



Neighbors Stephen and Ethan Melbinger, Larry Hoffmann and Alfredo Martinez redirected stormwater at the corner of Chestnut Street and Woolsey Avenue.

# **Glen Cove neighborhoods deal with chronic flooding**

### By ROKSANA AMID

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Glen Cove businesses, parks and neighborhoods flooded after being pounded by heavy rainfall last week, but residents of Woolsey Avenue are no strangers to the phenomenon, having seen over two decades of flooding.

Over the years, almost every significant rainstorm has brought with it rising water that inundates Woolsey Avenue itself, as well as nearby yards and basements. The storm on Aug. 6 was no different. As stormwater rushed from neighboring streets, the eight storm drains on Woolsey were quickly overwhelmed, leaving over a half-dozen homes on the block dealing with flooding. According to First Street Foundation, a nonprofit organization that uses computer modeling and data to assess risk from climate change and storm events. About 1,438 properties, or 18 percent of the area, are at risk of flooding over the next 30 years.

To protect their homes, neighbors used a combination of makeshift methods to divert water to storm drains as the rain fell. They used insulation and boards to redirect the flow, and even cleared storm drains with rakes to keep water from accumulating.

"It's gotten worse over the years," said Randy Allen, a Woolsey Avenue resident whose house is in front of a storm drain.

# New county mask law raises concerns

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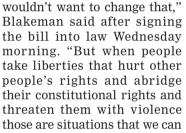
Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman signed the Mask Transparency Act into law on Wednesday, a controversial law that bans the wearing of non-religious and non-

health-related face coverings in public spaces.

The law, one of the first of its kind in the state, took effect immediately. It aims to enhance public safety by preventing people from concealing their identities, particularly when they may be committing crimes. But the legislation has sparked significant debate and concern among residents.

Blakeman said the law provides police with another resource allowing them to make a decision to gauge whether someone is engaged in a legitimate activity or not.

"We do not want to abridge anybody's right to free speech and protest, that is a part of the fabric of our nation, and we



not tolerable and they're not consistent with the United States constitution."

The Mask Transparency Act has reignited the debate over the balance between public safety and individual rights, a contentious issue that arose during the coronavirus pandemic. Proponents of the law argue that it will

help reduce crime by making it harder for people to hide their identities, while opponents fear it could lead to unwarranted stops and arrests.

"Exceptions are in place for health and religious reasons, which were my concerns," Dr. Stacie Locascio, of Glen Cove, said. "If you're planning on CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

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The Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center is dedicated to educating people about the dangers of antisemitism, racism, bullying, and all other manifestations of intolerance

# Honoring the 'righteous' with new exhibit

### By ROKSANA AMID

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The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County has unveiled a striking new light fixture that serves as both a functional addition and a profound exhibit.

The fixture features four large panels, each five feet long, displaying the faces of Raoul Wallenberg, Oskar Schindler, Irena Sendler, and André Trocmé. Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, is renowned for his efforts in rescuing tens of thousands of Jews in Budapest during World War II. Schindler, a German business owner, famously saved over a thousand Jewish lives, an act immortalized in the 1993 motion picture

"Schindler's List." Sendler, a Polish nurse, heroically smuggled Jewish children out of the Warsaw Ghetto in Nazi-occupied Poland, saving them from certain death. Trocmé, a French Protestant pastor, inspired his congregation to shelter Jewish refugees, offering them sanctuary during the Holocaust.

The black-and-white photographs of these four individuals, recognized as "Righteous Among the Nations" by Yad Vashem, are displayed prominently on the panels.

This installation, which replaces an outdated and hazardous chandelier, transforms the grand staircase of the museum into a moving tribute to those who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust. The fixture, inspired by a design from the Louvre Museum in Paris, was conceived and brought to life by Bernie Furshpan, the museum's marketing director and his wife Joanne who also oversaw the installation. Both personally installed the panels at the museum's front staircase using a scissor lift.

"We realized that what we were doing was not only putting up a fixture, but it was an exhibit, it makes you think about what they've done and what you can do is an upstander today," Furshpan said. "It's a metaphor, because it illuminates the path up, and as you walk up, you're elevated to higher moral grounds."

Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, is credited with rescuing tens of thousands of Jews in Budapest, including Agota Adler, who was 7 years old when she was saved. Now 88 and living in Great Neck, Adler

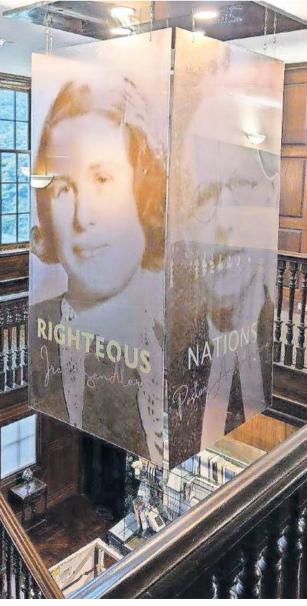


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attended the unveiling of the light fixture on Aug. 7, which features Wallenberg's image alongside those of the other honorees.

The new exhibit comes at a time when hate crimes are on the rise. New York defines a hate crime as one that targets a person, group, or property due to bias against characteristics such as race, religion, or sexual orientation. According to the latest New York State data, police departments in Nassau County reported 61 hate crimes in 2022, up from 28 the year before.



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# **George Santos returns to federal court**

# Disgraced former congressman is scheduled for a Sept. 16 trial in Centeral Islip

### **By WILL SHEELINE**

 – GLEN COVE HERALD George Santos returned to the courthouse on Aug. 13 what should be his last 2024 appearance before his trial formally begins on Sept. 16. Showing none of his August 15, infamous swagger, the former congressman sat demurely before Judge Joanna Seybert as his defense team, the prosecution and the judge worked out and dis-

cussed the final steps before the trial commences. Santos has pleaded not guilty to over 20 counts of financial crimes. The litany of allegations against him ranges from using campaign contributions for personal expenses to unlawfully collecting unemployment benefits.

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One of the most important aspects concerned the selection of the jury. Sevbert explained that after the jury is selected, set for Sept. 9, their identities will remain "partially anonymous," or known only to the defense and the prosecution, per a request by Santos' team.

Furthermore, Seybert rejected Santos' team's proposal that potential jurors would have to fill out a written questionnaire regarding their opinions of the former congressman, in line with the prosecutors' assessment. Both emphasized that adding the questionnaire would only slow down the jury selection process,

while questioning potential jurors in person offered the chance for more nuanced and informative insight into their capability to serve on the jury.

"I've used questionnaires before. They're very inefficient," Seybert said. "The government opposes it, and I agree.'

The former congressman's lawyers had previously argued that the questionnaire, which addressed potential jurors' beliefs and preconceptions about Santos, was necessary due to the wide-ranging negative media coverage he had been subject to since the allegations of his widespread deceit was first published nearly two years ago. The prosecutors maintained that the request was merely another delay.

Thus far, the court already has 332 potential jurors out of their initial outreach to 800 people. In addition to the 12 jurors, the defense and prosecution agreed to allowing six alternates, or potential replacements for the jury in case any become ill, have a personal emergency, or are otherwise disqualified or excused before deliberations begin.

While having alternates on standby is essential to any trial, it is especially relevant in Santos' case, both due to his controversial public persona as well as the fact that the prosecutors estimated that the trial would take roughly four weeks.



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Part of the reason for Seybert's desire to streamline the process is the sheer scale of the prosecution's evidence.

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Assistant United States District Attorney Ryan Harris explained that the prosecution has roughly three dozen witnesses willing to testify not to mention the tens of thousands of pages of legal and financial documents.

Seybert encouraged both defense and

prosecution teams to try and "stream-

down and discuss what is absolutely nec-

line" the process as much as possible. "Make me hopeful," she said. "Sit

Of the witnesses, however, there is one who may not take the stand. Nancy Marks, Santos' former campaign manager and a well-known financier for New York State Republican Party members for decades. While the prosecution stated that they were still unsure whether they would call Marks to testify, Joseph Murray. Santos' lead attorney, was adamant that Marks be included, referring to her as the defense's "star witness.

