.

"I've been emailing Trader Joe's for years asking them to come to Glen Cove or Roslyn," Sam Lansdale, of Sea Cliff, said. "I'm hoping one day they will listen (because) right now it is a schlep."

The other Stop & Shop locations on Long Island slated for closure are Hempstead, East Meadow and Coram. Beyond Long Island, three stores will close in other parts of New York, five in Connecticut, eight in



Will Sheeline/Herald

Stop & Shop will close its Greenvale location in the near future, one of 32 planned closures throughout the Northeast, four of them on Long Island.

Massachusetts, 10 in New Jersey and two in Rhode Island.

"Stop & Shop is proud of the deep roots and community ties we have developed as a neighborhood grocer of more than 100 years," Gordon Reid, the company's president, said in a news release "and we remain com-

mitted to nourishing our associates, customers and communities. As we announced in May, Stop & Shop has evaluated its overall store portfolio and made the difficult decision to close underperforming stores to create a healthy base for the future growth of our brand."



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HERALD SPORTS

Ducks pursue second-half turnaround

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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Gutted by roster departures and injuries, the Long Island Ducks completed the first half of the Atlantic League baseball season July 5 with a 30-33 record, 13 games behind the North Division-winning York Revolution.

First-year Ducks manager Lew Ford, the franchise's all-time hits leader with 1,036 and a key member of three championship teams, witnessed plenty of second-half turnarounds in his 13 seasons and is hopeful for another.

"I try to look at the positives and so far we've helped eight guys sign to play either in a Major League organization or professionally overseas," Ford said. "We've had a ton of turnover and some injuries, but I like our roster entering the second half."

The offense, led by outfielder Tyler Dearden and first baseman Frank Schwindel, did its part through the first 63 games averaging 5.25 runs. Dearden and Schwindel finished first and third in the league in batting, hitting .361 and .353, respectively.

Dearden, who spent his first six professional seasons in the Boston Red Sox organization and played at the Triple-A level in 2023, appeared in 55 first-half games and cracked 12 homers with 46 RBIs and 37 runs. His contract was purchased July 2 by the Minnesota Twins organization.

Schwindel, who has 145 games of Major League experience, appeared in 39 games and belted 11 homers and drove in 38 runs in the first half.

"Those guys were our MVPs in the first half," Ford said of Dearden and Schwindel.

The most accomplished player Ford has penciled into the lineup is outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr., who appeared in 1,182 MLB games and won a World Series with the Boston Red Sox in 2018. He totaled 109 homers, 449 RBIs and 69 stolen bases over an 11-yr career.

A lower body injury forced Bradley Jr. to miss 35 games thus far. When healthy, he's raked to the tune of a .360 average, 7 homers and 22 RBIs.

Catcher Chance Sisco, with nearly 200 MLB games under his belt, hit a team-leading 14 homers in the first half. Ivan Castillo has been steady with the glove and batted .298 with 6 homers, 23 RBIs and 7 steals in 42 first-half games.

Improving a team ERA of 5.34 and a league-worst .280 opponents' batting average will go a long way in the Ducks' chances of getting back to the playoffs. By far their most impressive arm to date is reliever Ramon Santos, who carries a 0.71 ERA with 3 wins (one shy of team leader Stephen Woods Jr.) and 45 strikeouts in 25 innings.

"We have to pitch better and the staff knows that," Ford said. "They're all capable."

Ducks reach 9 million fans all-time

The Ducks welcomed their record 9 millionth fan through the gates of Fairfield Properties Ballpark June 18 prior to their



Tyler Dearden, signed by the Minnesota Twins July 2, hit .361 with 12 homers and 46 RBIs in 55 games with the Ducks.

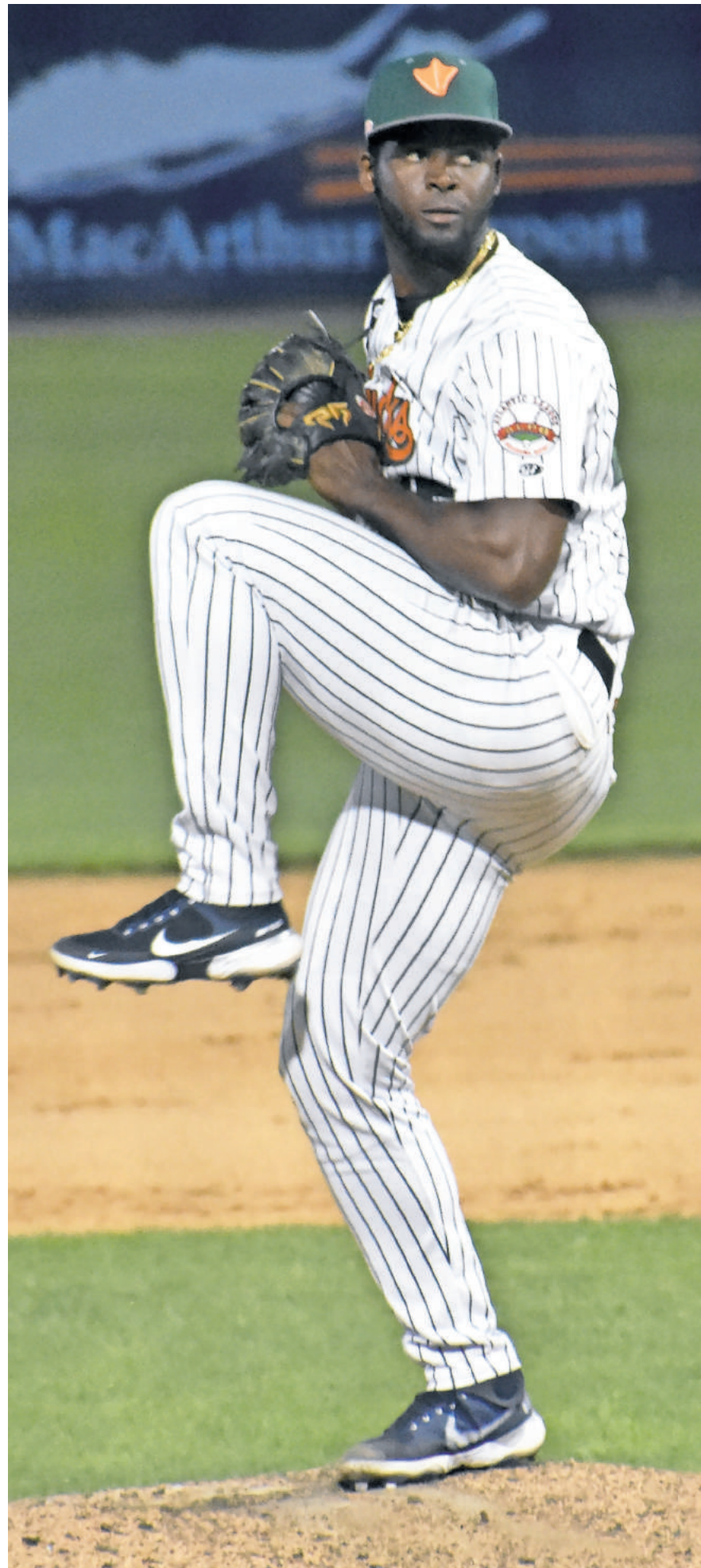
game against the Staten Island FerryHawks.

