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To help offset the rising cost of college, each year the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce awards two local graduating seniors its Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship.

Students earn scholarships for inspiring business ideas

By ROKSANA AMID

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For many families, the cost of college can seem overwhelming. According to the Education Data Initiative, the average cost of college in the United States is \$38,270 per student annually. Even for instate students attending public four-year colleges and living on campus, the annual cost is \$27,146, with tuition alone averaging \$9,750, while out-ofstate tuition is significantly higher, at \$27,457.

To help offset those costs, the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce awards two local graduating seniors the organization's annual Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship. This year's recipients, Shannon Whitehead, who attended Kellenberg Memorial High School, and Jaida Ciampi, of Glen Cove

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Mill Neck School opens new Learning Commons

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The Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf recently announced the near-completion its new Learning Commons, a state-of-the-art STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) facility designed to offer students a more interactive and technology-driven educational experi-

The project, which began roughly a year and a half ago, was driven by the school's commitment to providing its deaf and hard-of-hearing students with access to the same

resources and opportunities available in other public

The Learning Commons was developed under the leadership of Dr. Bradley Porche, the executive director and superintendent of the Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf. Porche, who has a background in technology administration and previously established a STEAM lab at the New York School for the Deaf, said that he recognized the need for such a facility at Mill Neck.

When I came here to Mill Neck, I realized that our students needed access to the same kinds of resources that students in public schools have," Porche, who is deaf, said through sign language with the assistance of Donna Gualberti, a staff interpreter for the school. "We've always provided equal access, but the idea was to expand the knowledge and skills our students could acquire, especially as STEAM education can be applied to all different jobs in real life.

The Learning Commons occupies what was formerly the school's library, which Toula Ramey, director of development and communications for the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, said has been completely reimagined to accommodate a

range of technology and science-based activities. She added that the renovation was not about creating more space but about optimizing the existing space to better serve the school's educational goals.

"The library was an important part of our school, but we knew it needed to evolve to meet the demands of today's

educational landscape," said Ramey. "We wanted to upgrade it and make the technology a little bit more advanced for STEAM specifically, because the for the next generations of students a STEAM program is so very important for their education and future.'

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Say No to the Casino members were vocal outside the County Legislature building in Mineola before legislators voted to approve the Sands lease agreement.

Sands secures 42-year Coliseum lease

County Legislature also approved motion to begin the required environmental review process

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The Nassau County Legislature approved Las Vegas Sands' 42-year lease agreement for the Nassau Coliseum and the surrounding property on Monday in an 18-1 vote.

"The Nassau County Veterans Memorial Coliseum will continue to function as it has previously with existing management," Las Vegas Sands said in a statement. "With the adoption of this resolution by the County Legislature, the 400+ union employees of the Coliseum will have job security and peace of mind."

The lease gives Sands the right to operate and maintain the Coliseum for 42 years, and it is required to keep the facility open for two years.

The Legislature also voted unanimously to be the lead agency for the State Environmental Quality Review Act. SEQRA requires an environmental review to be conducted to determine the impact of any development project in the state, and that review will likely take place in next six to eight months.

The decision comes after an extensive battle over the Coliseum property. Sands first expressed an interest in January 2023, announcing that it wanted to "pursue development of a multi-billion-dollar flagship hospitality, entertainment and casino project." The State Constitution was amended in 2013 to allow up to seven casinos across the state, and four have already been established. Sands is looking to claim one of the three remaining licenses for its proposed project. A decision by the State Gaming Commission is not expected



Say No to the Casino Civic Association members inside the County Legislature hearing room on Monday.

until late 2025.

Sands claims on its website that the casino project would create workforce development opportunities for local communities, with the company investing \$200 million by 2025 and providing jobs throughout the course of the development. Sands also plans to partner with Long Island businesses and invest in the community through company sponsorships.

In May 2023, Nassau County voted to transfer the Coliseum lease from Nassau Live Center LLC, the former tenant, to Las Vegas Sands for 99 years. That decision came despite a lawsuit filed by Hofstra University a month earlier that claimed the county violated the state's open meetings law during the process. The law states that the public has the

right to attend meetings and observe the decision-making process.

Last November, State Supreme Court Judge Sarika Kapoor ruled that the lease was not valid, and that both sides would have to restart the lease approval process.

The county, according to Kapoor, violated both the open meetings law and the SEQRA requirement to conduct an environmental review prior to the lease transfer.

In February, Kapoor issued another ruling, requiring a public hearing and an environmental review before the Coliseum could be developed and its lease transferred to another company. That forced Sands to submit a new amended lease proposal earlier this year, which was finally approved after a public hear-

ing on Monday. The environmental review has not yet been conducted, but Monday's decision will allow it to begin.

Throughout Sands' presence on Long Island, it has been met with opposition from community members who say they are concerned about the impact a massive resort and casino would have on surrounding neighborhoods.

Members of the Say No to the Casino Civic Association gathered on the steps of the legislative building in Mineola before Monday's meeting to voice their opposition.

"The answer is to think smarter, wake up, and have the people of Nassau County and everywhere in New York rise up and say we will not put up with this," Mike Jacobs, a Wantagh resident, said.

Speakers shared their concerns about the environmental damage they claimed the facility could do to Nassau County, as well as the potential for an increase in gambling addiction and crime among local residents. They condemn the "environmental racism" they believe this would constitute, with a casino located in the heart of communities of color.

Despite the decision by the Legislature, association members said they would continue to speak up against the Sands proposal.

"This fight doesn't end at the county, it ends at the state level," Allison O'Brien Silva, one of the association's organizers, said. "We're going to continue to fight."

Have an opinion on the Las Vegas Sands project? Send a letter to kradziski@liherald.com.

OBITUARY

Retired city teacher Joan Bessette dies at 79

By ROKSANA AMID

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Joan Bessette, a retired New York City school teacher and a devoted member of the Glen Cove Beautification Committee, died from a heart attack on June 12. at the age of 79. Bessette leaves behind a legacy of dedication, kindness, and environmental activism that touched many lives in the Glen Cove community.

Born in Brooklyn and raised in Queens Village, Bessette's passion for education and community service was evident early on. She pursued higher education at SUNY Brockport and Adelphi University, where she earned master's degrees in reading and special education. Bessette began her teaching career in the late 1960s in Troy, NY, before becoming a substitute teacher in the New York City public school system. Her dedication to teaching and her commitment to her students marked her career and left a lasting impact on many young lives.

In 1984, Bessette moved to Glen Cove with her two sons, Steven and Brian. It was here that she found a community she would deeply invest in for the next four decades. Her love for Glen Cove was apparent in her 30-year commitment to the Beautification Committee. She was

instrumental in numerous projects aimed at enhancing the city's environment, including beach, street, and neighborhood cleanups, the installation of new welcome signs, and various planting initiatives. As president of the committee. Bessette expanded programs to educate both adults and children about protecting the environment. She also spearheaded collections of heavily worn clothing, blankets, towels, and stuffed animals for recycling, demonstrating her innovative approach to community service.

Bessette's involvement in the Glen Cove community extended beyond her environmental efforts. She volunteered for local political campaigns, lending her time and energy to support candidates like Tom Suozzi and Pamela Panzenbeck. She was also a familiar face at the Feast of St. Rocco, where she helped prepare food for the event, and she was a founding member of the Glen Cove 9-Holers Club, contributing to the social fabric of the community.

Her sons, Brian and Steven, remember Bessette as an advocate for recycling and environmental awareness long before it became a widespread concern. At home, she instilled in them the importance of using cloth napkins and recycling used boxes, reflecting her lifelong commitment to sustainability.

"She chose to live in Glen Cove because she thought it was beautiful, with access to the beaches, and because I wanted to play football," Brian Bessette

Steven Bessette's most cherished memory is of his mother taking him to his first concert in 1991—a free Paul Simon show in Central Park. "She couldn't find a babysitter, so she took me along. It was an unforgettable experience, and I thanked her every day for it," he reminisced.

Bessette's friends and colleagues from the Beautification Committee remember her as a kind-hearted, sociable person who could get along with anyone.

"Joan had a really fun, sociable side," Eve Lupenko, a former city council liaison to the committee, said. "Some of my best summer memories are of meeting with friends at Morgan Park's Hooked and Bettered restaurant for dinner overlooking the Sound. I'll miss my friend who I bonded with over our desire to protect the environment. I'll never forget her frequent reminders to everyone to not throw disposable contact lenses down the sink or toilet because of the damage it would do in the oceans."

City councilman Michael Ktistakis, the current liaison to the committee, highlights Bessette's passion for bring-



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Joan Bessette spoke to Deasy Elementary students about wildlife and the dangers of pollution this past March.

ing people together to beautify the city.

'Joan loved seeing a project come to fruition and always emphasized involving our youth. Her legacy will always guide us," Ktistakis said. "Devotion is an understatement when having to describe a person who dedicated so much of her time efforts and love to our beloved Glen Cove. It was more of a passion for her to see a community come together and for us all to work as a team."