"There's one witness that's essential to our case," Murray said. "Mr. Santos' campaign treasurer, Nancy Marks.'

Marks, who pleaded guilty in October of last year to conspiracy to defraud the government, admitted to fraudulently reporting a non-existent loan that the former congressman claimed to have made directly to his campaign. Marks, who did not directly name Santos in the court documents for her case, stated that the reason for the lie was to reach a \$250,000 benchmark to get logistical and financial support through a program from the state Republican Party.

Murray emphasized that Marks' presence in the courtroom was essential to his client's case and said he would file a separate motion to have her called as a witness, regardless of whether the prosecution chooses to include her.

Throughout the whole ordeal, Santos was silent, speaking only once to briefly respond to Seybert. Upon leaving the courtroom, the New York Republican declined to speak with reporters, whereas during previous appearances Santos seemingly relished the attention from the press.

# **Charges** against Santos

Wire Fraud - Multiple counts across both indictments for allegedly embezzling funds from donors and misusing campaign funds.

Money Laundering - Related to the movement of illegally obtained funds.

Theft of Public Funds - Santos allegedly fraudulently obtained over \$24,000 in Covid-19 unemployment benefits.

Making False Statements - Allegations that he lied on financial disclosure forms submitted to the House of Representatives.

**Conspiracy to Commit Offenses** Against the United States - A new charge from the second indictment.

Falsifying Records - Charges related to submitting fraudulent documents to obstruct the Federal Election Commission.

Aggravated Identity Theft - New charges for allegedly using stolen identities to commit fraud.

Access Device Fraud - Related to unauthorized use of donor credit cards.

As he walked to his car, Jonathan Tatun, who was at the Eastern District Court House for a separate hearing, could be heard shouting "Stop wasting our money, George!" Tatun, who is not from Santos' former congressional district, explained that while he had not been personally impacted by Santos, he believed the former congressman represented everything that was wrong with American politics today.

"I wish he would just plead guilty," Tatun said.



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# **HERALD SPORTS** Morning kickoffs for Nassau football

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Are you ready for some football? Next Monday, all 53 Nassau County public high school football programs can begin preparations for the upcoming season, scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 6 with six games leading up to the first full slate the following week.

Aside from eight-time defending Nassau Conference II champion Garden City moving to Conference III, perhaps the biggest news during the offseason was the decision to add an 11 a.m. kickoff slot to Conferences II and IV for the 2024 campaign, and potentially Conferences I and III next year, due to a shortage of officials.

"At this time we don't have enough officiating crews to cover so many games at the same time," said Section VIII football coordinator Matt McLees. "We're at about 16-17 crews. Moving some games to 11 a.m. and others to 3 p.m. allows us to double up certain crews on Saturdays."

One team largely affected by the earlier start time is Sewanhaka. Not only is head coach George Kasimatis' squad debuting the school's new nickname, the Ravens, half of its games will begin in the morning. Fortunately, Kasimatis noted, three of the four 11 a.m. kickoffs are at home. "We travel to Roosevelt in Week 2 and it'll be interesting," he said.

Massapequa (Conference I), Garden City (II), South Side (III) and Seaford (IV) won county titles last season, however the landscape has changed with Trojans moving to Conference III. Carey, the new top seed in II, seeks its first county title since going back-to-back in 2013-14 and opens at home versus Glen Cove Sept. 14.

Garden City's first taste of Conference III football is Sept. 6 at Bethpage. Seaford, which must fend off conference newcomers Wantagh and Plainedge, opens at home Sept. 13 against Island Trees.

Massapequa, which last season was awarded the Rutgers Cup, presented annually to the most outstanding team in Nassau, opens at Oceanside Sept. 6 in game originally scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10.

Teams choosing to play a full game scrimmage can do so once 10 practices are completed, McLees said, making Aug. 30 the first potential date. Teams can hold joint practices as soon as Aug. 24 and are permitted to play 7 on 7 and also run 10 plays (11 on 11) in full gear. "It's not a scrimmage by definition but teams can accomplish a lot with the joint practice," he added.

### Nine teams switch conferences

Along with Garden City, eight other teams have switched conferences for the

# 10 games to watch

- Sept. 6: Massapequa at Oceanside Sept. 14: Sewanhaka at Baldwin
- Sept 20: Elmont at South Side
- Sept. 21: Massapequa at Uniondale
- Sept. 28: Calhoun at Mepham
- Oct. 5: Oceanside at Freeport
- Oct. 10: MacArthur at Carey
- Oct. 10: Plainedge at Wantagh
- Oct. 10: South Side at Garden City
- Oct. 25: Wantagh at Seaford

upcoming season based on enrollment figures: Baldwin, Elmont, Manhasset, Herricks, Wantagh, Plainedge, Roosevelt and Glen Cove. Baldwin returns to Conference II where it spent the 2022 campaign and is seeded No. 10 this season. The Bruins, under new head coach Mike Robinson, open at home on their new turf field Sept. 14 against Sewanhaka. Elmont is the No. 3 seed in Conference III, whilst Manhasset is No. 7. Herricks is seeded eighth in Conference I. Longtime Conference III powers Wantagh and Plainedge are in Conference IV and will meet face to face Oct. 10 at Wantagh. Roosevelt, not long ago a member of IV, bounced to II and opens at New Hyde Park.

### Thursday games Oct. 10

The sixth week of the season (fifth for many Conference III teams) will be played on Thursday, Oct. 10 due to Yom Kippur. Games will kick off as early as 2:15 p.m. (Elmont at Sewanhaka) and as late as 6 p.m.

### Local coaching changes

Baldwin, East Meadow, Freeport, Mepham, Seaford all boast new sideline bosses.

Robinson is a Baldwin graduate who spent the past two seasons coaching the Bruins' JV team after six years as a varsity assistant. Keith Lizzi takes over from Vin Mascia at East Meadow, the No. 6 seed in Conference I. Longtime Freeport assistant Jimmy Jones succeeds the legendary Russ Cellan at Freeport. The seventh-ranked Red Devils open at Massapequa. Tom Mazeika is the new head coach at Mepham, the No. 5 seed in Conference II, opens at home versus MacArthur. Seaford and new head coach Mike McHugh kick off defense of the Conference IV title at home against Island Trees.



Jake Classie, right, and Mepham will be playing for a new head coach this fall as Tom Mazeika takes over the helm of the Pirates.



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Chase Bier and Oceanside open the season at home on Sept. 6 vs. Massapequa.

# Blakeman signs controversial mask ban

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making trouble, masks can be a great help in obfuscating your identity."

The bill passed along party lines, with all 12 Republican members of the County Legislature in favor and the seven Democratic legislators abstaining. Democrats voiced concerns that the bill's language was too vague and could lead to a flood of civil liberties lawsuits. They also warned that the law could face significant legal challenges in court.

Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip, the bill's lead sponsor and an Israeli immigrant with a military background, defended the legislation as a necessary tool to combat rising antisemitism and other hate crimes. She cited recent incidents in which masked individuals took part in illegal activities, such as antiwar protests on college campuses that turned violent using face coverings to obscure their identities and evade prosecution.

"This legislation was written for one single purpose: to keep our residents safe," Pilip, a Republican and a former Israeli paratrooper, said in remarks during a hearing in the Legislature on Aug. 5.

Members of the Democratic minority, who voted against the bill, filed "emergency" legislation that would have stiffened penalties for criminals who use face coverings during crimes. But GOP lawmakers objected to the proposal.



Herald file photo

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman signed the Mask Transparency Act into law on Wednesday. The hotly debated legislation bans the wearing of non-religious and non-health-related face coverings in public spaces.

Critics of the law argue that it is overly broad, and could target people who are not engaging in criminal behavior. Deborah Gordon, a resident of Glen Head, expressed her concerns about the potential for racial profiling.

"How will they know if someone is wearing a mask for health reasons?" Gordon said. "There are laws like HIPAA in place for a reason. What about the people without health insurance still wanting to protect themselves from germs or the rise in Covid numbers again? I think Nassau County better get ready for more lawsuits with the laws Bruce Blakeman is backing up."

Gordon went on to say that she would continue to wear a mask when she feels that it's necessary for her, no matter what the law is.