"This is another special day in the history of this great franchise," Ducks General Manager Sean Smith said. "Reaching 9 million fans is a testament to the incredible support from our fan base since we first opened the gates in 2000 and to the fun and excitement Ducks baseball continues to provide Long Islanders every year."

Five-year-old Ethan Oldham from Islip entered through the West Gate at 5:56 p.m. with his mother, Katie; father, Craig; and baby brother, Nolan. In doing so, Ethan became the 9 millionth fan in franchise history to attend a Ducks game in their home ballpark.

Long Island became the first club in Atlantic League history to reach the milestone attendance figure despite having begun play in the league's third year of existence (2000). The Ducks are also currently the league's all-time leader in sold out crowds with 707, have led the league in attendance 17 times and currently lead the league in 2024 attendance as well with an average of more than 4,500.

Ethan was recognized during a VIP on-field ceremony for being the 9 millionth fan. Sheldon Ellison, General Manager of the Levittown P.C. Richard & Son location, presented the lucky fan with a \$1,000 gift card to use at any of the Ducks charter sponsor's locations. In addition, the Ducks presented Ethan with a jersey featuring "9 Million" as the name on the back and the number "24", representing this season. Ethan threw out a ceremonial first pitch, received a 2024 Ducks team-signed baseball, and he and his family were upgraded to VIP tickets for the night.



Reliever Ramon Santos pitched to a 0.71 ERA with 45 strikeouts in 25 innings through the season's opening half.

Photos courtesy Long Island Ducks

Officials discuss infrastructure overhaul

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is reduced to 40 percent capacity. During the cooler seasons the city uses 1.8 million gallons of water per day, but in the summer that jumps to 7.5 million to 8 million gallons a day.

“The battle is that it takes all day, till 11 p.m., to get full again,” Colangelo explained. “But then you got to battle it again the next day. Every day you’re battling this.”

As the city grapples with the challenge of conserving water, it is planning major infrastructure projects aimed at securing a stable and sustainable water supply for future summers.

At a pre-council meeting on Tuesday, Denise O’Connor, the city’s water account supervisor, presented a comprehensive five-year capital plan for water infrastructure improvements. They include the rehabilitation of the Seaman Road and Nancy Court wells, installation of generators at Kelly Street and preliminary work for new wells at Coles and Connolly elementary schools, and the construction of a permanent air stripper to remove pollutants at the Duck Pond well. The plan also includes a rehabilitation of the McLoughlin tank, a new tank at Leech Circle, electrical upgrades at Kelly Street, and the Nancy Court project, to reduce the concentration of PFAS, or so-called “forever chemicals,” in the water supply. The projected cost of all of the improvements is just under \$52 million.

To help partially fund the projects, the city is discussing implementing an annual infrastructure improvement fee. The suggested amount for residences is \$5, which would generate \$450,000 per year. Commercial properties would be charged \$100, which would generate \$26,000 per year.

“The charge is going to pay for all the buildings that need to be done to maintain the adequacy and the safe-



Herald file photo

As the city grapples with the challenge of conserving water, it is planning major infrastructure projects aimed at securing a stable and sustainable water supply for future summers.

ty of the water supply,” O’Connor said. “That’s really what it’s for — we’re not looking to make anything prettier. It’s just to maintain what we have so that there’s enough water, and that it’s at the quality that we have come to expect it to be.”

Colangelo also advised residents to use spouts on hoses to control water flow, and added that homes and businesses should make sure they have no leaks in their toilets. And he emphasized the importance of adhering to the water-use restrictions.

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Registration dates won't help Jewish voters

Two Saturdays in the fall – and one Thursday – will conflict with Shabbat and Rosh Hashana

By NICOLE FORMISANO

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Voter registration programs aim to make voting more accessible for people, and to encourage them to participate in the democratic process. But a recent directive from the state Board of Elections has done just the opposite for Jewish constituents, county executive Bruce Blakeman says.

A statewide voter registration date — this year, Thursday, Oct. 3 — is required by state law. A second, local voter registration program also takes place in Nassau County, but the dates that program may take place is up to the state Board of Elections, rather than the county's. The state gave the county board two options to choose from: Sept. 28 or Oct. 5. Both are Saturdays.

That makes the voter registration program inaccessible for observant Jewish people, as well as Seventh-Day Adventists, and is antithetical to the program's purpose of diversity and inclusion, Blakeman said at a news conference last week.

Blakeman appeared with county legislators Bill Gaylor and Mazi Pilip; the Legislature's presiding officer, Howard Kopel; Comptroller Elaine Phillips and Rabbi Yossi Lieberman, of the Chabad of West Hempstead, on July 11 at Halls



Courtesy Office of Bruce Blakeman

The State Board of Elections gave Nassau County two Saturdays to choose from for a local voter registration program, making the program inaccessible to observant Jews, County Executive Bruce Blakeman said at a July 11 news conference.

Pond Park, in West Hempstead, to urge Attorney General Letitia James to step in and take action to correct the state election board's decision.

"We are here in West Hempstead, which has a very large Jewish population," said Blakeman, who is the county's first Jewish executive. "And quite frankly, Nassau County is home to probably the third-largest Jewish county in population in the United States, and we

have a very large population of Seventh-Day Adventists, especially in the Elmont and Franklin Square areas. So we believe that the state is making a big mistake, and we would ask them to correct that mistake."

"As we welcome a voter registration program and we encourage everyone to participate in an election, I would expect from our state leadership to be sensitive for Shabbat," Pilip said. "Shab-

bat is a day for many Jewish people, they are resting, they are going to synagogue, they don't work, they don't use phones, they don't do anything that typically they'd do on a regular day."