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Leaving a Vacation Home to Family

We all know the road to you know where paved with good intentions. Nowhere is this more true than leaving a vacation or beach home for the children to share after the parents have passed. We have often advised that if they are all happy and get along well this might very well lead to the end of those good feelings and relationships.

Inevitably, some will do more work on the premises than others, some will use the premises more than others, there will be disagreements as to maintenance and repairs. Some may never visit or use it at all.

Initially, all expenses tend to be shared equally, since all are equal owners. The foregoing issues, however, will quickly arise and then it will often be difficult or impossible to determine what each child's fair share of the expenses should be. The one living across the country who never visits may insist that they be "bought out" or, if that's unaffordable to the others, that the house be sold so that they can get their share.

Sooner or later, one of the siblings dies

brother-in-law who may remarry and bring a stranger into the shared arrangement. Or let's say an owner of one-third of the house dies, and now their share goes to their four children. How is that going to work?

Vacation homes are an excellent example of why good estate planning is often more social work than legal work. In these cases we anticipate the problems and spend the time to figure out who wants and uses the home and perhaps leave it to those children only and compensate the others with money or other assets. If they all use and enjoy the home, we sometimes require that it be held jointly with the right of survivorship, allowing the last of the joint owners to decide who to leave it to.

and their share goes to a sister-in-law or

While the possibilities are endless, each case should be looked at and thought through so as to keep harmony in the family by preempting any potential conflicts. Otherwise, it's often a case of the old adage that "no good deed goes unpunished"

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Nassau BOCES staffers have embraced the power of artificial intelligence to enhance student learning.

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AI helps level the educational playing field

Embracing new technologies like 'adaptive learning' is proving to be key to keeping kids engaged

By Nicole Wagner & Danielle Schwab

Continuing a series exploring the presence of artificial intelligence in our schools — and, over time, in society as a whole. Thoughts? Questions? Ideas? Email us at execeditor@liherald.com.

While some educators have gotten acquainted with artificial intelligence hesitantly, many school districts across Nassau County have embraced the technological tool in the classroom. It's no secret that AI is changing the academic landscape. Educators, parents and students are in a race to keep up with its abilities, and especially about how it can — and will — be used in education.

A helpful visual representation of just how AI can help students is a ramp. Ramps are used in buildings to make different levels accessible to people who can't climb steps. But many of those who can take the steps use ramps as well. AI can be seen as a tool that all students can use to make education more accessible and to serve their individual needs.

Meeting students where they are

The Franklin Square school district has embraced AI as a way to help individualize education for students from pre-K through sixth grade. District Superintendent Jared Bloom spoke with the Herald about the multitude of ways AI can help keep students engaged, tai-

loring lessons to their interests.

One tool that district students and parents have used is Goblin. Tools, an AI-powered site that can identify an essay's key points if a student need to create a Power Point or poster board for a given assignment.

"You can even break those chunks into smaller chunks," Bloom said. "So it really becomes manageable, and you can really understand what are the key components of that assignment."

Another way in which AI can help teachers and students is by varying the reading level of a passage. This has been a welcome change for educators in Franklin Square, Bloom explained: 20 years ago, teachers had to find a handful of different reading passages for the vari-

ous skill levels in their classrooms.

"Now you can take one passage and run it through AI, and be able to hand that reading out to kids all on the same topic without having to go out and get new material," Bloom said. "And that's very helpful for students."

The promise of personalization in any subject excites Bloom about AI. A fourth-grade math problem can be plugged into AI and personalized to a student's interests, whether it be music, sports, art or anything else. "We know that when students are interested in a topic, they're going to be more engaged and more open to learning," Bloom said.

Nassau County BOCES' Special Education Department, which serves 1,800

students at 10 Nassau BOCES schools, is exploring AI's potential in special education. Ken Kroog, assistant director of the department, said that AI can help students through what's known as "adaptive learning." During online assessments, AI tailors questions based on a student's performance in real time.

"So let's say if I answer correctly or achieve a certain level of proficiency, the subsequent questions will challenge me at a greater level," Kroog

explained. "So you get a real clear picture of where, exactly, I'm performing across the different skill areas."

Students who are visually or audibly impaired can use tools like Otter.ai to transcribe a lecture to better understand what is going on in the classroom. Katherine Lewis, a disability counselor at Nassau Community College, said she uses this tool to help students. AI can be a great help for students who are strug-

gling to understand a topic — and for families who can't afford a home tutor.

"To be able to sit with your child and utilize some of these tools that are out there, free of charge, helping support an understanding of a particular topic, is pretty magical," Bloom said.

Students at NCC can benefit from AI when the college's learning centers are unavailable. Genette Alvarez-Ortiz, vice president of academic affairs, said she hoped it could be used around the clock to help students when staff are not accessible.

"In terms of availability, there are challenges with the evening coverage and weekend coverage," Alvarez-Ortiz said of the college's learning centers. "We may be able to look at AI as a possibility to help support our learning centers."

Benefits that AI offers educators

Staff in the Franklin Square school district have reported that personalization and customization of lessons for students can "support students in new and different ways that we wouldn't have been able to do as easily" without AI, according to Bloom. These tools help teachers save time when creating lesson plans.

"I'm really hopeful that we're going to be able to get to that point where we're utilizing AI to make everybody's life a little bit better and easier," he said,

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AI is changing education in so many ways

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"and as a result of that, we're customizing and personalizing for kids in ways that we wouldn't have been able to do as quickly before."

BOCES educators have not only used

AI tools as time-savers when creating lesson plans, but have also used them as "thought partners," Kroog said. "It allows special educators to differentiate learning for students, customizing instruction for specific learning needs and leveraging their strengths to give them a very personalized, individualized learning experience," he said.

This helps teachers in the Special Education Department at BOCES as they work on time-demanding aspects of their jobs, such as report writing and individualized education programs, or IEPs.

Rockville Centre school district Superintendent Matthew Gaven said he also believes AI can be used to tailor lessons to students' needs.

"Computers and teachers have always given the diagnosis, but not always the prescription," Gaven said. "Like, 'How do you get better?' So AI is kind of both."

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Student reception

As an elementary-focused school district, Bloom said, Franklin Square's students are using AI differently than a

kindergarten-through-12th grade district would. However, the students who are able to use AI prompts have been very excited to embrace the tool. The district has been trying to give students a variety of opportunities to learn how to program, prompt AI, design video games and more to increase their exposure to different technologies.

"That's the world that they're growing up in," Bloom said. "We have to be preparing our kids for their future, for their tomorrow."

In Rockville Centre, students in middle and high school have the chance to enroll in an elective AI course that uses the coding

program kidOYO. Gaven said that students have embraced the elective courses that teach AI research at the middle-school level and prompting at the high-school level.

"Our students are going to have these tools embedded in their lives," Gaven

said. "They need to know how to use them responsibly. They need to know what they're good for and what they're not good for. And then they need to know, you know, how do you take the stuff that AI generates and add value on top."

What are its limitations?

AI does have its limitations. Teachers still need to vet its output to see what's applicable and what's not. It's a process that Kroog believes requires human expertise to navigate.

The technology must comply with New York State Education Law 2-D, which protects students' and teachers' personal information.

"Educators need to know how to use them right for their own instruction, and then teach students how to use them responsibly to support their learning," Kroog said. "And with that comes a lot of learning, a lot of training on our part, and then a lot of understanding of what AI can do and what it can't do."

Maintaining academic integrity while using AI is something Bloom is passionate about. "I believe that with enough support and with enough training, just like with the calculator, we're going to be able to help students to see how it is a tool to improve learning, and not a tool to just get you the answer," he said.

As Gaven sees it, the future looks

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bright for the ways AI will be used to help students in the years to come. "If AI truly allows individual pathways for students — you know, really specifically tailored instruction, with the resources that support it," he said, "then I think it's going to be a tremendous help for all of our students, particularly our students with special needs."

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HERALD SPORTS

Beach wrestling returns to Long Beach

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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Sunbathing, surfing and maybe even a few sandcastles took a back seat last Saturday as a wresting tournament with nearly 250 participants dominated a steamy summer day in Long Beach.

The [Reggie] Jones & [Paul] Gillespie East Coast Beach Wrestling Tournament, the second of its kind on the sand at Edwards Boulevard Beach since Superstorm Sandy in 2012, honored those two legendary coaches and "ran smoothly," organizer Miguel Rodriguez said.

"It was such an incredible day and the city of Long Beach was a huge help," said Rodriguez, a long-time member of the Long Beach High School wrestling program coaching staff who competed for the Marines from 1997-99 and took part in a handful of beach wrestling events himself.

"We were hoping for 100 wresters and ended up with close to 250," he added. "It was a lot of work and took a lot of people to make it possible. The day turned out just perfect. We hadn't hosted one in nine years, but this was the best-run tournament we've had in a long time and honored some special people."