Lawmakers also rejected a Democratic proposal to make masks illegal only

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when concealing one's identity while committing a crime.

committing a crime. Democrats said they wanted a version of the law that protects individual liberty. Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, the minority leader, said that both political parties agree that no one should feel threatened in the county. After reviewing the legislation with attorneys, however, she said she found that, as written, it is "not legal." Specifically, it classifies wearing a mask as a misdemeanor offense, which can carry up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. DeRiggi-Whitton pointed out that in criminal law, intent alone does not justify an arrest; there must be an actual criminal act.

She added that Democrats tried to meet with Blakeman to discuss the matter further, but were unsuccessful.

One particularly contentious provision makes it illegal to wear a mask on private property without permission from the property owner or tenant. DeRiggi-Whitton said she was worried about those wearing masks in supermarkets, which are private property, which raises the possibility that customers might be harassed, and asked why they are wearing a mask.

"The Fifth Amendment precludes anyone from asking why you're wearing something," she said. "So, technically, unless you're committing a crime, a police officer should really not ask you why you're wearing a mask."



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# **Residents want relief from constant flooding**

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"When it rains heavily, all the rainwater comes directly to our storm drain. The whole Poplar (Place) development has zero drainage, so it's like a river coming down Poplar and turning right into our storm drain. It just can't handle it."

The flooding on Woolsey has worsened since the completion of recent county roadwork on nearby streets. Allen noted that when Dosoris Lane was repaved last year, stormwater runoff was redirected toward Woolsey, exacerbating the problem. "It was rectified when Ralph Suozzi came down and added these storm drains." Allen said, referring to the roadwork."but it got ruined about a year and a half ago, when they redid the intersection at Dosoris. Instead of running down Dosoris to Forest Avenue, (storm runoff) turned a corner and came down Woolsey again."

Some residents have been complaining to City Hall since 2021, pleading for a solution to the recurring flooding. Some say their concerns have not been adequately addressed.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck visited Woolsey Avenue after the storm last week to see the damage for herself. She noted that crews had been out clearing drains before the storm, and would do so again before the next expected rainfall

Linda Melbinger said she had four to six feet of water in her basement in 2021.

"The water isn't just rain — it's runoff from other streets, and it's filled with garbage and bacteria," Melbinger said. "We've had dead animals in our yard in the past, and there's a layer of contamination on everything that smells. We can't even use our backvards.'

Many say that the city has been slow to act, and that temporary fixes, like clearing drains, aren't addressing the root of the problem. "I feel like they're putting Band-Aids on it and just hoping," Sonna Allen, another resident, said. "We need more of a comprehensive fix, because we're still getting all of Chestnut's water and Poplar's water, and we can't handle that in addition to our own water."

Despite Panzenbeck's assurances, residents remain concerned that the issue will continue to be ignored.

'We had a meeting with the city last year, but I don't know what, if anything, came out of it," Melbinger said. "I don't want to just vent; I want it addressed on a more comprehensive level."

Another Woolsey Avenue homeowner, Bexis Guillen, noted that she, like her neighbors, lost tens of thousands of dollars' worth of possessions, including furniture and exercise equipment, when her basement was flooded in 2021.

We shouldn't have to be the receptacle of other roads' runoff," Melbinger said. 'This isn't rain that's falling on our property; it's coming from other roads, and it's directed here. There's a design flaw in their sewage planning. They need to comprehensively address that."



their basement flooded in 2021.

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Against the picturesque backdrop of Glen Cove's Morgan Memorial Park, the fourth annual Gold Coast Dance Festival captivated residents and visitors on Aug. 3.

# **Grooving to the Dance Festival's rhythms**

At Glen Cove's Morgan Memorial Park, the fourth annual Gold Coast Dance Festival was an evening of diverse and moving dance performances on Aug. 3.

The festival, conceived by local resident and professional dancer Nicole Loizides Albruzzese during the 2020 lockdown, featured artists from prestigious companies like the New York City Ballet and Alvin Ailey, alongside emerging talents.

Highlights included an interpretive dance titled "Found" by LIU Post senior Lola Haven, exploring themes of self-worth and relationships



Festivalgoers laid out blankets, sat on camping chairs and leaned on trees around the park to watch the night's events.



Kyle Hartford, and Piper Makenzie Dye swayed in harmony with one another mesmerizing the audience.



Da'Von W. Doane wowed the audience with her graceful performance.



Maria Garcia and Perez Muñoz command the stage with their dynamic and expressive performance.

# **Shelley Duvall's last film with local director**

### **Bv ROKSANA AMID**

Shelley Duvall, the beloved actress known for her iconic roles in films like The Shining and Popeye, has made a poignant return to the big screen in the independent psychological horror-thriller The Forest Hills. Directed by Glen Cove native Scott Goldberg, the film marks Duvall's first acting role in two decades and, tragically, her final performance before her death on July 7, 2024, at the age of 75.

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Goldberg, who graduated from Glen Cove High School in 2000, has always had a deep connection to his hometown, often using it as the backdrop for his early filmmaking endeavors. This connection played a crucial role in The Forest Hills, which was filmed in various locations, including Deer Park, Mount Sinai/Port Jefferson, and upstate New York, Goldberg even returned to his alma mater, Glen Cove High School, to shoot several scenes. The film will be released on Oct. 4.

The film follows the story of Rico, portraved by Chiko Mendez, who suffers from head trauma after a camping trip in the Catskills. His condition leads to disturbing hallucinations, including visions of his mother, played by Duvall. These flashbacks and visions anchor Duvall's character, Mama, as a significant figure in Rico's troubled mind.



Scott Goldberg, a filmmaker from Glen Cove, collaborated with Shelley on "The Forest Hills," an independent film he wrote and directed.

Duvall's involvement in the film came as a surprise to many, given her two-decade hiatus from acting. Duvall eventually settled in Blanco, and in

recent years, her health had declined, making it difficult for her to travel. Despite these challenges, Duvall was eager to return to the screen, and Goldberg was determined to make it happen.

Filming took place over a five-day period at Duvall's home in Blanco, Texas. The first day of shooting involved a small crew from Georgia, capturing a flashback sequence with Duvall speaking directly to the camera. As the production progressed, her role as expanded from a cameo to a featured supporting role, allowing Duvall to interact with other characters in the film.

Among the cast members Duvall worked with was Felissa Rose, an Oyster Bay native best known for her role in the 1983 slasher film Sleepaway Camp. Rose appeared alongside Duvall in her first scene back on camera

"People always ask me if I was freaking out about working with Shelley Duvall," Goldberg said. "Obviously, she's an icon in Hollywood, but as I got to know her over the three-day period of filming with her, I found her to be very sweet, giving, and kind."

For Goldberg, the project was a homecoming of sorts. Having spent his early years making guerrilla-style films in Glen Cove, he returned to familiar locations like Welwyn Preserve to bring his vision to life. "There was a thrill about not getting permits and just creating movies with friends," Goldberg reminisced. "But now, being 42, doing things more properly, it feels like coming full circle.'

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# ' 'Unstoppable' women gather in Bayville

### By Melissa Berman

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With the theme "(WE) are UNSTOP-PABLE" running through the day, RichnerLIVE's second annual Women's Summit, at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, brought together thought leaders, innovators and barrier-breaking women for conversations.

Nearly 300 people attended to hear 27 speakers on various topics — women's leadership, impact and inclusion, financial fitness, social media — as well as a number of panels. There were 24 vendor booths and multiple raffle prizes at the Aug. 6 event.

Amy Amato, executive director of RichnerLIVE, opened the keynote lunch session with a message that set the tone for the speakers.

"When we envisioned this year's summit, we were inspired by the resilience, determination and unwavering spirit that women across Long Island exhibit every single day," Amato said. "Whether in the boardroom, classroom, homes or communities, women are breaking barriers and shattering glass ceilings, and proving time and time again that nothing can hold us back."

The summit featured wellness activities in the morning before the sessions began — beach yoga, breathwork and reiki, color analysis and meditation.

Four-time Emmy award-winning reporter and anchor Antoinette Biordi, of News12, hosted the keynote lunch panel session.