Even the statewide voter registration date of Oct. 3 is problematic for Jewish constituents, Kopel said.

"Nobody's saying it's necessarily deliberate," Kopel said, "but let's also remember that not only is that Thursday date a workday, it is also, as it happens, the day after Rosh Hashana. It is a fast day. Some people don't feel well — they're fasting, they can't get out, they're not up to it."

Because the Saturday dates for the county program were finalized by state legislation, they cannot be changed without legislative action. The state Board of Elections, however, has the power to change the statewide registration program from a Thursday to a Sunday, so it is not on a working day. Blakeman called on James to direct the state board to make that change.

"It should be a very simple thing to do," Kopel said. "Just go ahead, make the change. And I would also urge our officials to be a little bit more sensitive and a little bit more careful, and think about what you're doing before you go ahead and do it. Because this was just really careless."



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The Glen Cove High School Theatre Production celebrated their performance with their mentors after a successful performance of their favorite songs from *The Little Mermaid*.

Mermaids, princes and Santana songs

Glen Cove hosted its second Downtown Sounds concert on July 12, showcasing impressive performances from the Glen Cove High School theatre program and Milagro, a Santana tribute band that blends rock, blues, Latin, and jazz.

Art students at the high school were also asked to show off their work by creating banners for the festivities, which were displayed next to the stage in Village Square.

Concertgoers enjoyed the range of music, beginning with snippets of *The Little Mermaid* production. Dakota Rios performed as Ariel, Aiden Van Ommeren as the Prince and Andrew Ginez as Sebastian. The whole cast wowed the audience with their enthusiastic performances.

—Jenna Stenco



The theatre program takes the stage to perform 'Under the Sea,' led by Andrew Ginez, the rising senior who played Sebastian in Glen Cove High's *The Little Mermaid*. Ginez was also chosen for a Roger Rees student awards.



Art by Glen Cove High School art students created by Natalia Monsale, Joy Santana, Faith Santana, and Jessica Gallaghan.



The rising senior at Glen Cove High School, Dakota Rios, sings 'Part of Your World' from her role as Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*. Rios also earned a Roger Rees student award.



Glen Cove High School students Phoebe Pinder, Antonio Joya, Sofia Sanchez, Benjamin Napolitano, and Madison Kaffl had their banners on display.



Julio Claudio, vocalist, and Juan Rodriguez, percussion, dazzled the crowd with their rendition of 'Evil Ways' by Santana.

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Bike challenge aids children's charities

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By SCOTT BRINTON

Special to the Herald

Eddie Giron last rode the Nassau County Bicycle Challenge, which winds through Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Bayville, Oyster Bay, Glen Head, and Locust Valley, in 2015. He was new to cycling and nervous.

"It was nerve-racking because I had never ridden before, but it was great, aside from the giant hills that you've got to do," said Giron, 48, of Holtsville.

Giron returned to the Challenge for the first time in nine years on June 30, one of 70-plus riders to take part in the event, a North Shore Kiwanis Club fundraiser for children's charities.

The Challenge "supports the children's charities that we're focusing on," said Club President Roger Hill, of Glen Cove. "Kiwanis is an international organization that's for supporting children, each community on its own."

The ride, he noted, "helps us bring the community together...for those children in need."

The North Shore Kiwanis is a chapter of Kiwanis International. Among the charitable endeavors that the ride supports are Kiwanis's Clothes for Kids, for which club members take children in need to J.C. Penny to shop for clothes, and Kicks 4 Kids, which provides new tennis to children. As well, the event supports the Kiwanis Club's many food drives.

Leslie Kle, of Glen Cove, a North Shore Kiwanis Club board member and organizer of this year's Challenge, said, "Most of the riders understand that they are contributing toward the community and helping the community."

The Challenge is the North Shore Kiwanis Club's second largest fundraiser of the year after the Sea Cliff Mini Mart, an annual arts and crafts exposition held the first Sunday of October.

Dan Conroy, 56, of New Hyde Park, said, "I just like to bike, and [the Challenge] is for a good cause. I bike every Sunday anyway, so why not do it for chil-



Photos courtesy Scott Brinton

John Mooney, left, Chris Edelstein, Nick Smith and Chip Rennison got the chance to support a good cause with a bike ride.

dren's charity? It's a lot of fun, so long as it doesn't rain."

The Challenge marked its 28th year in 2024. For its first 24 years, it was known as the Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge, but since 2022 has been simply called the Nassau County Bicycle Challenge. Tom DeStio, whose son was born prematurely with multiple health issues, began the Challenge as a way to do good for children and to pay homage to the Kiwanis Club, as his son was cared for in the critical care unit at the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Cohen Children's Medical Center in Queens.

There are two routes to the Challenge: one, a 35-mile route, and the other, a 25-miler. For more information, click [here](#).

Eleanor Rapelje, left, and Barbara Black were among the roughly 30 volunteers who greeted riders, handed out food and water to them, and handled ride logistics.



Larry Amoroso was among the 70-plus riders to take part in the Nassau County Bicycle Challenge, a children's charity event hosted by the North Shore Kiwanis Club on June 30.

A Mineola rededication for Nassau's 125th

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Despite pouring rain outside the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola on July 12, there was a joyful rededication ceremony for the building, a highlight of Nassau County's yearlong 125th-anniversary celebration. Attendees reflected on the county's journey from its separation from New York City, in 1899, to its present-day status as one of the best-known, busiest, most vibrant and culturally diverse counties in the United States.

Moderated by County Executive Bruce Blakeman, the event brought together elected officials, local historians, and Tweed Roosevelt, the great-grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, to honor the rich history and legacy of both the county and the former president.

"Today we reaffirm our commitment to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt, a great president, a great governor, a police commissioner, a state legislator," Blakeman said. "Someone who was a war hero, and someone who overcame tremendous adversity to achieve so many great things."

The county's origin story was, in effect, an act of secession, according to historians. In 1898, when New York City annexed Queens County, its three eastern towns — Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay — pushed to split away, drawing an invisible boundary between themselves and the newly expanded city. On Jan. 1, 1899, Nassau County was born, and its suburban future firmly secured.

The county building, designed by the architectural firm Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, best known for designing the Empire State Building, is historically significant, because then Gov. Teddy Roosevelt himself helped lay the cornerstone in 1900. When U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi was



Tim Baker/Herald

Tweed Roosevelt, President Theodore Roosevelt's great-grandson, honored the rich history and legacy of both the county and the former president.

serving as county executive in 2002, he announced that the building, a former county courthouse, would be renamed in honor of Roosevelt.