In addition to coaches Jones and Gillespie, the tournament was dedicated to late Long Beach wrestlers and graduates Lazar LaPenna, Joshua Encarnacion and Michael Berube. Three of the event's four wrestling rings was named in their honor, Rodriguez said.

While there was no shortage of high school varsity and JV, and middle school-aged competitors, Rodriguez noted the ages ranged from kindergartners through 55.

Dylan Martinsen, a 2019 Long Beach High School graduate, won the 172-pound weight group. His father, Kevin, 55, also competed. "I hadn't wrestled since high school and it was really cool," Dylan said. "Everyone did a great job putting it together, and honoring the memories of the guys we've recently lost was touching."

Each match consisted one of three-minute period and began in the neutral position — both wrestlers stood opposite one another in the center of the ring and waited for the referee's whistle to start grappling. That was also the case for any restart, Rodriguez said. The first wrestler to score three points advanced. In the event of a tie at the end of three minutes, the wrestler who scored the last point was declared the winner.

"Most matches didn't last the full three minutes, but one of the finals did," Rodriguez said. "We had 14 different categories and about 50 first-place medals handed out."

The goal moving forward, Rodriguez said, is to take the tournament up a notch on the beach wrestling stage. "Not only do we want to make this an annual event, but we're hoping it can be a qualifier for the Beach World Series," he said.



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Gregg LaPenna, left, and Kevin Martinsen were two of the elder competitors in last Saturday's beach wrestling tournament.



Jack O'Grady, top, tussled with Tristan Doughertyse.



Arianna Balsamo, left, and Matthew Sarro were two of the nearly 250 wrestlers to flock to Long Beach to grapple on the sand in the East Coast Beach Wrestling Tournament named after legendary coaches Reggie Jones and Paul Gillespie.

Spotlighting the district's athletic feats

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Highlights and compliment for the 2023-2024 school year were part of a comprehensive overview presented by Kimberly Riso, director of Athletics. Health, and Physical Education, for the Glen Cove school district

Riso noted at the June 20 Board of Education meeting that one of the major developments has been the introduction and expansion of new physical education classes at the high school. The personal wellness class, which was introduced two years ago, has become increasingly popular.

Initially starting with two sections, it has expanded to six sections due to high demand. The class offers units on yoga, meditation, and, newly added this year, gratitude. Students visited local yoga studios, where they learned various meditation techniques, providing a holistic approach to physical and mental well-being.

A strength and conditioning class, conducted in the newly renovated weight and cardio rooms, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, was also added.

The class focuses on teaching students proper weight training techniques, program development, and fitness concepts. It also delves into the anatomy and physiology of the body, offering insights into career opportunities in personal training, physical therapy, and injury prevention. The weight and cardio rooms are being fully used by students and athletes.

Riso said that the department has also been proactive in health education. Dr. Charmaine Clark from the Glen Cove Youth Bureau discussed the dangers of fentanyl, highlighting its deadly impact, locally and on a national scale.

Student achievements in athletics have been remarkable, Riso added. Kimberly Garcia, a visually impaired student, took part in the Games for the Physically Challenged, competing in the 40-meter, 100-meter, and 400-meter races.

There were several facility upgrades, such as new tennis courts and a turf field, new scoreboards and shot clocks.

The school year marked the first for a combined girls' varsity swim team with



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

The district celebrated several facility upgrades, including ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new tennis courts and turf field.

the Locust Valley and Carle Place school districts, with four students from Glen Cove joining the team. The boys' tennis team, now in its second year, continues to grow. Looking ahead, a combined boys' varsity swim team with Locust Valley and Carle Place is launches in winter 2025, and a girls' varsity flag football team will debut in the spring.

Roughly a dozen students were recognized for their athletic accomplishments. Jaden Aguilar, Caleb Ham, and Anthony Lembert -Watkins, represented Glen Cove in the Nassau County Exceptional Seniors Football Game at Mitchell Field on Thanksgiving Day, playing on the winning team. Aguilar and Ham scored a total of four touchdowns, and Lembert -Watkins made four tackles.

Sophomore pitcher Brooke Simmons was named the Nassau County Softball Player of the Conference and one of Long Island's Top 100 Softball Players

"This is a very special accomplishment," Riso said. "Brooke really excels and contributes such hard work on and off the field throughout, the season and in the offseason."

Emanuel Olivier was honored with the Dr. James Tolley Scholarship Award, recognizing him as an "unsung hero" in Nassau County athletics.

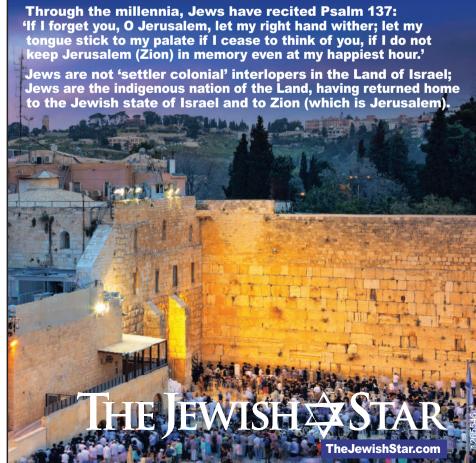
"If you know Manny he is the unsung hero on every team that he plays on," Riso said. "He's a super kid."

Several student-athletes have com-

mitted to colleges. Phillip Dilgark Clark will attend Hobart William and Smith College and compete in cross country; Sofia Greco is headed to LIU Post and be a part of the cheer team; and Gianna Longobucco and Sofia Venezuela are both going to Dominican University to play lacrosse on the women's team.



The 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av (Mon. night and Tues., Aug. 12-13) is the saddest in Jewish history, commemorating the destruction of the Jewish Temples (which were on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, now occupied by the Dome of the Rock). The Western [retaining] Wall, the Temple's remnant, is the holiest place accessible to Jews today.





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Chamber meetings provide a great opportunity for leaders and business owners to mingle and share insights and experiences with one another.

Business leaders, speakers unite at lunch

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce held a networking luncheon on July 31 at the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club in

Locust Valley, an invaluable opportunity for members to connect with fellow business leaders to gain valuable insights. Guest speakers included Assemblyman Charles Lavine and Stuart Richner, CEO of Richner Communications, Inc.

Attendees were welcomed by

Melissa Rhodes, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club, and Chamber President Dr. Maxine Mayreis.

Richner presented the chamber with a \$400 check towards the chamber's Dr. Glenn Howard Scholarship fund, and Lia Di Angelo of Westbury Florist awarded Judith Rivera a flower arrangement as the winner of the business card drawing.

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Chamber board members Matt Nartowicz and Judith Rivers enjoyed smelling flowers during the chamber luncheon.



Stuart Richner, CEO of Richner Communications, donated \$400 to the chamber's scholarship fund. Beside him are Chamber president Dr. Maxine Mayreis, Lori Berger, Ellen Reynolds, Rhonda Glickman and Judith Rivera.



Assemblyman Charles Lavine, director of the Glen Cove Senior Center Christine Rice and chamber board director Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews took the opportunity to speak with one another about their roles in Glen Cove.

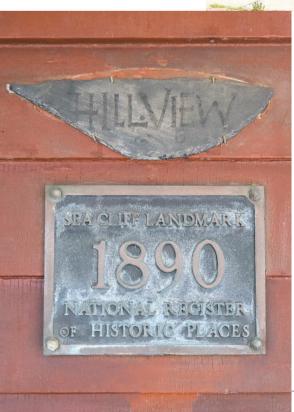


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Ribbon-cutting for new facility on Sept. 12

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stations, each designed to foster different aspects of STEAM learning. These include a computer lab with 3D printers, an eSports area, a makerspace for robotics and drone technology, and a STEAM lab for hands-on experiments in engineering and physics. One unique feature is an "earthquake machine," where students can test the strength of structures they build.

"The Learning Commons is really a world of its own," Porche said. "We've created an environment where students can engage with technology in ways that are both fun and educational. It's all about applying real-world theories in a hands-on way."

Given the specific needs of the school's student body, Porche emphasized that particular attention was paid to making the Learning Commons a deaf-friendly and visually accessible space. The design incorporates an open layout, ensuring that students can see and communicate with each other easily through sign language. The color scheme was carefully chosen to enhance visibility, with light blue tones replacing the darker, more muted colors that previously dominated the school's interior.

"In other STEAM labs, I noticed that certain areas were enclosed or divided, which wouldn't work for us. We needed an open space where students could see



Photos courtesy Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

Construction of the Learning Commons has continued for roughly a year and a half, thanks to donations, grants and funds saved by the Mill Neck Family of Organizations.

each other at all times, allowing them to communicate easily," Porche said. "We also used 'deaf space' design principles, which take into account things like lighting, color, and the arrangement of furniture to create an environment that is conducive to visual communication."

The construction of the Learning Commons was funded through a combination of state funding, a legislative grant, and donations from supporters of the school. Ramey added that the project reflects Mill Neck's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality education to deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

"This was a huge initiative for us," Ramey said. "We received support from all over, including state funding and donations. It's never quite enough, so our job in development is to continue raising funds to supplement what isn't covered by the state. But seeing the finished space, it's clear that it was all worth it."