"I really believe that conversations about women's empowerment, leadership and mentorship deserve to be heard," Biordi said. "Everyone here can do something to lift each other up, and for the next generation as well."

Keynote speaker Carrie Kerpen, founder of the Whisper Group, an exit readiness advisory practice for womenowned businesses, discussed why speaking at the summit was important for her and women in business.

"I think that the pressure that we are under as women in the workplace is causing us to lose touch with what we really want, and we are losing the ability to hear our own intuition and connect with our own intuition," Kerpen said.

The one area, according to Kerpen, in which women need to improve is getting the appropriate value for their business when it is sold or they leave.

"My hope is to help women business owners take their lifestyle businesses and turn them into life-changing assets to build generational wealth," she said.

Another keynote speaker, Lindsay Kaplan, co-founder of CHIEF, described how failure is a part of one's success path.

"We have a tendency as humans to blame failure on ourselves just as much as we often attribute success to ourselves, and timing, luck, and being in the right place at the right time," Kaplan said. "We are constantly looking at those around us, and it creates this inferiority. We need to focus on our own growth and define happiness for our own terms."

Stuart Richner, CEO of Richner Com-



The guests at the second annual Women's Summit during the luncheon.

Tim Baker/Herald photos



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munications, said he was impressed by the turnout, and the participants' dedication to enhancing their business skills.

"Seeing nearly 300 accomplished, dynamic, professional women here is truly inspiring," Richner said. "Your presence at this RichnerLIVE event demonstrates your commitment to empowering one another and making a positive impact on society."

The event supported the Moxxie Mentoring Foundation with a portion of the net proceeds, furthering the Heralds' and RichnerLIVE's commitment to women's empowerment. The principal sponsors of the event were T-Mobile for Business, AT&T, Cona Law, the Stefan's Group, National Grid Ventures, and Nassau University Medical Center. Please visit www. richnerlive.com/2024-wesummit/to view all sponsors and photos.



The Be Worthy panel, from left, Yolanda Brook Carrington, Meg Ryan, Dr. Neva Alexander, Kamona Ayres, Subrina Oliver and moderator Terri Alessi-Miceli.



Sharen Cox Phillips, far left, Stuart Richner and Magdalonie Paris-Campbell.



The Looking Good Feeling Good workshop speakers, from left, moderator Mae Caime, Lori Anne De Iulio Casdia, Brenda Gonzalez, and Dr. Roxanne Carfora.



Donna Stefans at her Financial Fitness workshop.



Magdalonie Paris-Campbell, far left, Seema Bhansali, Arianna Savoca, Tamara Morrison and Jennifer Mock Donohue.



Keynote speaker Carrie Kerpen.



Christina Armentano, far left, Dr. Maria Conzatti, Aoifa O'Donnell, Tifphani White-King and Sharen Cox Phillips.



Antoinette Biordi, moderator of the Permission to Achieve luncheon panel.



The crowd listened to the UNSTOPPABLE speakers.



Keynote speaker Susan Gatti.



Workshop host Melissa Negrin-Wiener and Julie Allegretti.

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Nassau County officials are reminding residents to remain vigilant of scams and the different types of ways scammers will attempt to steal your assets.

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# Nassau County warns of potential types of scams

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### By JORDAN VALLONE

Following several reported scams, that have led to arrests in Nassau County, including an elder scam in East Meadow on July 31, the county is reminding residents to be vigilant and know the warning signs of potential scams.

According to a news release shared by the Nassau County Police Department and Patrick Ryder, commissioner of police, the county is urging residents, particularly seniors, to remain vigilant as numerous scams continue to circulate in the area.

Just last month, two Bronx men were arrested after attempting to scam a 73-year-old East Meadow resident. The men allegedly called the East Meadow man, and told him his bank account had been compromised. Police were called and the men were arrested without incident. A subsequent investigation revealed that they were responsible for numerous additional scams.

Fraudulent activities by scammers are designed to exploit vulnerable individuals, costing them thousands of unrecoverable dollars.

One of the more prevalent scams is the home improvement scam, where fraudulent contractors approach homeowners with unsolicited offers for home inspections or repairs. In some cases, these individuals even cause damage themselves to justify their services. Residents are advised not to let unknown persons into their homes and to avoid paying for work that wasn't approved or completed. To protect themselves, they should try to pay by check or credit card to ensure a record of the transaction.

Another scam that has been reported is the flat tire scam. Victims are often targeted shortly after exiting a bank or shopping center. The scam involves a staged flat tire, where a seemingly helpful person offers assistance. While the victim is distracted, an accomplice enters their vehicle and steals property.

The relative arrested scam is also a common tactic used by scammers. Victims receive a phone call informing them that a relative has been arrested or involved in an accident. The caller demands bail money, often arranging to meet the victim in person or instructing them to pay with gift cards.

In the social security scam, scammers claim that the victim's Social Security number has been used in fraudulent activities. They threaten financial loss unless the victim provides their bank account information or sends gift cards.

The IRS scam involves callers impersonating IRS agents, claiming that the victim is in danger of being arrested or fined due to tax discrepancies. Victims are pressured to make immediate payments, often via gift cards, which the IRS would never request.

Other scams include the lottery scam, where victims are falsely notified that they have won a cash prize but must pay a handling fee to claim it, and the computer scam, in which victims receive a message while online stating there is a problem that requires remote access control to fix. The scammer then gains access to personal information and online banking details, stealing funds.

Additionally, the arrest warrant scam sees victims receiving a message from supposed law enforcement officers requesting gift cards to void an arrest warrant, while the PSEG Scam targets residents and small business customers, demanding immediate payment to avoid service disconnection.

The Amazon scam alerts victims to fraudulent activity on their accounts and instructs them to pay off the balance with gift cards.

Illegal scams are costing honest citizens significant amounts of money, the county says. Nassau County officials are urging residents to stay informed and share this information with family members, neighbors, and particularly the elderly, to help prevent further victimization.

Those who believe they've been a victim of a scam should call 911 immediately. Residents with information that could lead to the arrest of those responsible are encouraged to contact Nassau County Crime Stoppers at (800) 244-8477.

# STEPPING OUT 5



The Caber Toss separates the strong from the strongest.

Courtesy Old Westbury Gardens

# More than just a **HIGHLAND FLING** Celtic traditions shine proudly at Old Westbury Gardens

### By Danielle Schwab

Id Westbury Gardens lush grounds fill once again with those unmistakable bagpipe sounds and spectacle during a revamped edition of its annual summer festival. This year the popular event's scope has expanded to celebrate the vibrant traditions of Long Island's thriving Celtic communities.

Besides those pipers, traditional competitions and highland dancing — along with plenty of entertainment and assorted activities for lads and lasses — there's much end of summer revelry to enjoy. Everyone will be fully occupied all day, next Saturday, Aug. 24.

This year Old Westbury Gardens staff is hosting solo (without participation from longtime co-hosts Long Island Clan MacDuff). The result is an energized refresh.

"Rather than focusing just on the culture of Scotland, we [wanted to] expand it a little bit so that we could avail ourselves of all of the great Irish bands and step dancers and all of these those things that span both the Scottish and the Irish cultures," says Maura Brush, Old Westbury Gardens CEO and director.

Pipe and drum bands will fill the air with stirring music transporting attendees to those rolling hills of Ireland and Scotland. An extensive diverse lineup of musical and Irish dance entertainment complements these bands that participate yearly.

Headlining the festival this year, Derek Warfield and The Young Wolfe Tones bring the classic tradition of Irish balladry into a new age. Lead singer, the famed songwriter-storyteller Derek Warfield, is a legend of the Irish music scene who enjoyed phenomenal success for some 40 years with the Wolfe Tones. He's now gathered some of the finest Irish musicians and singers together to reinvigorate beloved Irish tunes. They bring their musical tradition forward with a reverence for Ireland's past and the energy and optimism of a new generation

'Their sound is what so many people probably expect to hear when they come to Old Westbury Gardens," Brush says.

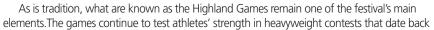
Harper's Ferry, a popular local Irish-American folk band also participates, with their appealing mix of traditional and modern Irish tunes combined with Americana and classic rock.