In 2005, a replica of a 17-foot statue of Roosevelt that stands on Theodore Roosevelt Island, in the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., was installed outside the building in Mineola. Now the statue's plaque recognizes the county's historic milestone.

Roosevelt's legacy as a public servant and leader is extensive. He was born in New York City on Oct. 27, 1858, into a wealthy family. Though he was frail and asthmatic as a child, he was determined to pursue a vigorous lifestyle that would define most of his life.

Roosevelt's education was a mix of private tutoring and formal schooling, culminating in his graduation

from Harvard in 1880. His political career began with his election to the State Assembly in 1882, where he earned a reputation as a reformer. As president of the New York City Board of Police Commissioners in 1895, he fought corruption and modernized the police force through hands-on inspections and reforms.

Appointed assistant secretary of the Navy in 1897, Roosevelt prepared the Navy for the Spanish-American War, and subsequent leading the Rough Riders, the first U.S. volunteer cavalry. His heroism propelled him to the governorship of New York in 1898, where he implemented significant labor, health care and conservation reforms.

Roosevelt's New York-honed leadership led to the vice presidency in 1900, and the presidency just a year later, when William McKinley was assassinated. His progressive policies, including trust-busting and conservation efforts, were influenced by his New York experiences.

Roosevelt's connection to New York remained strong throughout his life. His home at Sagamore Hill, in Oyster Bay, was his retreat as well as a hub of intellectual and political activity, and played a large role in his personal and political life. The name of the main house on the 150-acre estate, which he bought in 1880, is Native American for "chief," and it was the scene of many milestones in Roosevelt's life, from family moments to political decisions.

"He spent the better part of his life here," his great-grandson, Tweed Roosevelt, said during the event. "He's reputed to have said on the day he died to his wife, 'Dear, you have no idea how much I love Sagamore Hill.'"

"Teddy Roosevelt is a man that we all should try to emulate," Scott Fairgrieve, president of the Nassau County Historical Society, said. "He was a family man. He was a great president of the United States, and he loved this country."

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Still 'Wild about Harry'

Local musicians and fans gather in tribute to the beloved musician

By Karen Bloom

Harry Chapin's tragic death is now many decades behind us, but his music and philanthropy remain forever enshrined in Long Island's collective consciousness. Stuart Markus, a longtime fixture on the local folk-acoustic scene, cherishes his role as guardian of Chapin's legacy, organizing the yearly memorial concert each summer.

Markus, who is based in Malverne, remains just as passionate about Chapin's music and his humanitarian zeal as when he began this tribute event — taking on the role of concert organizer — 21 years ago. It has now moved on from its longtime home at Chapin's namesake theater in Eisenhower Park — following last year's well-publicized kerfuffle with Nassau County officials — to the Chapin Rainbow Stage in Huntington's Heckscher Park. Some 30 musicians will gather with fans on Sunday, July 21, regrouping for this year's edition of "Just Wild About Harry."

"I've long thought it would be wonderful and extremely appropriate to do the show in Huntington, where Harry and Sandy lived and raised their family," Markus says. "Harry is still held in such beloved regard by residents of the town and public officials at all levels."

Despite the years that have passed since Chapin's shocking death on the Long Island Expressway en route to his ill-fated performance in Eisenhower Park in July 1981, the man and his music still resonates. In fact, several show regulars were among the crowd when what was supposed to be a joyous event turned into a vigil, according to Markus.

"Harry is so beloved in memory on Long Island," Markus says. "You don't have to look too hard to find someone who met him, whose school he did a benefit for, or someone who's been helped by one of his charities. It's so meaningful for the music community to come together and, in effect, do the concert he might have given."

And come together they do — year after year. "I never expected it would go on this long," Markus says. "When I first started doing the show I thought it would run its cycle. Instead, each year it keeps growing and keeps getting better. It's such a wonderful concert and everyone has a great time, which is a tribute to what a great man he (Chapin) was."

The troubadour's song catalogue is creatively interpreted by each act, who make it their own, while honoring Chapin. "We've had some amazing arrangements, from folky to country, torch-song style to hard rock," adds Markus. "Throughout the two decades that we've been presenting the show, I've always encouraged everyone to make the songs fresh, however they imagine them. They're not just reproducing them the way Harry did."

Markus is pleased to welcome Chapin's daughter, singer-songwriter Jennifer Chapin, in her first performing appearance at this year's concert. She'll do "I Wanna Learn a Love Song," which tells the story of Chapin meeting his future wife Sandy Cashmore in 1966 and their romance. It was included on his 1974 album "Verities & Balderdash."



"It means a lot to her and the family that we're doing this in Huntington, where they grew up," Markus adds.

In another first, the lineup also includes Cantor Lisa Wharton, of Temple Beth Emeth in Mount Sinai, who appears with her husband, percussionist Akiva Wharton, and Cantor Judy Merrick, of Plainview Jewish Center. They'll perform "I Wonder What Would Happen," which Markus describes as very appropriate as "it's a spiritual, gospel feeling song." Also Cantor Talya Smilowitz, with Oyster Bay's Congregation L'Dor V'Dor, also graces the stage; Markus accompanying her for "Saturday Morning."

"She has an amazing voice and in the chorus melody it just soars," he enthuses.

Also participating, as always, are stalwarts of the local music community — including returnees Roger Street Friedman, Frank Walker, Patricia Shih and Stephen Fricker, Robinson Treacher, MediaCrime, Judith Zweiman, Martha Trachtenberg, Robin Greenstein, Christine Solimeno, and Grand Folk Railroad. They are joined, of course, by Markus, who performs with his longtime trio Gathering Time.

As is their signature, Markus, with Gathering Time, arrive on stage at the end to conclude the concert. They'll perform "Cat's in the Cradle," which marks its 50th anniversary this year; also on the "Verities & Balderdash" album. Then, as always, in the true spirit of Harry Chapin, Gathering Time is joined by the entire group for their annual rendition of "Circle," Chapin's traditional closing.

More than just a concert, the free event, of course, involves a food drive. Concertgoers are asked to bring donations of nonperishable items to support Long Island Cares, the regional food bank and humanitarian organization Chapin founded in 1980.

Bring seating to the concert, held rain or shine. It will also be livestreamed on Facebook and the Harry Chapin Foundation YouTube channel.

Courtesy Keith Rossin

Top photo: Gathering Time's Stuart Markus leads his fellow musicians in the spirited tribute.