While the new facility will not be offi-

cially completed until its grand opening on Sept. 12, Porche said that excitement is already building among the students, many of whom are eager to dive into the new opportunities the Learning Commons offers.

"From day one, the students have been asking questions about what's happening with the library and what they'll be able to do in the new space," Porche said. "I would just keep telling them, 'Just wait, you'll see'."

The Learning Commons is now 95 percent complete, according to Porche and Ramey. Porche added that throughout the process the most rewarding aspect of the project has been seeing the growth of students curiosity and excitement.

"They're already talking about what they want to build and what they want to learn," he said. "The idea that the students have started to get so inquisitive, that this was helping to expand their mind and their questions, I can't tell you how inspiring that is."

Anyone interested is invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facility on Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at 40 Frost Mill Road in Mill Neck. To RSVP, call or email Ryan Niewender at (516) 628-4223 or ryan.niewender@millneck.org. For more information on the Mill Neck School for the Deaf or any of the other parts of the Mill Neck Family of organizations visit MillNeck.org.



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Two graduates earn chamber scholarships

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High School, won a combined \$2,000 for their essays detailing their vision for the businesses they would like to see in Glen Cove.

In her essay, Whitehead proposed an

entertainment facility called City Theater to host concerts, plays and shows, similar to the Paramount in Huntington. This would create jobs and boost local businesses, Whitehead theorized, also suggesting a recreational facility with gokarting, bowling and pool tables, akin to Dave and Buster's or RPM Raceway.

"As a person who has spent her entire life here, this city has the perfect balance, whether you like the rush of downtown or the peace and quiet of strolling around Morgan Park or any waterfront gem," White-

head's essay reads. "While there is a good balance of everything in this town, there is always something to improve

The nearest entertainment facility is the Tilles Center in Old Brookville, and Whitehead said that her family typically ventures outside Glen Cove for concerts.

This fall she will attend the University of Alabama to study mechanical engi-

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Ciampi proposed a business called Harmonic Healing, a music therapy practice that would address residents' health and stress. The clinic would enhance traditional medical treatments

by incorporating musicbased wellness programs, such as group drum circles and curated playlists for relaxation to promote physical, emotional, cognitive and social well-being.

"Through activating various centers of the brain. music therapy is critical towards working with patients, especially those who have faced neurological damage or have suffered from strokes," Ciampi wrote. "Music therapy additionally can use deep physical reactions like goosebumps to help people with mental health conditions,

critical towards ensuring the mental and physical health of various demographic groups in our community.

Ciampi's interest in medicine was sparked in eighth grade, after she was injured in a motorcycle accident that led her to an inspiring orthopedic surgeon, Dr. John Paul DiMauro, of Northwell Hospital. Shadowing him — and even observing an innovative surgical proce-

dure on a cadaver — fed Ciampi's desire to pursue a medical career. She has also taken part in Hofstra University's summer Medical Pipeline Program, which focuses on medical ethics and health

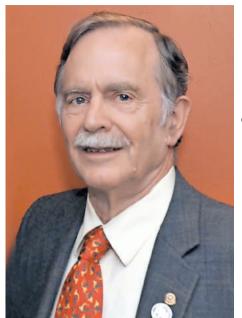
"I hope sometime in the future, we do get an establishment like this in Glen Cove, because it can do so much good," Ciampi said. "If people have an outlet where they can make music and go through rehabilitation in a way that's not just demanding or physical therapy it's fun and uplifting."

Ciampi will attend Duke University in the fall

The chamber has been awarding scholarships to college-bound Glen Cove school seniors for over 30 years. The group renamed its annual honor after the late Dr. Glenn Howard Jr., an advocate of higher education and a retired principal scientist at Pall Corporation who died in 2021.

Chamber President Dr. Maxine Cappel Mayreis said that education mattered to Howard, who helped administer the scholarship.

"He was so full of wisdom, and you don't come across someone like him too often," Mayreis said. "It was his job to read the essays and figure out the questions. He was a walking encyclopedia. He never was judgmental or critical of the kids who wrote in. He always gave a very fair evaluation to every essay sub-



Courtesy Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce has renamed its annual award after Dr. Glenn Howard Jr., an advocate of higher education and a retired principal scientist for the Pall Corporation, who died in 2021.

mission."

The scholarship is funded by the chamber as well as private donations. This year, Stuart Richner, chief executive of Richner Communications, which publishes the Heralds, contributed \$400 to the scholarship fund.

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Task force focuses on human trafficking

By JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO

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Law enforcement agents, state legislators and experts on human trafficking met at a conference at Nassau Community College on July 31.

The Assembly Minority Conference Task Force on Human Trafficking was created to help Nassau and Suffolk investigators, policy makers and safe houses share what they need to protect victims.

The Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking — the state organization responsible for providing annual reports on the topic — is three years out of date, resulting in a critical lack of data since coronavirus lockdowns eased. Since then, organizations that help victims have strained to mitigate the harm done by human traffickers.

"It is a problem that is everywhere, but nobody is actually seeing it," Assemblyman Brian Curran said.

The participants discussed state financial support, law enforcement tools, aid for exploited migrants, and educational programs to help New Yorkers recognize when someone is a victim of trafficking.

Attorneys and law enforcement personnel considered the effects of changes in trafficking-related charges — some are not officially "sex crimes," so perpetrators don't end up on the state's Sex Offender Registry — and proving a victim was exploited is difficult for prosecutors, Christine Guida, deputy chief of the Nassau County Special Victims Bureau, explained.

The difficulty of bringing cases to trial can begin much earlier. Trafficking victims are often young — high school and college students — or struggle to communicate due to a language barrier. In virtually every case, they are threatened by traffickers not to come forward.

"People think that in order to do the unthinkable, there has to be some kind of torture involved," defense



Joseph D'Alessandro/Herald

The task force is composed of local law enforcement, legislators and members of organizations that provide services to people in need, representing a range of groups that deal with different aspects of human trafficking.

attorney Diane Clarke said. "That's not the case."

The goal of training and education programs is to demystify what human trafficking is and how it works. Deepening the public's understanding of trafficking can make tools such as simple hand signals for help increasingly viable for victims to escape their captors.

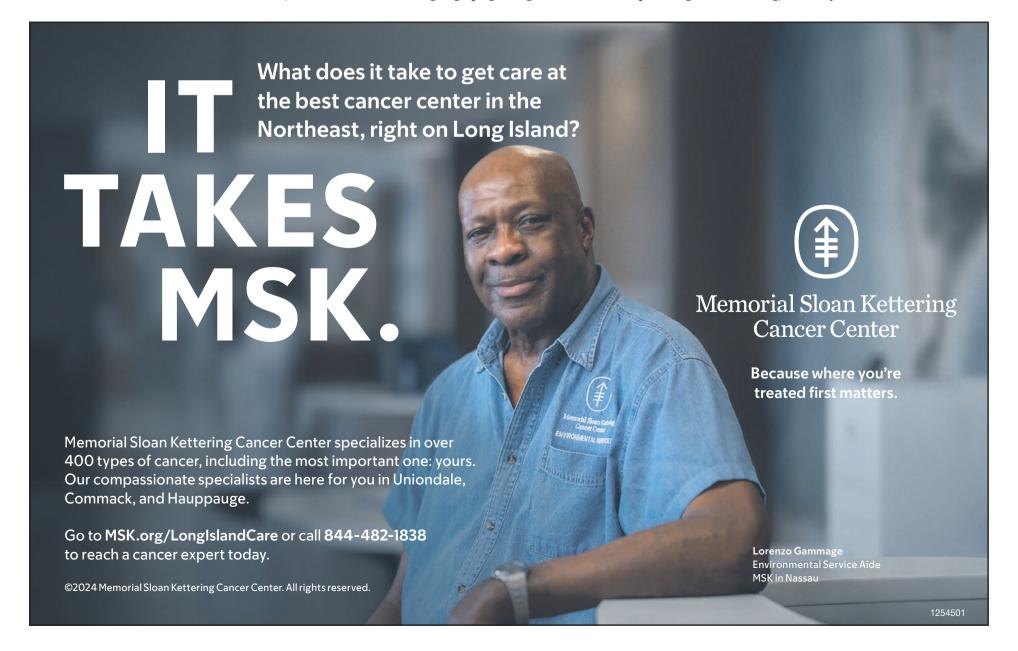
The Empower, Assist and Care Network is one of many organizations that provide housing, case management and other forms of aid to victims across Long Island and New York City.

"It is my hope that these conversations are going to continue in a way that is coordinating and enhancing our services, and advocating for funding," said Neela Mukherjee Lockel, president and CEO of the EAC Network. "We're going up against giant criminal enterprises. That's what human trafficking is, and we need money and resources to do that."

Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds is president and CEO of the Family and Children's Association, which has been providing shelter for runaway, homeless and trafficked children for over 140 years. It also has a mental health program that serves about 400 young people, in addition to programs for those suffering from addiction.

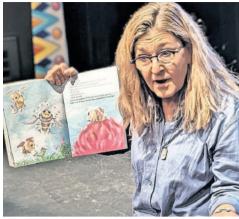
"We're here today to make a couple suggestions about ways to improve systems of care," Reynolds said. "This would include educating health and human service workers about how to spot the signs of trafficking, what to do about it, and how to intervene."

The conference was the first step in renewing the fight against trafficking, Assemblyman Brian Maher said.



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BUZZING ABOUT BEES

Inside the hive at Long Island Children's Museum

By Danielle Schwab

here's a special "day" for everyone and everything it seems. So it's certainly fitting that the helpful yet often misunderstood honey bee gets its due. And that brings us to Aug. 17, aka "National Honey Bee Day." Long Island Children's Museum goes all out to celebrate the hard-working insect with two days of "Honey Hoopla" activities, Aug. 16-17.

The museum has been home to over 20,000 honeybees year-round since 2012, when a hive was introduced to the Feast for Beasts exhibit, which opened in January of that year. The museum welcomed visitors to the first "Honey Hoopla" that year so that everyone could experience the first harvesting of honey from the then newly active hive.

Now Honey Hoopla returns — in a big way.

Families can check in on the busy bugs from an observational beehive, still located in the Feasts for Beasts exhibit. There, honeybees travel in and out of the hive, pollinating flowers in the museum's pollinator garden and working together to create a productive thriving colony.

"They all have an important task to do, and they really stick to that role. And then, of course, there's the queen, the leader of the hive," says Ashley Niver, the museum's director of education.

The fruit of their labors? Lots and lots of honey, of course

Color, aroma, and taste can change based on the nectar of the flower. Families are welcome to taste many different varieties of honey, including, of course, from the museum's honey harvest. And for those interested, the museum's honey is available for purchase in the Museum Store.

"A lot of people maybe don't know that honey can taste different from different varieties of flowers or the location. We're offering different honey varieties that the kids can taste test and try to match up," Niver says.

Bees certainly give us more than that sweet treat. Families become fully involved in exploring the role of honey bees in our ecosystem through hands-on activities.

Visitors will learn that honeybees are responsible for pollinating some of Long Island's most abundant crops including melons, pumpkins, tree nuts, and berries; and that the honey bee population is in danger and decreasing rapidly. Without these pollinators, we would lose some of our favorite foods such as chocolate, grapes, apples, and pears.

'Families can also explore the use of honeycombs, from which wax is made. The "Happy Beeday" activity is an opportunity to make and decorate beeswax birthday candles.

"They'll have a strip of colored beeswax and wicks they'll wrap and roll up to create the candle, and then any scrap pieces of wax can be used to decorate it," says Niver.

A local beekeeper will be on hand to demonstrate how honey is harvested from those honeycombs. In addition, kids can get involved in bee-themed crafts throughout the galleries that highlight how we can help the bees so that our fruit and vegetable crops can be healthy.



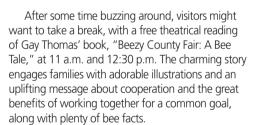
- Friday and Saturday, Aug. 16-17, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.)
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Gladys Knight

Hop aboard that "Midnight Train to Georgia" when the legendary soul chanteuse brings her Farewell Tour to Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair. Gladys Knight is without a doubt one of the most influential, and beloved living singers on the planet. And while the Empress of Soul may have been in the business for more than 60 years now, that hasn't stopped her from continuing to rock that beat as only she can do. She's bringing her classic Motown-style R&B to fans one last time before she bids us farewell. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee's fierce vocal power, elegant precision, and heartfelt performances have cemented her as one of music's true icons. If you're enjoy her classic Motown-style R&B, then you'll surely want to see her perform — one more time. "That's What Friends Are For," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," know the hits, now hear her bring them to life once again.

Friday, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. Tickets start at \$63. Tickets available at LiveNation. com. Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury.



While we understand that honey bees do so much for our environment, climate change and pesticides put the insects at risk of colony collapse disorder, where worker bees will exhibit abnormal behavior that leads to the destruction of the colony.

"They're in danger of continuing to decrease due to different environmental factors," Niver explains. "If we don't have the bees here to help us pollinate, then we don't have the abundance of crops that we can use for our food, and we'll lose the success of our crop."

To that end, the museum has launched its Name a Honey Bee Campaign so that visitors can join in bee preservation efforts. A donation of \$10 allows families to name one of the museum's bees, to be recognized on a visual display featuring the bee's new name and the donor's name through year's end.

"It's very easy for people to feel fearful of bees because they don't want to be stung, and maybe they assume that all bees are looking to sting and cause harm," Niver adds. "But the reality is that the honey bees are very docile, and they are just looking to make their honey. They're really our friends."

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The industrious honey bee buzzes into the spotlight to captivate museum visitors. Participate in a theatrical reading and meet Gay Thomas, author of the "Beezy County Fair: A Bee Tale," and explore an observational beehive during the



Paula Poundstone

The iconic comedian Paula Poundstone is known for her smart, observational humor and a spontaneous wit that's become the stuff of legend. When she isn't collecting hotel soaps while on tour or panel-ing on NPR's #1 show, "Wait, Wait...Don't Tell Me!," she hosts the popular Maximum Fun podcast, "Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone." "Nobody" is a comedy field guide to life, complete with taste tests, cats of the weeks and leading experts in everything from beekeeping to prosopagnosia Her stand-up credentials are endless, along with numerous TV appearances. Her second book, The Totally Unscientific Study Of The Search For Human Happiness, in which she offers herself up as a guinea pig in a series of thoroughly unscientific experiments, was recognized a semi-finalist for the Thurber Prize for American Humor (the highest recognition of humor writing in the U.S.).

Friday, Aug. 9, 8 p.m. \$55. \$45, \$35, \$30, \$25. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.

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Double Vision The 1970s and '80s

come alive when **Double Vision brings** their "Foreigner

Experience" to the Paramount Stage, Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m. Whether you're a lifelong Foreigner enthusiast or a newcomer eager to experience the magic of their music, Double Vision promises a night of electrifying entertainment that will leave you singing along and craving more. Composed of some New York City's top professional rock musicians, the band delivers the highest level of integrity and technical prowess in bring audiences all the hits from the band that you've come to love, while honoring Foreigner and its audience,



with a show second to none. The spirit of rock 'n' roll lives on, one unforgettable performance at a time, with this group of talented musicians and die-hard Foreigner fans. Double Vision has perfected the art of bringing to life the unforgettable hits that have defined generations. From "I Want to Know What Love Is" to "Cold as Ice," their renditions are a harmonious blend of passion, precision, and nostalgic energy.

Drawing inspiration from Foreigner's unmistakable sound and stage presence, Double Vision delivers a performance that pays homage to the band's legacy while infusing their own charisma and enthusiasm. Their commitment to authenticity is matched only by their unwavering dedication to creating an electrifying experience for every audience member. With an impressive catalog of classics at their fingertips, Double Vision transports audiences to an era when arena rock ruled and Foreigner reigned supreme. Each show is a testament to their musical prowess, transporting fans to a time when anthems were born and memories were made. Sing along to some of the greatest hit tunes, including "Juke Box Hero," "Hot Blooded," "Cold As Ice," "I Want To Know What Love Is," "Urgent," "Double Vision," "Head Games," "Feels Like the First Time," and more. \$60, \$40, \$25, \$20. 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, Aug. 14, dusk, at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre.

See Disney's recent animated musical comedy "Wish." Audiences are welcomed to the magical kingdom of Rosas, where Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force, a little ball of boundless energy called Star.

Together, Asha and Star confront a most formidable foe, the ruler of Rosas, King Magnifico, to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen. Eisenhower Park, Lakeside Theatre, East Meadow. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.

Author talk/book signing

Meet former Food Network Executive Producer Karen Katz, Thursday Aug. 15, 7 p.m., at Theodore's Books. She discusses and signs her new book, "Getting Sauced: How I Learned Everything I Know About Food From Working in TV." This is event is free, but registration required. 17 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay. Register at TheodoresBooks.

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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Oyster Bay High School Reunion

Oyster Bay High School Class of 1974 celebrates its 50year reunion at Seawanhaka . Yacht Club, on Centre Island, Saturday, Sept. 21, 6-10 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to attend. 314 Yacht Club Road. For more information, visit obhs1974reunion.rsvp-com.



Summer tunes

Enjoy a tribute to '70s radio hits with 45 RPM, at Eisenhower Park, Friday, **Aug. 9**, 8 p.m. The New York City-based band of vocalists and musicians recreates the songs and their era with the C'mon Get Happy show, an entertaining and visually engaging evening that has you singing and dancing along. It's a whole night of "wow, I remember that one" moments. Get "hooked on a feeling" with 45 RPM. Bring seating Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.