"Our band members are all native Long Islanders with a deep appreciation for local historical sites, especially Old Westbury Gardens," says s Harper's Ferry frontman Martin Kearn. "We see each performance as a blessing to spread our passion for Irish and Scottish heritage with the community."

Other performers include bagpiper-percussionist Jessie Ofgang and soloist Charlie Zahm, who entices audiences with his instrumental prowess and rich baritone. Both have their own unique twist on bringing Celtic culture to melody.

"Their instruments are meant to be played outside in the green fields and we just have the perfect place." Brush enthuses.

And, of course, it wouldn't be a Celtic festival without some rhythmic Irish step dancing. The skilled dancers from four distinguished Irish dance academies will impress with their incredible footwork





That pitchfork requires some coordination to successfully loft the 20 lb. burlap bag stuffed with straw over the bar.



Colorful pipers and drummers prepare to step proudly around the grounds of Old Westbury Gardens honoring a cherished heritage.

centuries, especially the caber toss.

The caber is a long, tapered pine pole or log. The "tosser" balances it vertically by holding the smaller end and then runs forward and tosses it so that it turns in the air with the larger end striking the ground first. Ideally, the pole strikes in a strictly vertical position, and the athletes are scored based on how closely the throw lands at a 12 o'clock position.

Think of it as throwing a telephone pole according to Brush. "It's a giant log that gets thrown, and then the distance is measured, and whoever throws the throws it the furthest is the winner," she says.

For the experienced competitor, these logs can be heavier than 125 pounds and longer than 20 feet lona

Tossing the Sheaf and Putting the Stone also attract attention. Tossing the Sheaf involves flinging a bale of hay over a horizontal pole with a large pitchfork Putting The Stone, is similar to the traditional Olympicstyle shot put, but uses a large stone.

Want to get in on the competition? Visitors are encouraged to go for it.

"There are professionals that will be coming but there are opportunities for amateurs to sign up and participate as well," Brush adds.

After all that exertion, folks are bound to work up an appetite. Take a moment and check out the food offerings, including fish and chips and Scottish shortbread.

It's always a fun-filled family day with other unique experiences, including a Birds of Prey exhibition, British automobile showcase, and even curling hosted by the Long Island Curling Club. Kids will enjoy plenty of activities, including a version of the caber toss with lightweight "cabers" and an old-fashioned tug of war.

All involved are eager to welcome both older and newer generations, to preserve the fetival's rich history.

"We're not just relying on those who have always come, but also want people who are checking it out for the first time. This can become a new tradition for them," Brush says



**Double Vision** 

The 1970s and '80s come alive when Double Vision brings their "Foreigner Experience" to the Paramount stage. Whether you're a lifelong Foreigner enthusiast or a newcomer eager to experience the magic, Double Vision promises a night of electrifying entertainment. 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.

Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m. \$60, \$40, \$25, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com



### Zac Brown Tribute

Enjoy an evening of foot-stomping fun with the music of the Zac Brown Tribute Band. Get ready to sing along to all your favorite Zac Brown Band hits, from "Chicken Fried" to "Toes" and everything in between. Founded in 2012, ZBTB is the premier tribute to the chart-topping Zac Brown Band. With 13 numberone singles and three Grammy wins, the Zac Brown Band is one of the hottest names in the music business; ZBTB is the first and most authentic tribute to their recorded music and live show. Not only does ZBTB capture the sound and creativity of ZBB, but they bring a similar atmosphere of family to their shows while engaging the audience in a way that is all their own. With classics like "Enter Sandman" and "Ants Marching", as well as, modern hits like "There's Nothing Holding Me Back" and "Little Lion Man" in the set, there's something for everyone at a ZBTB show

Friday, Aug. 16, 7 p.m. Free admission. Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. For information, visit NassauCountyNY.gov.



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- Tickets and information available at OldWestburyGardens.org or (516) 333-0048

# <sup>16</sup> YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD THEFSCENE

Disco fever Boogie along with Disco Unlimited, Saturday, **Aug. 24**, 7-9 p.m., at Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park. When Disco Unlimited hits the stage, you are instantly transported to a time when Saturday nights meant white suits, platform shoes and your very best dance moves. And dance you will

- when you experience the magic created when the boogie begins.

Capturing a time in music that to this day has not been matched, the exhilarating band will draw you in with their powerful vocals, tight harmonies and dance grooves all coupled with a synchronized stage and light show that creates an unforgettable concert experience — the best of disco nights. Close your eyes and you will truly believe you are listening to the original artists. Hear the best of Tavares, France Jolie, The Trammps, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, Yvonne Elliman, Anita Ward, Deney Terrio, George McCrae, Bonnie Pointer, Melba Moore, Maxine Nightingale, Carol Douglas, and so much more. Joe Cool, Sista Soul, Funky Sista, Strat Cat, Wild Jerry and The MacDaddy comprise this group of unique and experienced musicians who love and live this era of music. As always, bring seating. For information, visit NassauCcountyNY.gov/parks.



### 'Sunday Science' Workshop

It's a bug's life at the Center for Science Teaching & Learning, Sunday, **Aug. 18**, 10-11:30 a.m. Kids are of all ages are invited to explore bugs at Tanglewood Preserve during the hands-on drop-off program. Kids will meet exotic invertebrates from around the world and find out what makes each one special, then search the preserve's grounds to see what bugs live in our backyard. Registration required. 1450 Tanglewood Road, Rockville Centre. Register at ctsl.org or call (516) 764-0045.

# 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. com.

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## 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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### Seasonal Sprouts

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a Seasonal Sprouts session, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 11 a.m.-noon. Children (ages 4 to 6) can tour the gardens with guided activities exploring smells, sight, sound, and touch, even taste in planting a tasty veggie. \$8 per child, \$15 adult. Registration required. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information, visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

### **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.



Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre. See last year's summer sensation 'Barbie." Starring Margot Robbie as the title character and Ryan Gosling as Ken, the film follows them on a journey of self-discovery through Barbieland and the real world following an existential crisis. It is also a commentary regarding patriarchy and the effects of feminism. Eisenhower Park, Lakeside Theatre, 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.A Decade of Soul performs on Friday, Aug. 16. For more information visit. GlencCoveDowntown.org.

### Summer tunes at Morgan Park

Soul, one of the most influential musical genres and the root of American popular music, will be the music of the night when Marvin Floyd and Friends visit the Morgan Park stage, Sunday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.

Drawing from the '50s, '60s and through the '70s and '80s, Glen Cove's own Marvin Floyd, the noted keyboardist, composer, and producer, and his group perform many of the classics of soul music made famous by such artists as Sam Cooke, Chuck Berry, Frankie Lymon, Ray Charles, James Brown, Marvin Gaye, Barry White, Michael Jackson, Prince and many others. Appearing with Floyd are Keith Alexander, Will Floyd, Michael Fashion and Wayne Reddick. Expect to hear all your favorites!

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

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.

### On exhibit

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



continued prominence in artistic and popular culture, this exhibition will span various world cultures through a range of media. It features more than 70 artists, both established and emerging, ranging from the classical to the contemporary. American portraitists such as Gilbert Stuart imbued red in their stately paintings of prominent individuals to conjure authority.

Robert Motherwell, Ad Reinhardt, and other major abstract painters displayed a deep fascination with red in their commanding compositions that evoke a sense of chromatic power. And, of course, Andy Warhol is known for his bold and imposing silkscreened portrait of Vladimir Lenin saturated in bright red to his signature Campbell's Soup Cans. On view through Jan. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

### Circus antics

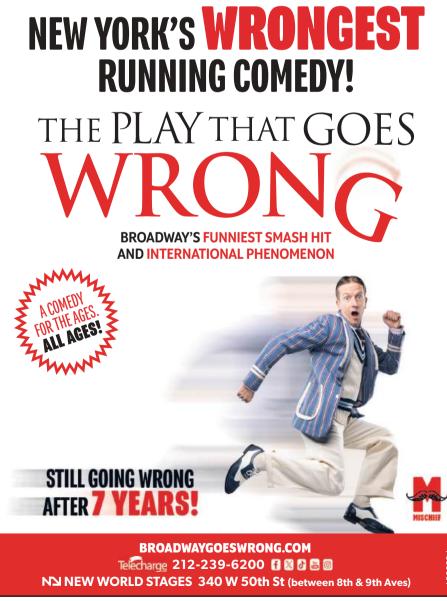
Get in on the action with I.FLY Trapeze, Long Island's only flying trapeze and circus arts school. Families will enjoy "Wild West Circus," Saturday, Aug. 17, at 8 p.m., at Eisenhower Park. I.FLY Trapeze puts spectators up close to the aerialists who perform amazing feats of athleticism and agility 25 feet in the air. Performances include Chains, Silk and Lyra, with comedy and on the grounds acts with Balancing and Baton, also a Flying Trapeze Finale. Next to the Nassau County Aquatic Center off Merrick Ave., East Meadow. Free parking available in lot 1A adjacent to the trapeze. For more information, visit IFlyTrapeze.com.