Courtesy Doug Otto

Bottom photo: Everyone gathers to salute Harry Chapin during the rousing finale that closes the concert.



Comic showcase

Laugh the night away at Mom's Night Out, presented Long Island Comedy Festival. You'll enjoy standup delivered by four clever comics. Talia Reese, (pictured) an Orthodox woman, is one of the edgiest comedians on the circuit. Also a lawyer and a mom, she's more than capable of not only wearing many hats, but mixing offbeat comedy, motherhood and Orthodox Judaism together. She's joined by Carla Ulbrich, a singer-songwriting comedian known as a "professional smart-aleck, with a love of the absurdities of ordinary life; Rockville Centre's own Laura Patton, who encourages everyone to laugh along with her as she lives her dream; and national headliner Maria Walsh, "America's Naughtiest Mommy," known for her quick wit.

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Mike DelGuidice is, of course, forever known for his connection to Billy Joel. One of Long Island's most celebrated singer/songwriters continues his "residency" on the Paramount stage, DelGuidice and his band always give it their all, especially when playing the iconic Billy Joel songs. Like his idol, DelGuidice has become one of the area's most popular performers, balancing his schedule between doing his own thing and touring with Joel. DelGuidice, as with Joel, grew up mastering several instruments including bass guitar, guitar, piano, and drums. He's renowned for his encyclopedic knowledge of the Joel catalog, which caught the attention of Joel himself, who ultimately brought him on stage with him. DelGuidice and his band pack hit after chart-topping hit, along with his own tunes in a high energy show that's always a crowd pleaser.

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July 26

'Cold Beer on a Friday Night'

Jimmy Kenny and the Pirate Beach Band are back on the Paramount stage, Friday, **July 26**, 8 p.m., with their beachy vibe. With summer in full swing, keep the mood going with their "Ultimate Beach Party Tribute" to Kenny Chesney, Jimmy Buffett and Zac Brown Band. Parrotheads, No Shoes Nation and the Zamily: it's 5 o'clock somewhere so let's 'raise 'em up and sing along.

The Long Island based band — guided by Paul C. Cuthbert (aka Jimmy Kenny) on lead vocals/ acoustic guitar, with Linn DeMilta (aka Lovely Linn), lead and backing vocals, Luis Rio, lead guitar/ backing vocals, Frank Stainkamp, keyboard/backing vocals, Dan Prine, bass, and drummer Mike Vecchione, have been celebrating the beach country sounds of Buffett, Chesney and Zac Brown Band for over a decade, spreading their vibe up and down the Northeast. Everyone has a great time grooving to their lively mix of their popular sing-along hits and feel good, easy living flair. It's a show that connects everyone to good times and good friends. And, of course, you'll know all the tunes. If you like your toes in the sand, wasting away with a margarita or a cold beer, then you'll surely have a great time with the Jimmy Kenny Band. \$35, \$25, \$20, \$15. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



Movie Night

Enjoy a family film outdoors on Eisenhower Park's big screen, Wednesday **July 31**, dusk, at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre. See the recent 3D animated musical fantasy "Trolls 3: Trolls Band Together." The film serves as the threequel to Trolls, the sequel to Trolls World Tour, and the continuation of DreamWorks Trolls franchise. Eisenhower Park, Lakeside Theatre, East Meadow. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.

Downtown Sounds

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

Game Time

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

Dancing in the Street

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

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

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

Deep Roots Farmers Market

Visit Deep Roots Farmers Market, Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through Nov. 19, at Garvies Point Park. Choose among all sorts of delectable goodies. The market offers locally grown vegetables, farm fresh eggs, meats and dairy, fresh baked breads and pastries, artisan cheeses, fresh seafood, local honey, prepared foods, pastas, jams, coffees, and more.



Tunes in the garden

Enjoy the glorious grounds of Old Westbury Gardens and listen to some stirring sounds, as Old Westbury Gardens' summer music series continues, Sunday, **July 21**, 3-4 p.m. The Cambiata Cello Duo performs compositions spanning styles and centuries at the Barn. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

Library Walking Club

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



Dramatic Play

Theatre Playground returns to Long Island Children's Museum with "Dramatic Play!," Monday, **July 22**, 1 p.m., taught by Lisa Rudin, Director of Theatre Playground. In this interactive, theater-inspired workshop, children will act out an original story and help choose how it unfolds. Music, props, and sound effects create a theatrical world where participants are immersed in the story.

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

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. It opens **July 20 and is on view through Jan. 5**. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



Best of Broadway

Enjoy the best of the Great White Way, Sunday **July 21**, 7 p.m., when Morgan Park Summer Music Festival presents "100 Years of Broadway." Produced by award-winning composer-pianist Neil Berg, be inspired by timeless classics of

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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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One more time, a ban from women's sports

July 18, 2024 – GLEN COVE HERALD

By PARKER SCHUG

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A Nassau County bill banning biological males from participating in women's sports and activities on county facilities was signed on Monday.

"It's a good day for women in Nassau County, today," Legislator Samantha Goetz, who represents the 18th District and is a sponsor of the measure, said at a news conference in Mineola on Monday.

The Legislature's presiding officer, Howard Kopel, expressed his support for the legislation. "It's here to protect women, and this is something that I think that all people of good will should accept and understand," Kopel said.

Immediately after the law was signed, state Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit against the county, claiming that it conflicts with state discrimination laws.

"With this law, Nassau County is once again attempting to exclude transgender girls and women from participating in sporting events while claiming to support fairness," James wrote in a news release. "NYCLU and the Long Island Roller Rebels won their first lawsuit and County Executive Blakeman's transphobic executive order was struck down because it was blatantly illegal," she added, referring to the New York Civil Liberties Union. "Now this discrimina-



Parker Schug/Herald

County Executive Bruce Blakeman signed legislation banning biological males from taking part in women's sports and activities at county facilities, alongside a bill co-sponsor, Legislator Samantha Goetz, third from right, and others who voted to pass it.

tory law must be as well. Here in New York, every person has the right to be exactly who they are, free from discrimination, and my office will always protect that right."

The NYCLU also filed a lawsuit against Blakeman and the Legislature.

"It is abundantly clear that any attempt to ban trans women and girls from sports is prohibited by our state's antidiscrimination laws," Gabriella Lar-

ios, staff attorney at NYCLU, wrote in a news release. "It was true when we successfully struck down County Executive Blakeman's transphobic policy and it is true now. This latest round of hateful legislation is unacceptable and we won't let it stand in New York."