Downtown Sounds

Glen Cove BID 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. Rolling Stones tribute band Let It Bleed performs on Friday, Aug. 9. For more information visit: GlencCoveDowntown.org.

Summer tunes at Morgan Park

Keep cool while you are serenaded under the stars by the Glenn Miller Orchestra on the Morgan Park stage, Sunday, Aug. 11, 7 p.m., The orchestra featured is the only musical ensemble licensed to use the name, the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

Complex harmonies. syncopated rhythms, smooth instrumental and vocal solos resound throughout the great classics to be performed such as "Chattanooga Choo-Choo" "The White Cliffs of Dover," "Moonlight Serenade, "Jukebox Saturday Night," and so many more great hits of the '30s and '40s.s. Appearing with the orchestra are music director/tenor saxophonist Eric Stabnau and vocalist Jenny Swoish.

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival is celebrating its 65th anniversary year of bringing free concerts to the community. All concerts are held at Morgan Memorial Park in Glen Cove. overlooking Hempstead Harbor at Germaine Street between Landing Road and McLoughlin

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Circus antics

Nassau County Museum of Art 's latest exhibition "Seeing Red: Renoir to Warhol," reveals the many

meanings, connotations, and associations of this

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

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continued prominence in artistic and popular culture, this exhibition will

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

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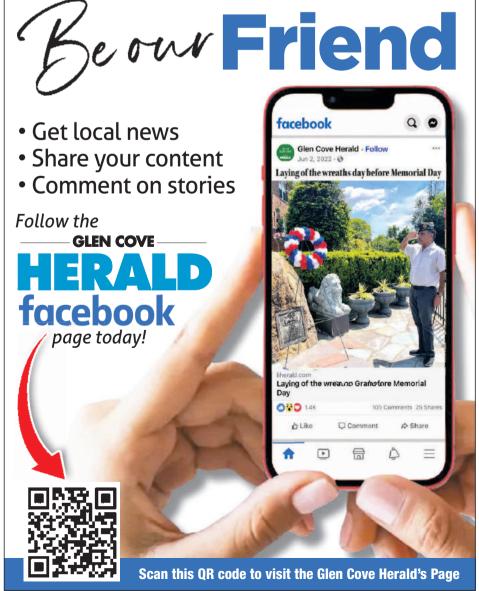
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Hempstead Harbor discussions heat up

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The City of Glen Cove is continuing discussions over a proposal to require mooring permits in Hempstead Harbor.

Some progress has been made with the Hempstead Harbour Glen Cove yacht clubs, but several key issues remain unresolved.

Moorings are permanent or semi-permanent anchors to which boaters secure their vessels. Although boaters who use the harbor already register their boats with the Department of Motor Vehicles, an amendment to a 35-year-old provision in the city code would require those who moor their vessels in city waters to apply for a permit.

Boaters would have to provide their name, contact information, and boat details to Harbormaster John Testa. The idea is to enhance the harbormaster's ability to enforce city regulations by issuing notices for violations.

The yacht clubs find aspects of this proposal excessive, saying the city's decision to reexamine and expand the mooring law is unnecessary.

"I've asked them, instead of a mooring permit application for the Hempstead Harbour Club and for the Glen Cove Yacht Club, could we just have a mooring permit registration," Patricia Goodsell, an attorney for both clubs, said.



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Some progress was made over the drafting of the laws between the city and the Hempstead Harbour Club and the Glen Cove Yacht Club but several key issues remain.

The negotiations main goals, she said were to ensure harbor safety and improve information sharing. The yacht clubs recognize the harbormaster's concerns, but the clubs are concerned about the extensive authority granted to the harbormaster on mooring locations and specifications because of potential costs for damaged moorings. The authority

lacks transparency and clear criteria, they said.

"In the original law the harbormaster can have these moorings inspected at any time that he feels it's necessary at the owner's expense," Goodsell said. "Well, every year we inspect," adding that every three years other items are inspected.

The city insists that the law is not a "money grab," but the potential fees associated with the permits have not been clearly defined and remain "yet unstated in the law." "If the harbormaster is going to be inspecting mooring balls, shouldn't he have a mooring ball inspection license?" Goodsell said.

She said that the original mooring law hasn't been enforced in years past, but emphasized that the clubs are willing to provide all the information needed for safety and management.

The city has gradually pulled back on some of what the clubs feel are more impractical demands. But the issue is the city stepping in to dictate terms to the clubs, which have a long history of self-management. The clubs have proposed a system similar to that in Manhasset Bay, where local yacht clubs manage their own mooring fields and report to the town, but the city has rejected that idea.

Tip Henderson, the city's attorney, defended the proposal, saying it's the city's responsibility is to oversee the harbor and ensure safety. He said the harbormaster's authority is necessary.

"We're just trying to clarify the law and give the harbormaster his enforcement controls over people who abuse the harbor, none of which are in the Glen Cove Yacht Club or Hempstead Harbor Club," he said, noting the harbormaster's job is to maintain safety.

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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Beyond belief

ear Great Book Guru, Summer 2024 is moving along so rapidly and I'm falling far behind in my quest to read a

good book each week. Please help me - I need a quick moving, interest-catching novel doesn't have to be new.

Summer Reader

Dear Summer Reader,

Lots of us see summer as the best time of year to catch up on books we might have missed, and for me it was Tom Perrotta's THE LEFT-OVERS. Made into a long running TV series, the novel has been on my must-read list for years so last week I

tackled it and am happy I did. I'm sure you will enjoy it too. The premise of both the book and TV

series is that three years in the past on October 14, over a million people of all ages disappeared from all parts of the world - a Rapture of sorts. The novel focuses on the aftermath of this climatic

moment and its effects on families in one village - perhaps a bit reminiscent of Sea Cliff!

Kevin Garvey the new mayor and his

two children, Tom and Jill, are dealing with a loss - his wife Laurie has left them to join a group seeking to make amends for the sins of those left behind - the Guilty Remnant. Another villager, Nora Durst, has lost both husband and children to the Rapture and she finds herself unable to move on - especially when secrets are revealed about the past. Holy Wayne is a local figure who has founded a religion to make sense of who and what remains.

As each of the characters struggles to find meaning in this occurrence, we see glimmers of our own quests to explain the unexplainable. A thought-provoking book and highly recommended!

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



Courtesy Northwell Health

The CMS rating system evaluates hospitals on 49 different metrics, such as mortality, safety of care, rate of readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

Northwell hospitals earn top ratings in 2024

Northwell Health announced that seven of its hospitals have been recognized for their outstanding quality of care in the 2024 Five-Star Quality Rating System by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service. Among the 2,267 hospitals evaluated, Northwell hospitals have secured four-star or better ratings, placing them among the best in the nation.

Glen Cove Hospital, Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson, and Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco achieved five-star ratings, the highest possible. Huntington Hospital, Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan, North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, and South Shore University Hospital in Bay Shore received four-star ratings.

"These achievements are especially gratifying because of what it means for our community: access to quality care that is among the best in the nation." said Michael Dowling, Northwell's presi-

The CMS rating system, which began in 2007, evaluates hospitals on 49 different metrics, including mortality, safety of care, rate of readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care. In 2024, Northwell Health saw 83 percent of its hospitals either advance or maintain their star ratings. Despite a national increase in hospital-acquired infection rates, Northwell hospitals have successfully reduced these rates over the past two years, receiving recognition from CMS for their efforts.

"These outstanding survey results reflect our commitment to providing the highest quality and safest care to our patients and communities," said Dr. Peter Silver, senior vice president and chief quality officer at Northwell. "We continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of patient care."

Achieving a five-star rating for the second consecutive year, Mather Hospital is recognized by Healthgrades as one of "America's 250 Best Hospitals for 2024," placing it in the top 5 percent nationwide for clinical performance. Glen Cove Hospital earned a five-star rating for the first time, noted for its exceptional patient outcomes, safety, and satisfaction, with reduced readmission rates and low mortality contributing to its top rating.

These CMS ratings follow Northwell Health's strong performance in the U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals 2024-2025 list, where Northwell hospitals earned top 50 national rankings in 30 medical specialties. Northwell Health continues to set high standards in healthcare, ensuring top-quality care for its patients and communities across New

NEWS BRIEFS

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Nosh Delivers seeks food donations

NOSH Delivers, a food pantry and delivery service, has moved to the VFW Hall at 15 Hill Street, Glen Cove. The organization, which serves over 600 families each week, expressed gratitude to Peter and Liz Holzer for hosting them at their previous location for the past two years.

Christine Rice, chairwoman of Nosh, emphasized the urgent need for food donations, especially during the summer months when children miss schoolprovided meals. Non-perishable food donations and monetary contributions, which enable the purchase of nutritious items like eggs and fresh produce, are particularly needed.