Art talk Grab your lunch and join Nassau County Museum of Art Docent Riva Ettus for her popular "Brown Bag Lecture" at the museum, Thursday, Sept. 5, 1 p.m. She'll discuss the current exhibition, "Seeing Red: Renoir to Warhol." Participants are invited to ask questions at the end of the in-depth program and also participate in a guided exhibition tour following the lecture. No registration required, but limited seating. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

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# <sup>b</sup>Solving a very thorny problem

By WILL SHEELINE In a groundbr Harbor Laborato anism behind th

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In a groundbreaking study, scientists at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory have identified a key genetic mechanism behind the development of prickles, a feature common to many plant species worldwide. The research, led by Zachary Lippman, professor of plant biology at the labs and investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, sheds light on how different plant species independently evolved similar traits—a phenomenon known as convergent evolution.

The discovery centers on a family of genes known as LONELY GUY, or LOG, which are responsible for producing a hormone that regulates cell division and expansion in plants. While these genes have been long associated with general plant growth, the Cold Spring Harbor team found that specific LOG mutations are crucial in the development of prickles in certain species, such as eggplants.

"We've known about the LOG genes for their role in controlling cell division, but their connection to prickle formation is entirely new," said Lippman. "This discovery not only helps us understand how prickles form but also opens the door to potential applications in agriculture and horticulture."

Lippman and his team began this research nearly eight years ago, focusing initially on the diversity of traits in the nightshade family, which includes tomatoes, potatoes, and eggplants. As they expanded their study to other species, they noticed that prickles, often mistaken for thorns, appeared across more than 30 plant lineages, despite these plants being separated by millions of years of evolution.

Prickles, unlike true thorns or spines, are small, sharp outgrowths that typically serve to deter herbi-

The fact that these genes have been conserved across such a wide range of species suggests they play a fundamental role in plant development.

### ZACHARY LIPPMAN

professor of plant biology, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

vores. Lippman said that he and his team were intrigued by how such a specific trait could arise independently in so many different plants. The breakthrough came when they identified the LOG gene family as a common factor in prickle development across various species.

The team's research was highly collaborative, involving scientists from Spain, France, and the United States. In particular, postdoctoral researcher James Satterlee played a pivotal role in the discovery. Satterlee, inspired during a tour of Lippman's nightshade fields, began investigating the genetic basis of prickles, leading to the identification of LOG genes as key players.

The implications of this discovery are far-reaching. By understanding the genetic basis of prickle formation, scientists can now explore ways to manipulate this trait in crops and ornamental plants. For example, in the cut rose industry, where thorns are manually removed to prepare flowers for sale, genome editing could potentially create thornless varieties, reducing labor costs and improving safety for workers.

In agriculture, the ability to eliminate prickles

could make certain crops more accessible for harvesting and consumption. Lippman's team demonstrated this potential by collaborating with researchers at Cornell University to remove prickles from desert raisins, a berry native to Australia, using genome editing techniques.

However, the research also raises broader questions about the evolutionary processes that lead to the development of similar traits in unrelated species. Lippman emphasized that while the LOG gene family appears to be a key driver of prickle formation, it is likely not the only factor. The team plans to continue exploring other genetic pathways that contribute to this and other morphological innovations in plants.

"The fact that these genes have been conserved across such a wide range of species suggests they play a fundamental role in plant development," said Lippman. "But it also points to the complexity of evolution. There are still many unknowns about how these traits evolve and what other factors are involved."

Lippman was quick to point out that this research is not just a triumph of science but also a model for how science should be conducted. The study involved a diverse team of researchers from multiple countries, reflecting the increasingly global nature of scientific inquiry.

"This paper is special not just because of the science but because of the way the science was done," Lippman said. "It shows the power of healthy, open collaborations where people are willing to share their knowledge and work together toward a common goal."

As the research moves forward, Lippman said that he and his colleagues hope to uncover more about the genetic mechanisms that drive the evolution of plant traits, with the potential to unlock new agricultural and ecological innovations.

# Easing commutes on the Oyster Bat LIRR

### By ROKSANA AMID

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The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has an improvement for Long Island Rail Road commuters on the Oyster Bay Branch. Starting Sept. 3, the 7:17 a.m. weekday train from Oyster Bay will be extended to Penn Station.

For years, passengers on the Oyster Bay line have faced the inconvenience of having to transfer at Jamaica to reach Penn Station, Grand Central, or Atlantic Terminal. While transfers will still be necessary for those headed to, Hunterspoint Avenue, or Atlantic Terminal, the elimination of the need to transfer at Jamaica for Penn Station-bound passengers is a major improvement.

Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, expressed her satisfaction with the new schedule.

"Before, the train ended at Jamaica, and now it'll go directly to Penn Station," she explained. "It makes people's commute just a little better."

She acknowledged that while those heading to other destinations will still need to switch trains, the direct service to Penn Station is a step in the right direction for more improvements on the underserviced branch.

She also highlighted the broader significance of this change for the Glen Cove community.

"We have these conversations with



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the MTA, we talk about the things that would make life better for commuters in Glen Cove, or on the Oyster Bay line, which obviously impacts the Glen Cove ridership," she said. "We look for ways to make an improvement, and this is definitely a win for us."

However, she pointed out that there is still work to be done. She sees the next challenge as improving eastbound train services.

"People want to get home quicker;

they want it to be a little bit easier in the afternoon or in the evening," she noted. She emphasized that the success of the existing express train, introduced last year, shows that when the LIRR provides reasonable options, the community responds positively. "We see increased ridership on that express train from last year, so I think when the Long Island Rail Road gives us reasonable options, our community responds."

Assemblyman Charles Lavine also

praised the new schedule as a significant enhancement.

"It's certainly a major step in the right direction because this means people will not have to transfer at Jamaica," Lavine said. "Anytime you have to transfer trains, there's some tension involved in that experience."

Dino Velentzas, a Glen Cove commuter who has seen the Oyster Bay line's ups and downs over the years, shared his enthusiasm about the improvements.

"I am excited to see another improvement to the morning commute," Velentzas said. "Between this direct train and the express train added last year, these are the most significant positive changes to the Oyster Bay line in the last 20 years. I hope the LIRR and the working group continue the positive momentum. It would be great to see improvements to our evening commute in the future."

The timing of these changes is noteworthy as the MTA faces potential cutbacks in other areas, including the possible cancellation of express bus routes due to delays in the congestion pricing plan.

For residents of Glen Cove and other communities along the Oyster Bay line, the new direct service to Penn Station is a welcome development that promises to make their daily commute smoother and more convenient. As the MTA continues to explore ways to improve transit options.

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# **NEWS BRIEF**

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# CASA tees up for third annual golf outing

### **By WILL SHEELINE**

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The North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse is set to host its third annual CASA Cares Golf Outing on Aug. 26 at the Brookville Country Club, raising money to support their mission to combat youth substance abuse.

Organizers are gearing up for another successful day of fundraising, camaraderie, and community support, while also using the event as a farewell for long-time president and vice-president of the organization, Alison Camardella, and Kevin McGilloway, who will remain on the board.

Camardella, one of the organization's founders, expressed her enthusiasm for the upcoming event.