The Legislature approved the bill in a 12-5 vote along party lines. An executive order that Blakeman issued earlier this year has faced more than one court chal-

lenge.

"For us it's a matter of common sense, it's a matter of fairness and it's a matter of integrity," Blakeman said at Monday's news conference.

The bill was filed June 7, and was passed by the Legislature's Rules Committee just three days later.

"If they do continue to push forward on this harmful legislation, the NYCLU will certainly see them in court, and we believe it will be promptly struck down as unlawful under our state anti-discrimination law," Bobby Hodgson, the NYCLU's assistant legal director, previously told the Herald.

After Blakeman signed the order in February, which directed that sports, leagues, organizations, teams, programs and sports entities that use county facilities designate themselves male, female or co-ed, and that they only accept athletes who meet those criteria according to their sex at birth, James sent a cease-and-desist letter to Blakeman demanding that he rescind it.

Blakeman responded a few days later with a federal lawsuit contesting the letter, which was denied in federal court and dismissed in April.

The county Supreme Court struck down Blakeman's executive order on May 10, after a legal challenge by the NYCLU.

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Family and Children's Association leadership along with four scholarship winners at the organization's scholarship breakfast last month.

FCA Association awards scholarships on L.I.

The Family and Children's Association, a leading health and human services nonprofit organization on Long Island, held its 39th Annual Scholarship Breakfast last month at Nassau County Community College. The event celebrated the shared accomplishments of its 46 scholarship recipients, who drew inspiration from two guest speakers: past scholarship winner Andrea Gomez and motivational speaker Anthony Robles, the 2011 NCAA individual wrestling national champion in the 125-pound weight class and a three-time All-America wrestler. Born with only one leg, Robles is the author of "Unstoppable: From Underdog to Undefeated: How I Became a Champion."

Gomez opened the program, speaking of her journey to college, the challenges she faced immigrating from Honduras, her time in foster care, and her determination to succeed.

Robles gave the keynote address, holding the audience in rapt attention as he chronicled his journey to achieve his wrestling titles and life goals. Both speakers touched upon their successes and setbacks, stressing the importance of persistence, accepting help, guidance, and belief in oneself.

New this year, all attendees were invited to interact with and contribute inspirational, positive quotes or words of wisdom to FCA's "Wisdom Wall." In addition, through a collaboration with Little Words Project, which creates inspirational bracelets popularized by Taylor Swift and other celebrities, FCA customized its own "Unstoppable" bracelet. Guests who made a \$35 donation received a bracelet specially designed to honor FCA's 2024 scholar-

ship recipients. One hundred percent of the profits go directly to FCA and benefit the more than 35,000 Long Islanders they help every year.

The scholarship breakfast celebrates the generosity of scholarship donors, the extraordinary achievements of the scholarship winners, and the dedicated staff who administer the program. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to meet the FCA donors who help make their education journey possible, gaining further opportunities for career insights and guidance.

Over three decades, FCA has awarded more than 1,500 scholarships collectively worth over \$2 million to students engaged with FCA's programs and services, enabling at-risk teens to pursue higher education and improve their lives. In 2023, 35 students received scholarship support, and this year, 46 students received scholarships.

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—Jordan Vallone

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amount of judgment is \$541,827.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #614023/2021. This foreclosure sale will be held on the north side steps of the Courthouse, rain or shine. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. If proper social distancing cannot be maintained or there are other health or safety concerns, the Court Appointed Referee will cancel the sale. Mark Ricciardi, Esq., Referee Valley Law PLLC, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 165, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff 147811

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BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
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In a medical emergency, we were in experts' hands

I am writing this with the strong encouragement of my wife, Rosemary, who just underwent emergency surgery to remove her gallbladder. She believes it is important to express gratitude to the medical profession, and stress the benefits of early medical attention and detection.



PETER KING

Three Sundays ago, early in the morning, Rosemary began feeling mild but persistent stomach pain and discomfort, which continued into mid-afternoon. She wasn't concerned, but she contacted our family physician, Dr. Eric Barth, in Wantagh, to see if he

could prescribe something to address her discomfort. Even on a Sunday afternoon, Barth got back to her within minutes.

As she answered his questions, he told her this could well be a serious gallbladder issue, and that she should quickly go to an emergency room for an MRI and blood tests. (Interestingly, it was Barth's brother, Dr. Michael Barth, a

gastroenterologist, who discovered a cancerous tumor in my stomach wall during a routine endoscopy last year.)

Still not overly concerned and having only mild pain, Rosemary calmly got dressed and sat down in the front seat of our car, which I was driving, joined by our 20-year-old grandson, Jack, who took the back seat. Barely five minutes into the drive to the North Shore University Hospital emergency room, we suddenly realized how accurate Barth's diagnosis had been. Rosemary was struck with severe abdominal pains, causing her to scream and kick like she never had before, including during labor. At almost the same time, it started raining, and there was an accident on the LIE, which made Waze divert us off the expressway as I tried to maneuver through the rain and reassure Rosemary while Jack navigated from the back seat.

When we arrived at North Shore, the doctors and nurses worked calmly but feverishly to relieve the pain and determine the course of treatment. Melissa Zimmerman, a retired police detective who was on my security detail when I was in Congress and has become a close

family friend, joined us in the emergency room and stayed with us at the ICU, where Rosemary was taken next and excellently cared for.

She was operated on late Tuesday afternoon by an outstanding surgeon, Dr. Geraldo Tamayo Enriquez, who had initially hoped to remove her gallbladder in a laparoscopic procedure rather than by opening her up. Several hours later, though, Enriquez was in the waiting room, explaining to my sister Barbara and me how complicated, difficult and extensive the surgery was and how it could not have been done laparoscopically. (Barbara is a retired nurse who is always there and invaluable to our family in stressful health care situations.)

The next few days were rough for Rosemary, but she received excellent care and is on her way to full recovery. I cannot begin to thank Barth for his initial diagnosis and the doctors, assistants, nurses and support staff at North Shore for all they did for Rosemary from the moment we arrived at the emergency room to the day of her discharge. She was truly fortunate.

Now that the crisis has passed, she

and I have the chance to appreciate what a teaching experience the surgery has been. There is no substitute for staying in contact with a trusted family physician and other doctors you deal with regularly and know you well. This was proven true this month with Rosemary and Dr. Barth, and last year with me, when his brother detected a stomach tumor when I had no symptoms whatsoever.