Founded in March 2020 to address food insecurity exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, Nosh delivers weekly NOSHBags containing groceries

for two meals for a family of four. They serve homes in Bayville, Glen Cove, Roslyn, Locust Valley, and Sea Cliff, and welcome walk-in recipients at the VFW Hall. To date, NOSH has provided groceries for more than a half-million

Donations can be brought to Nosh on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and every other Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Monetary donations can be made online at noshdelivers.org/donate or by mailing checks to NOSH, P.O. Box 99, Sea Cliff, NY 11579. As a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, all contributions are taxdeductible. For more information, visit www.noshdelivers.org or call the hotline at (516) 366-0277.

Self-portrait workshop at Planting Fields

Planting Fields Arboretum invites young artists to the historic Coe Hall for a self-portrait workshop on Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. In this art and historybased workshop for children ages 5 – 12, young artists will explore Coe Hall's many portraits and their histories. Participants will celebrate what makes them unique as they try their hand at their own self-portraits.

The event is \$25 per child, and is a drop-off program. Guardians are encouraged to stay on-site during the duration of the program and explore the beautiful grounds.

This is a non-refundable program with a 48-hour cancellation policy. Should you need to cancel, you will be credited the amount towards a future education workshop.

If your child requires accommodations, if you have any questions or are interested in group rates, please contact erenwick@plantingfields.org. For more information on other Planting Fields events, visit PlantingFields.org.

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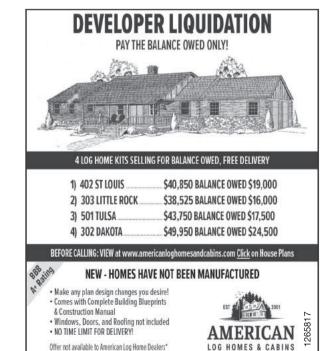
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OPINIONS

The governor is prioritizing public safety

rom her first days

in office, Kathy

committed to

fighting crime.

Hochul has been

he attempted assassination of former President Donald Trump once again brought attention to an issue that is important to all of us, regardless of our political affiliation: public safety. We're all grateful that the attempt failed, but the fact that an apparently ordinary citizen so easily got hold of an assault-style rifle and was able to come within inches of incapacitating

or killing a former president is frightening.

The investigation into exactly what happened during that rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, and what measures will need to be taken to make sure it doesn't happen again, will take months, if not years. The issue



of protecting our fellow New Yorkers, however, is something Gov. Kathy Hochul must deal with on a daily basis.

Building on significant progress made in 2023, Hochul recently visited Glen Cove and announced new statistics reflecting the effectiveness of her leadership on the issue of public safety:

■ A 44 percent drop in shooting incidents with injury on Long Island in the first six months of 2024, and a 27 percent decrease statewide during the same period the vear before.

■ A 15 percent reduction in total index crimes, a 4 percent reduction in violent crime and 16 percent reduction in property crime on Long Island, while the statewide average

■ A 17 percent decline in larcenies, and a 14 percent decrease in motor vehicle

was a 9 percent reduction.

While those numbers are encouraging, Hochul, along with my colleagues in the State Legislature, are committing the financial resources to ensure that we continue to build on that progress. At that same

event, she announced the investment of more than \$50 million in public safety in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, the largest such state investment ever, which was included in this year's state budget. It includes \$1.1 million for the Glen Cove Police Department for the purchase of law enforcement technology and equipment to allow it to be able to solve, reduce and prevent crime more effectively.

While this local investment is great news for the city and the surrounding area, the overall commitment to public safety and the multifaceted methods of crime prevention in the 2025 budget are a benefit for all New Yorkers. They include funding to crack down on organized retail theft, combat the rising tide of hate crimes, make targeted investments in communities to prevent gun violence and domestic violence, and reduce recidi-

vism and improve re-entry for formerly incarcerated people across the state.

The 2025 fiscal year state budget includes:

- \$80 million to offset the costs of discovery reform implementation and pretrial procedure changes in all 62 counties. Nassau County received roughly \$3.6 million, and Suffolk County, roughly \$4 million.
- \$59.46 million in aid to prosecution funding for the

state's 62 district attorneys' offices. Nassau County received nearly \$3 million. and Suffolk, about \$3.3 million.

- Nearly \$36 million for the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative to support personnel, overtime, equipment and technology in 21 counties outside New York City (including Nassau and Suffolk) that participate.
- \$20 million in pretrial services in the 57 counties outside New York City. Nassau County received nearly \$1.8 million. and Suffolk, just over \$2 million.
- \$35 million for the Securing Commu-

nities Against Hate grant to protect houses of worship, religious schools and other at-risk sites, plus the addition of 28 hate-crime eligible offenses.

- \$40.8 million to reduce domestic violence and support victims of domestic
- \$7.1 million to reduce recidivism and improve re-entry into the workforce for
- \$40.2 million for dedicated retail theft teams in the state police, district attorneys' offices and local law enforcement, and a \$5 million tax credit to help small businesses invest in added security measures such as cameras.

In addition, a new law establishes deed theft as a crime and expands the statute of limitations for it to five years after the commission of a crime or two years after a homeowner becomes aware of the theft, whichever is later.

From her first days in office, Hochul has shown a commitment to fighting crime. While the promising statistics cited above show her efforts are paving off, the investments made in the budget by her, and my, legislative colleagues on both the state and local levels show that. working together, we are only getting started in our efforts to keep New Yorkers safe.

Charles Lavine represents the 13th Assembly District.

Momalas for Kamala, a thread to unite us

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n a world where news breaks instantly on our phones, cracking the world open in an instant, behold the weekly newspaper, the tortoise of the news business. As I write, I realize it's not all bad to have time to think between 72-point headlines.

When I wrote last, almost a month



RANDI KREISS

ago, President Biden was still the presumptive Democratic nominee, although there was plenty of chatter about his slow walk and whispery talk. He was adamant: He would not step down. He was ready to fight.

Many of us who think Biden has done an out-

standing job in office came to believe he was not up to another four years. He looked frail. He appeared to overestimate his ability, at age 81, to meet the demands of the job. It felt disloyal to urge him to make way for a younger contender, but loyalty to our democracy had to come first. I celebrated his willingness to relinquish power, wished it had come sooner. but we had a potential new candidate.

Three weeks ago, Kamala Harris was (and still is) the vice president, and at that point her own presidential dreams were on hold. Donald Trump was salivating like a lion at the Roman Forum, wait-

ing to take on Biden in the next debate. After the president's shockingly poor performance in the first one, the Donald was closing in for the kill.

J.D. Vance? Barely a twinkle in Trump's eye a month ago. He's the guy who wrote "Hillbilly Elegy." Suddenly he morphed into a mega-MAGA, with extreme, creepy ideas about women's rights and personal free-

doms. Trump thought Vance would make a perfect addition to the ticket. A few weeks back, Thomas Matthew

Crooks was a shy kid from rural Pennsylvania who got it into his head to kill the former president. And he nearly did, grazing Trump's ear as he stood at the podium at an outdoor rally. I saw it happen, and time stopped until Trump was hustled to safety. I lived through the years of JFK, MLK and RFK dying in heartbreaking eruptions of political violence. Those murders scarred the political landscape forever.

That was July 13. Then, curtains up on the Republican National Convention, just days after the attempted assassination, with a buoyant Trump telling the world he was still standing.

> Those were enough big news items for five years, compressed and pounded under pressure into just days, until the whole country, burnished like a diamond, seemed brilliant and raw. You could hear us, an entire nation, sucking in deep calming breaths, trying to steady ourselves.

Then, on July 21, Biden announced that he was stepping out of the presidential campaign and

endorsing Harris to be the Democratic nominee.

I'm writing this all down because after some amount of time, nobody will believe that it all happened just like this over the past few weeks.

Then the head of the Secret Service stepped down because of her agency's failure to stop the assassination attempt.

Then a kind of organic political wave swelled out of nowhere, pushing people forward to support Harris in a tsunami of relief and joy. Black women for Kamala. White Dudes for Kamala. White

Women for Kamala.

That's where I lost the thread. Aren't we all supposed to be coming together as Americans to choose our president? Can't we be Citizens for Kamala? Am I a Short Woman for Kamala or a CR-V Driver for Kamala or a Yasso Pop Fanatic for Kamala? We're dividing and subdividing into micro cells.

Then that changed, too. I decided to embrace the political moment.

Momalas for Kamala is born. Momala is Harris's nickname in her family, but it's more than that. According to the Urban Dictionary, "A momala is a trusted guardian. Outside of the family, a momala is the mother of a neighborhood. In a village, she is mother and healer. In a state, she is the mother of health, knowledge and creativity. For a country, she is the mom of compassion and strength."

We all have mothers or are mothers or value mothers. Momalas are us, men and women, young and old.

I hope all the disparate political identities will form a cohesive movement to elect Harris president. I hope Trump will summon the courage to meet her toe to toe in a debate. I hope the young voters in this country will shed their indifference and get into the fray.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

On Friday, honor our Indigenous heritage

s we mark the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples on Friday, it's crucial for us here on Long Island to reflect on the rich indigenous history that shapes our communities and landscapes. From the Shinnecock and Montaukett to the Unkechaug and Setauket, Native American tribes have been integral to Long Island's story since long before European settlers arrived.