"We're just so thrilled and excited that this is our third annual golf outing, and we expect it to be a fabulous success," she said. "It's really heartwarming to see this community come together to support our coalition's mission of reducing youth substance use and abuse.'

The outing, which has become a staple in the local community, will once again be held at the Brookville Country Club. This year's event offers more activities than in the past, with the addition of a pickleball tournament, an open pool, raffles, and basket prizes. The event aims to not only raise funds but also foster a sense of unity among participants

Sean Trager, one of the event organizers and incoming co-president of CASA, emphasized the importance of the outing

"The golf outing allows us to raise awareness and help fund our efforts to sustain our operation," Trager said. "We have a pretty definitive focus on where we're going in the coming year, and this event is a crucial part of that."

The outing also serves as a platform for CASA to communicate its vision and plans. With Camardella stepping down as president in October and Trager stepping into the role alongside Dr. Jolie Silva, the event will mark a significant transition in leadership.

We're certainly excited about the leadership turnover in the fall," Trager said. "The golf outing allows us to formalize and celebrate Alison's tenure with CASA, but more than anything, it provides an opportunity to gather our community and discuss our future direction.

Camardella's departure from the presidency marks the end of a significant chapter for CASA. Under her leadership, the organization has made substantial strides in community outreach, education, and advocacy.

"I'm going to stay on the board, and I remain as passionate about this as



CASA President Alison Camardella, center, enjoying a beautiful day with golfers like Luke McAuliffe, left, and James Versocki,

> always," she said. "It's great for the organization to have new leadership, and I couldn't be more thrilled to leave the board in such capable hands.

The funds raised from the outing will be crucial in supporting CASA's ongoing initiatives, including prevention education, community outreach, and Narcan training. The organization has made it a priority to address the growing concerns of substance abuse, particularly in the face of challenges like fentanyl and vaping.

"Speakers are expensive, and a lot of the stuff we do costs money," Trager explained. "The fact is that everything we do costs money, and we're self-funded within the community'

In addition to the golf and pickleball tournaments, the event will feature a cocktail hour, dinner, and several auctions. The auction prizes include everything from golf foursomes at local country clubs, a week-long staycation at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club, and Mets tickets. For those who cannot attend the event, CASA has made it possible to participate in the auctions online.

The success of the previous years' outings, the first of which raised enough money to hire CASA's first permanent employee, has set a high bar for this year's event. Camardella and Trager expressed their hope to surpass last year's fundraising total and continue to expand its impact within the community.

"Our goal this year is to extend our community outreach," Camardella said. 'We've been successful in reaching those who know about CASA, but now is the time to extend our reach to those who may not be aware of the work we do.'

Those interested in participating in the event or supporting CASA's work can find more information and register on the organization's website, nscasa. org. Single golf tickets are \$300 per person, and if anyone is interested in booking a foursome for the event email northshorecasa@gmail.com.



# ALERT INTERSECTION OF GLEN COVE AVE.

**ROAD WORK** 

On Monday, Aug. 19, Nassau DPW is scheduled to begin work on the intersection of Glen Cove Avenue and Harbor Way. It is related to an ongoing drainage project near North Shore High School.

AND HARBOR WAY. GLEN HEAD

Courtesy Nassau County

Motorists should expect delays and consider alternate routes during the construction period.

# Roadwork gets underway in the city

Nassau County will commence roadwork at the Harbor Way and Glen Cove Avenue intersection in Glen Head on Aug. 19. This project is part of a broader initiative to improve drainage near North Shore High School, affecting several intersections along Glen Cove Avenue, including Club Road and Plymouth Drive South.

Motorists should expect delays and consider alternate routes during the construction period. The work is the latest in a series of infrastructure improvements across District 11, including recent road projects on Scudders Lane. West Shore Road, and Duck Pond Road.

Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton emphasized the significance of these enhancements, noting the long-term benefits for residents and students in the Glen Head area.

"This ongoing investment in Nassau County's essential infrastructure will go a long way toward preserving and enhancing quality of life and safety for Glen Head's residents and students.' DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I look forward to the completion of this project and the long-term benefits it will bring to our greater community."

Earlier this year, the Nassau County Legislature approved nearly \$15 million for sewer system upgrades, encompassing pump station rehabilitations in Glen Head, Glen Cove, and Roslyn. These efforts are part of a continued investment in maintaining and enhancing the county's infrastructure.



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# **OPINIONS** Rethinking the embarrassing saga of Pete Rose

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from baseball.

and the Hall of

Fame, continue?

Opinions differ.

aking an evening off from Donald Trump, Kamala Harris and the frenzied world of politics in general, I recently sat down with my 20-year-old grandson Jack, who is staying with us for the summer, to bingewatch the HBO Max four-part special on Pete Rose, "Charlie Hustle."

Every baseball fan, as well as many



KING

people who aren't even sports fans, is aware of Pete Rose — either because of his truly outstanding 24-year major league career as a player, plus several years as a manager, or for the swirl of controversy that has sur-

versy that has sur rounded him since he left base-

ball over three decades ago.

Rose came up to the major leagues with the Cincinnati Reds in 1963 and played there until 1978, and again from 1983 until 1986, after stints with the Philadelphia Phillies and Montreal Expos. He also managed the Reds until 1989, following two seasons as player-manager. During his playing career, he set records that should have guaranteed his permanent placement in baseball's version of Mount Rushmore, the Hall of Fame in upstate Cooperstown.

Rose had more hits — 4,256 — and played in more games — 3,562 — than any player in major league history. He was selected for 17 All-Star games, won three batting titles and was named the National League's Most

Valuable Player once and the World Series MVP once. His entire list of achievements could fill this column and more. Those achievements are virtually unmatched in the history of baseball, and

dwarf those of many players in the Hall of Fame. If ever there should have been a sure thing for baseball immortality, it was

Probably the easiest way to describe Rose the person, however, is that as great a ballplayer as he was, he was that much of a jerk. He was a degenerate gambler. He bet not just on horses, greyhounds and at casinos, but also, despite almost two decades of denials, on baseball, which has been that sport's cardinal sin since the 1919 World Series, when players on the Chicago White Sox — the infamous "Black Sox" — threw the World Series and were banned from baseball for life.

Generations later, after an extensive investigation, Commissioner Bart Gia-

matti concluded that Rose had gambled on baseball and banned *him* for life. There was no evidence, however, that Rose ever bet against his own team, which was what doomed the Black Sox. Soon after his banishment from baseball.

> Rose was charged by the IRS with tax evasion and sentenced to five months in federal prison. Most jarring to him was the Hall of Fame's decision not to admit any player who had been banned for life.

In the years since, Rose has been like a man without a country. He has made good money at autograph shows, sports forums and media appearances. But he has been almost desperate

for Hall of Fame membership. In his 2000 book, "My Prison Without Bars," he finally admitted to betting on baseball, while still insisting he had never bet against his own team.

The debate has raged among baseball fans about Rose's Hall of Fame eligibility. My son Sean, who was with me at Shea Stadium on July 25, 1978, when Rose tied the National League 37-consecutive-game hitting streak record, thinks that enough time has passed to end the lifetime ban and allow Rose into the Hall of Fame. My grandson Jack, who played a lot of good baseball in his teenage

years, agrees, as do I.

The "Charlie Hustle" documentary, however, made us rethink. In it, allegations are made by a longtime associate that Rose engaged in cocaine deals to finance his gambling habit. There was an accusation by a woman claiming sexual involvement with Rose 40 years ago, when she was underage. Though corroborating evidence hasn't been made public, there was an out-of-court settlement, and Rose became his own worst enemy when he answered a female reporter's inquiry on the matter with a stupid sexist comment.

In most of the documentary, Rose comes across as friendly and carefree, like a Huckleberry Finn or a Little Rascal. But then there are jarring, crude comments and proof that he is a chronic and habitual liar, which takes away much of that rustic charm.

Jack now thinks Rose's bans from baseball and the Hall of Fame should continue. Sean and I concluded that the baseball ban should continue, but he should be allowed entry into the Hall, provided that his plaque makes clear that the honor is only for his achievements on the field.

The debate continues.