Just as important were the skilled medical professionals at North Shore, who began immediate emergency treatment and then conducted so many tests and procedures over the next several days, including the complicated surgery itself, to restore Rosemary to good health. I admit my bias as a consultant to Northwell Health, but I maintain that the American health care system and its hospitals do extraordinary work that could not have been imagined even several years ago. (I say this as someone who grew up in the old Irish tradition of avoiding doctors.)

We should be grateful to the medical profession, and diligent and attentive to our individual health.

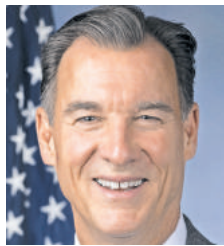
Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Comments? pking@liherald.com.

Perhaps now – finally – we can work together

Sometimes good things come from bad things. That's why I am hopeful.

The attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump has once again shaken the foundation of America's democracy. Deadly shots fired could further tear our country apart . . . or not.

This horrific event might just give America a new opportunity to heal the divide. President Biden, Trump and elected officials can all help us come together as a nation.



TOM SUOZZI

I have always tried to work across party lines. At my swearing-in speech before Congress in February, I said, "Wake up. The people are sick and tired of finger-pointing and petty partisan politics."

We know our country is fractured. Partisanship prevails. Confrontation has replaced cooperation. Anger and hate speech seem much too common. Congress is literally a House divided against itself.

Our founders disagreed on many things, but were unanimous in their

contempt for partisan politics, calling it "a dangerous vice and a moral disease."

I have championed the belief that we must find common ground, that we must work across party lines to actually get things done for people. We can disagree with one another, but we must remember that we are in the solutions business. Again, we can disagree, but we must not hold one another in contempt. Contempt is one of the biggest problems in our politics. It's a recipe for disaster.

I have always worked hard to build coalitions of like-minded Democrats and Republicans to solve problems. Right now I am focused on the border. So what is causing this intense division?

I think there are four major factors contributing to today's divisions: safe seats, social media, cable news, and our foreign adversaries.

The first major problems we face is gerrymandering, drawing congressional and other seats to favor one party. Ninety percent of House seats are safe — overwhelmingly Democratic or Republican. The only way to beat a member of Congress in a safe district is to primary them. But since so few people vote in primaries — fewer than 15 percent —

and those who vote tend to be more extreme on the political spectrum, extremist candidates on both sides tend to win.

A candidate in a safe seat only need win the primary; the general election is safe. To win the primary, too many candidates just pander to the base.

Second, the more extreme you are on social media, the more "likes" or "follows" you get. We have all seen hateful, venal posts that seem to get more views than even the cute cat videos. Extreme social media is also more likely to generate small donor contributions from a vast audience. "Let's work together" just doesn't seem to generate much excitement.

Third, cable news. Think Fox and MSNBC. Depending on the show and the target audience, cable news networks hire talent and invite guests who will reinforce their own narrative that the other side is destroying our country. The crazier the quotes, the more airtime you get.

Fourth, and the most pernicious, our foreign adversaries Russia, the Chinese Communist Party, Iran, and North Korea are using our freedom of speech, our social media and more, and they are sow-

ing disinformation and discontent. They are blowing up issues where we have the slightest disagreement and trying to make us unrecognizable to one another.

Our laptops and cellphones have become treasure troves of misinformation, disinformation and phony websites. Computer algorithms are programmed to feed us more and more of the same content we seem interested in.

But I still have great faith in the American people, and in our system. Biden and Trump have a wonderful opportunity at their conventions, and in the coming months, to move beyond divisive rhetoric and try to bring us together. We can disagree — disagree strongly — but not promote contempt or hate, and certainly not violence.

I'm hopeful, too, that we might all seize this moment to recognize that politics is serious business, and realize how harmful hate is and how badly it affects the political climate.

No foreign adversary can ever hope to defeat America. None ever has. The greatest threat to our republic comes not from external forces, but from within. Only internal divisions could topple our government.

Now more than ever, let's all find common ground, work together, and make America the best it can be.

Tom Suozzi represents the 3rd Congressional District.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

The key to safe swimming? Paying attention.

Last week we offered tips on fire safety, and this week we're focusing on another summer activity that is usually fun, but nevertheless requires responsible behavior in order to keep it safe as well. There were three backyard swimming pool deaths on Long Island in just 24 hours earlier this month, and another incident a few days later in which a 2-year-old fell into a pool and, fortunately, was rescued.

Swimming pools are supposed to be places of joy, not tragedy. They offer respite from the summer heat, host family gatherings and are a place for those of all ages to play and exercise — but they also present significant potential dangers, especially for younger children and inexperienced swimmers.

The recent drownings — like those we hear about every summer across the country — underscore the absolute necessity of an annual focus on swimming pool safety. A study released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last month reported that over 4,500 people drowned in pools or other waterways each year from 2020 to 2022.

The allure of a swimming pool is undeniable, but it is essential to recognize its inherent risks. Drowning is one of the leading causes of accidental death in children, and it usually happens not amid a flurry of attention-attracting splashing and shouting, but unnoticed and all but silently. Unlike the dramatic portrayals seen on TV or in

movies, many real-life drownings are quick and quiet, making it all the more critical for adults to remain vigilant when their children are swimming. Lapses in supervision for even mere seconds at a time simply aren't unacceptable.

A responsible adult should always be within arm's reach of young children who are in or near the water. Designating a "water watcher" can ensure that there is always someone focused on the pool, free from distractions like phones or animated conversation. This simple yet effective practice can be a lifesaver.

Equally important are physical barriers and safety devices. A pool should be surrounded by a fence that is at least four feet high, with self-closing and self-latching gates. This is the first line of defense against accidental drownings, particularly for toddlers, who are naturally curious and drawn to water. Pool covers and alarms can add extra layers of security, alerting homeowners to potential dangers before they escalate.

Swimming lessons are another crucial component of pool safety. Teaching children to swim when they're young — most can become comfortable in deep water at age 6 or 7 — not only equips them with the skills they need to stay safe, but also instills a sense of respect for a pool's potential dangers. Community centers, clubs and other organizations offer swimming lessons, and investing in them brings lifelong benefits.

In addition, educating pool users about risks and safety protocols is essential. Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or CPR, for adults and older children can mean the difference between life and death in the critical moments before emergency responders arrive in an actual emergency. Anyone whose regular summer routine includes time at the pool should know how to respond when someone is pulled unconscious from the water. CPR courses hosted by schools, public pools, and the offices of the American Red Cross and many other organizations, should be a regular part of teens' and adults' summer preparation in every community.