The names of our towns and landmarks echo this heritage: Montauk. Quogue, Peconic, Ronkonkoma, Hauppauge, Patchogue, and many more. These names aren't just relics of the past, but living reminders of the peoples who stewarded this land for millennia. They represent a deep connection to the environment and a complex cultural tapestry that continues to influence our region today.

But we must also confront the painful history of exploitation and displacement that followed European settlement. The original inhabitants of Long Island, like indigenous peoples across the Americas, faced immense challenges as their lands were seized, their populations decimated by disease, and their cultures suppressed. The Shinnecock Nation, for instance, was engaged in a long struggle for federal recognition, and continues to make its case for the return of ancestral lands.

Despite these hardships, indigenous communities have shown remarkable resilience. The Shinnecock Nation continues to maintain its cultural practices

and advocate for its rights. The Unkechaug people, on the Poospatuck Reservation in Mastic, have preserved their language and traditions. These communities serve as a living link to Long Island's past and as vital contributors to its present and future.

Nationally, Native Americans have made countless contributions to American society, often unrecognized. From agricultural techniques that feed millions to democratic principles that influenced the U.S. Constitution, indigenous knowledge and practices have shaped the nation in profound ways. Native American code talkers played a crucial role in World War II, using their languages to create unbreakable codes. In science, medicine, arts, and sports, indigenous Americans continue to excel and innovate.

Globally, indigenous peoples are at the forefront of environmental protection efforts. Their traditional knowledge and sustainable practices offer valuable insights for addressing climate change and preserving biodiversity. From the Amazon rainforest to the Arctic tundra, indigenous communities are often the most effective guardians of critical ecosystems.

As we commemorate this international day — which is followed in October by Indigenous Peoples' Day, observed just in the United States — it's essential to move beyond mere recognition to active support and engagement. On Long Island, we can:

1. Educate ourselves about local indige-

nous history and current issues facing Native communities.

- 2. Support indigenous-owned businesses and cultural events.
- 3. Advocate for the protection of sacred sites and the return of ancestral lands.
- 4. Incorporate indigenous perspectives in local decision-making, especially when it comes to environmental issues.
- 5. Promote the teaching of Native American history and cultures in our schools.

Recognizing indigenous peoples isn't about dwelling in the past, but rather about creating a more inclusive and just future. It's about acknowledging that the first inhabitants of this land have valuable knowledge, perspectives, and rights that deserve respect and consideration.

As Long Islanders, we have a unique opportunity to honor the indigenous heritage that surrounds us daily. From the shores of Peconic Bay to the bluffs of Montauk, we walk in the footsteps of those who came before us. Let's ensure that their stories, struggles and triumphs are not forgotten, but celebrated as an integral part of our shared history.

This International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, let's commit to building stronger relationships with Native communities, supporting their rights and aspirations, and benefiting from their wisdom. In doing so, we enrich our own lives and communities while taking a step toward healing historical wounds and creating a more equitable society for all.

LETTERS

D'Esposito shouldn't meddle in NYC's business

To the Editor:

Imagine if residents of the five boroughs dumped tons of toxic wastes in the South Shore district represented by Congressman Anthony D'Esposito. Imagine further that a New York City politician loudly denounced a plan to protect the health of D'Esposito's constituents.

The congressman would surely be outraged.

So why does he support a permanent ban on congestion pricing in Lower Manhattan? ("Congestion pricing may be paused, but the fight continues," July 25-31.)

Car commuters whom D'Esposito defends spew pollutants every day in the congestion-pricing zone. The fact that these tailpipe emissions are invisible does not make them less deadly than mounds of toxic garbage.

Studies suggest that 153,000 fewer cars would enter the zone once congestion pricing takes effect. And that will result in sharp decreases in nitrogen oxide emissions and particulate matter.



OPINIONS

These Olympics, we've championed all athletes

hen I think

of the greats, I

think of Megan

Rapinoe, not

Tom Brady.

hen legendary quarterback Tom Brady announced his retirement (for the first time), I was the editor in chief of my college's news magazine, the Campus Slate, at the New York Institute of Technology. We covered a wide range of subjects, driven by the interests of our reporters, and one of my staff writers asked me if he could write



JORDAN VALLONE

e if he could write something summarizing his thoughts on what it was like to watch "the greats" — the famed athletes of his childhood — retire. I liked the idea, and it came together nicely.

Although I wasn't the biggest sports fan in my vouth. I could

relate to the story.

But for me, the epitome of athleticism didn't come in the form of an epic home run or, in Brady's case, so many game-winning touchdowns. For me it was the whoosh of a soccer ball hitting the net at the back of the goal.

Like millions of other youth around the U.S., I grew up playing soccer, and some of my fondest memories from my adolescence and teenage years are of my days on the field.

So when I think of the greats, I don't think of people like Derek Jeter or Brady. I think of *women* like Abby Wambach, Megan Rapinoe, Hope Solo, Tobin Heath and Carli Lloyd,

among many others.

In this country, female athletes don't get the same attention, or respect, as their male counterparts, and that's almost understandable. Men's sports have built entire industries from the ground up over the past century.

But there is much to be said about how hard women have worked to make sure they can have

their moments of glory. Kathrine Switzer famously ran the Boston Marathon before women were allowed to; thousands have fought the wage gap that still affects sports today; and, of course, superstars like Serena Williams have cemented the idea that women athletes deserve the spotlight, too.

Women's soccer isn't the same, and I'm not sure at what point it became cool to tear down some of our country's best athletes, but alas, it is our reality.

All teams, in every sport, have their ups and downs, and I'd agree with many

that over the past few years, the U.S. women's soccer team has gone through changes. They performed poorly at last year's World Cup, losing early in the tournament to Sweden. And in the lowest of moments for some of our players,

many of whom are previous World Cup winners and Olympic gold medalists, they were not welcomed back to our country with open arms.

Instead they were hit with this: "WOKE EQUALS FAILURE," which Donald Trump posted to his Truth Social account last summer. "Nice shot Megan, the USA is going to hell!" (This was in reference to a penalty

kick Rapinoe missed in the game against Sweden.)

It should come as a surprise to no one that conservative America hates the women's national team. Why? Simply because for decades, its players have expressed "progressive" opinions about equal pay, social justice and LGBTQ rights, among other things that are largely unliked by the far right.

When the women are winning, the keyboard warriors are quiet. But when they lose? Well *of course* it's because of their political and social beliefs.

I'm old enough to have thick skin, to read things like Trump's comments and brush them off with an eye roll. But I can't help but think about the little girls whose shoes I was once in. I think it's fair to say they'd be genuinely affected by seeing something like what Trump wrote. I think about how difficult it must be for them to see their heroes, their greats, subjected to cruelty.

The Paris Olympic Games will be wrapping up this weekend, and there have been many female athletes, not just soccer players, representing our country. Their successes and their setbacks—their journeys—are so important. We need to remember that.

It's always nice to see our athletes win, and our teams bring home gold. But if they don't? Think about what you say before you say it, and think about *who* you're saying it to.

As we've cheered for those athletes, we've been reminded that their worth isn't measured solely by their victories, but also by their power to inspire. Let's be careful in what we say, and ensure that our words foster encouragement, not disillusionment, for the next generation of greats.

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LETTERS

Levels of that latter type of pollution are now 60 percent higher in Manhattan than the upper limit recommended by the World Health Organization.

The congressman shows no respect for the New York City elected officials who decided, after years of debate and voluminous research reports, to impose a fee on drivers who poison the air breathed by Manhattan residents and workers.

D'Esposito should practice goodneighborliness by dropping his opposition to an initiative that will save many lives.

KEVIN J. KELLEY

Atlantic Beach

We were honored to care for Rosemary King

To the Editor:

As the administrator for the Emergency Department at North Shore University Hospital, I would like to extend our heartfelt wishes to Rosemary King for a swift recovery following her recent surgery with Dr. Tamayo. Additionally, I want to express our deepest gratitude for the kind words her husband, former Congressman Peter King, shared in his column in the July 18-24 issue of the Herald, "In a medical emergency, we were in experts' hands."

Our team was deeply moved by Mr. King's account of his family's experience.

LANDON WITZ, MHA Senior manager, Operations Emergency Medicine North Shore University Hospital Manhasset

Jerry's right: Project 2025 is a horror story

To the Editor:

Thanks to Jerry Kremer for his op-ed, "If you like horror stories, read Project 2025," in the July 18-24 issue. I am so grateful when our local newspapers are able to bring national issues to the forefront. It's so important to get this kind of information to local communities that are sometimes insulated within their own little world.

Project 2025 hasn't received much attention until recently — despite the Heritage Foundation's in-depth involvement in the Trump presidency and this year's Trump campaign. It is so important that trusted local public servants sound the alarm on this extremely dangerous agenda, and that people are made to realize it is indeed very real.

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