The recent deaths on Long Island serve as a stark reminder of the consequences of neglecting pool safety. Each represents not just a statistic, but a family shattered by an avoidable tragedy — emphasis on avoidable. Public-awareness campaigns can play a vital role in the effort to eliminate those tragedies altogether, and those efforts should involve local governments, schools, community centers, service clubs, health clubs and police and fire departments.

Ultimately, the goal is to create an environment in which memories of joy-filled days in the pool will be the highlights of your children's summer. Make sure they learn to swim — adding some incentive, perhaps, by taking a lesson or two yourself — and keep a close eye on them whenever they're in the water.

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Do the math: There's a better way to conserve water

To the Editor:

I applaud any effort endorsed by local government to conserve water, but I find the recent Town of Hempstead rain barrel campaign a bit of a stretch and, after careful analysis, downright foolish, shortsighted and inherently a waste of time and money.

A plastic container with a 50-gallon capacity and an overflow outlet requires installation by skillfully cutting your roof downspout pipe to position it on a firm and level base. If you have the tools, time and expertise, go for it.

In the spring and fall, when we get plenty of rain, it will fill quickly, just in time to water your plants that somehow don't need watering because of all the rain. The surplus will simply overflow, with no benefit. In the hot, dry summer months, those 50 gallons will be used up in a few days with no replenishment in sight. Turn on the garden hose!

The math: The barrel costs you \$65. For



OPINIONS

From Explorers to protectors: building a stronger NCPD

“What’s in it for me?” It’s a question our brave heroes in blue seldom ask. Our Nassau

County Police Department, under the exceptional leadership of Commissioner Patrick Ryder and County Executive Bruce Blakeman, keeps us safe,



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improves our quality of life, and consistently embodies loyalty, integrity, fairness and excellence.

Among these dedicated officers is a group of young adults poised to be our future protectors: the Nassau County Law Enforcement Explorers.

This world-class, voluntary program, open to anyone who has completed eighth grade and is age 14 to 21, provides aspiring law enforcement professionals with comprehensive training, competition, leadership skills, service and prac-

tical experience. It helps them become responsible, builds character, and fosters a commitment to public service.

As an elected official, a dedicated member of the community and a lifelong Long Islander, it is my duty to find ways to inspire our brightest to give back to the community and stay in the beautiful county we call home. That’s why I introduced the Nassau County Future Protectors Act, Assembly Bill A.10167, alongside my partner in government, Sen. Steve Rhoads (Senate Bill S.9617).

In order to become a police officer in New York state, you must pass a civil service exam that tests language fluency, problem sensitivity and reasoning, situational judgment, etc. These exams are very competitive. Our legislation aims to boost participation in the Nassau County Explorers program, and to support law enforcement recruitment, by offering participants who have served as Explorers for

at least four years an additional 5 points on competitive civil service examinations. Those with less than four years of service would receive an additional 2

points.

These extra credits, added to the final earned rating after a candidate qualifies in the competitive exam, would be granted at the time of establishing the resulting eligible list. Eligible lists would include these additional credits for candidates who meet the specified conditions and provide the necessary documentation to the Department of Civil Service and

their respective municipal Civil Service commissions. This bill would recognize the dedicated service of our Explorers over an extended period of time, and reward them with an enhanced opportunity to serve in the ranks of our police departments.

We already extend similar benefits to our state’s veterans and the children and siblings of firefighters, police offi-

cers, emergency medical technicians and paramedics killed in the line of duty. This bill, which would have no fiscal impact on the state, promises immeasurable rewards and returns on investment for our county, state and nation’s public safety.

Service, character and skill are noble attributes that our communities needs in their public servants. While we are blessed to have these qualities in our Nassau County officials, the Nassau Explorers stand out as a select group of our county’s finest. As law enforcement agencies across New York face unprecedented workforce shortages, the Nassau County Future Protectors Act can ensure that our county remains a beacon of excellence with a robust, well-trained and committed police force.

It’s time we incentivize our best and brightest to keep Nassau County the safest place to live, work and play in all of New York state. The journey begins with passing the Nassau County Future Protectors Act.

Jake Blumencranz represents the 15th Assembly District.

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that price you can buy about 6,500 gallons of water from Liberty Water, or about 130 barrels full. And this water is available on demand when needed. My guess is that you’ll be lucky to end up collecting, storing and actually using about 10 full barrels per season.

And don’t forget to drain, move and reattach that section of drainpipe before winter, or you’ll end up with a 50-gallon ice block that may well crack your investment.

Are there better alternatives? There most certainly are. It’s called a well-and-pump system, connected to your lawn sprinkler — and most of us have one of those, right?

The math: A well/pump system will pay for itself in about three years, from savings of metered water use. Ironically, a shallow well also actually recycles rainwater, storing it in a trillion-gallon natural aquifer rather than a 50-gallon molded plastic barrel.

You decide.

GARY CAPARELLI
Lawrence

Minimizing the risk of shark interactions

To the Editor:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is promoting public safety at ocean beaches by educating the public to help minimize the risk of negative interactions between people and sharks.

The annual summer migration of sharks into New York’s coastal waters is underway, and sightings of shark activity in the nearshore ocean waters are expected to increase during the summer months through September.

DEC encourages New Yorkers to be aware of their surroundings in the water with the potential for shark-human interactions, and to follow DEC guidelines to minimize the risk of negative interactions.

- Avoid areas with seals.
- Avoid areas with schools of fish, splashing fish, or diving seabirds.
- Avoid swimming at dawn, at dusk or at night.
- Avoid murky water.
- Swim, paddle, and surf in groups.
- Stay close to shore, where your feet can touch the bottom.
- Always follow the instructions of lifeguards and park staff.

Sharks have existed in New York’s marine waters for millions of years. Today there are more than a dozen shark species that migrate through New York’s marine waters.

Each shark species has unique habitat and food preferences, and plays an important role in maintaining a healthy and balanced marine ecosystem. Sharks can prevent other species from monopolizing limited resources and degrading the marine environment. The presence of sharks in New

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Now *this* is what summer’s all about — Eisenhower Park, East Meadow

York’s marine waters is a positive sign of a healthy marine ecosystem.

Humans assume risk whenever they enter any wild environment, whether on land or in the water. Although it is impossible to eliminate risk altogether, ocean users can modify their behavior to minimize potential interactions with sharks and reduce overall risk. When in the ocean, follow DEC’s shark safety

guidelines to minimize the potential for negative interactions with sharks.

Learn more about New York’s shark species at DEC.ny.gov.

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