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

# Looking for someone to dislike? Try Ted Cruz.

ne hundred people serve in the United States Senate. They represent the entire political spectrum, from far left to far right. There are definitely zealots, such as Bernie Sanders, the Democrat from Vermont, and Tom Cotton, the Arkansas Republican, and then there are the mid-



JERRY KREMER dle-of-the-road members, such as Chuck Schumer, Democrat of New York, and Lisa Murkowski, Republican of Alaska. Then there is Sen. Ted Cruz, the

Texas Republican. I single out Cruz because he stands head and shoulders above all the other sena-

tors, for all the wrong reasons. Cruz is running for re-election this year, but this discussion has nothing to do with his current campaign. An article in a Long Island weekly newspaper isn't going to sink the re-election efforts of this very strange public official.

For those who follow the action in the Senate, Cruz has the distinction of being the most disliked member of the body, on both sides of the aisle. How did he get into this unique situation? His career track is similar to many other senators. He's a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School. He was known as an excellent debater, and his criminal law professor,

Alan Dershowitz, said Cruz was "off-the-charts brilliant." He got his first taste of politics in 1999, when he went to work on the George W. Bush presidential campaign. He practiced law,

and then decided to run for the Senate in 2013. With the help of the Tea Party movement, Cruz became the first Hispanic American from Texas to be elected to the Senate. All seemed normal up to that point, but as time passed, he became more and more irritating to his fellow senators. By 2013 he had earned the distinction of being called a "wacko

the distinction of being called a "wacko bird" by his colleague the late Sen. John McCain. The barbs weren't just from fellow

senators. The Dallas Observer wrote that Cruz "defied the odds to become the most unpopular member of the U.S. Senate, a body of people whose collective approval rating falls below approval ratings for hemorrhoids, traffic jams, root canals and Nickelback." Rolling Stone went so far as to publish a "Compendium of People Who Hate Ted Cruz." His former roommate called him "a nightmare of a human being."

What has made Cruz so disliked? In 2013 he staged a 21-hour

talking marathon on the Senate floor against the Affordable Care Act. During his talkathon, he read Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham," a bedtime story that he claimed to have read to his two daughters. That event translated into a shutdown of the federal government for 16 days, costing taxpayers grief and millions of dollars.

In 2016, Cruz decided to run for president. One of his opponents was Donald J. Trump. The contest between the two was as ugly as you could imagine. They attacked each other's wives, citizenship and integrity. Trump called Cruz "Lyin' Ted," mocked his wife's appearance and falsely suggested that his father was involved in President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Cruz called Trump a "sniveling coward," a "pathological liar" and "utterly amoral." But by the end of the primaries, Cruz had endorsed Trump.

No commentary on Cruz would be complete without mentioning his 2021

trip to Cancun. That winter, Texas was caught in a serious winter freeze. The state's power grid had failed, and millions of Texans were without heat or power. In the middle of the crisis, Cruz travel to Cancun with his family to get away from the state's misery. He was caught by cameras at the airport, ready to board his flight.

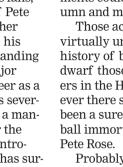
He claimed he planned the vacation for his children, and he was only flying to Cancun and coming right back. His wife's texts described their home as "FREEZING," and it was clear that it was a trip to get away from the cold while his constituents were suffering.

As for his legislative record, it includes such things as opposing gun laws even though his state had suffered mass killings, and calling the Supreme Court's legalization of gay marriage a form of "tyranny."

There is so much more to say about this man and his character. But the best way to end this is to say that I bet even my fellow columnist Peter King dislikes Ted Cruz.

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e called Trump a 'pathological liar,' but guess who 'Lyin' Ted' supports now?



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# **HERALD EDITORIAL** Freshman Parenting 101: the college send-off

s summer winds down, many Long Island families face a bittersweet milestone: sending a child off to college for the first time. This transition marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another, filled with excitement, anxiety and a mix of emotions for both parents and students.

For parents, the challenge lies in striking a delicate balance between supporting your child's independence and maintaining a nurturing presence. Here is some key advice to help you navigate this new terrain:

1. Embrace the change. Remember that this transition is a natural and positive step in your child's development. Your role in his or her life is evolving, not diminishing. Celebrate this milestone and the opportunities it brings.

2. Prepare practically, not just emotionally. Ensure that your child has the necessary life skills before she leaves. Can she do laundry, manage a budget, and cook a simple meal? These practical abilities will boost her confidence and self-reliance.

3. Discuss expectations clearly. Have open conversations about academics, finances and communication. How often will you check in? What GPA do you expect him to maintain? Establishing clear guidelines can prevent misunderstandings down the road.

4. Encourage campus involvement. Urge

your child to take part in orientation activities and join clubs or organizations. These connections can ease homesickness and help her find her place in her new community.

5. Be a supportive listener. Your child will likely experience ups and downs. Resist the urge to immediately solve his problems. Instead, offer a sympathetic ear and guide him toward finding his own solutions.

6. Respect your child's privacy. While it's tempting to check in constantly, remember that she needs space to grow. Trust that you've prepared her well and allow her to make her own decisions — and mistakes.

7. Take care of yourself. This transition affects you, too. Connect with other parents going through the same experience, take up a new hobby, or consider volunteering. Your well-being matters.

8. Plan for visits wisely. Schedule campus visits, but be mindful of your child's new routines and commitments. Family Weekend can be a great opportunity to reconnect, and see him in his new environment.

9. Embrace technology. Familiarize yourself with video calling platforms and texting. These tools can help maintain closeness despite the physical distance.

10. Prepare for changes at home. If you have younger children, be aware that family dynamics may change. Include

the kids in discussions, and find ways to make this transition positive for everyone.

11. Stay informed, but don't hover: Familiarize yourself with campus resources, but encourage your child to seek help independently when needed. Knowing when to step back is crucial.

12. Expect growth and change. Your child will likely return home with new perspectives, habits, and possibly even a changed appearance. Embrace these changes as signs of her personal growth.

Remember, this transition is as much about your growth as a parent as it is about your child's journey to adulthood. It's an opportunity to redefine your relationship and watch with pride as he spreads his wings.

For those feeling overwhelmed, know that you're not alone. Our communities are full of parents who have walked this path before you. Reach out to friends, family members or local support groups for advice and comfort.

As your child embarks on this new adventure, take comfort in knowing that the strong foundation you've provided will serve her well. The values you've instilled, and the love and support you've offered over the years will guide her as she navigates this exciting new chapter of her life.

All of us at the Herald wish you and your college-bound students a smooth transition filled with growth, learning and new beginnings.

# **LETTERS** We should hear more from

Peter King about Trump

To the Editor:

Re Peter King's column "There's just no predicting what will happen next" (Aug. 1-7): I live in southwest Nassau County, so never had the opportunity to have Congressman King on a ballot. It would have been unlikely for me to support him, because I'm a registered Democrat, and have moved from mid-left to further over as the years have passed. About to turn 80, I've got quite a rearview mirror, as does King.

I never saw him as a hack politician — he explained his positions clearly, with passion for what he believed was best for us all. He always had my respect. King's vote against President Bill Clinton's impeachment still stands in the forefront of my mind. His position took political guts.

In his piece, King laid out the flaws in President Biden's bid for another term, along with numerous elements surrounding the aftermath of the June 27 debate. The dynamics of the race have changed dramatically in the days since Biden's withdrawal. Former President Trump has sunk to new lows in



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# **OPINIONS** To beat the heat on Long Island, we must fight fossil fuels

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corching, sweltering, suffocating. We're all struggling to keep our cool these days, as a dangerous heat dome hovers over much of the country and threatens lives and livelihoods. Here in Nassau County, we've experienced successive weeks of extreme heat that has disrupted everything from our transit systems



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to our enjoyment of the outdoors. This after last summer, when historic wildfires in Canada brought barely breathable, smoky air to our state.

We can choose to stay indoors all summer, or we can be honest about how we got to this overheated

moment. We know exactly what is causing this dizzying change in our climate. Emissions from burning fossil fuels oil, gas, coal — produce greenhouse gases that blanket the globe and trap the sun's heat. And we know that global carbon emissions have been steadily increasing, warming our oceans and atmosphere.

But even in the face of damning evidence, the fossil fuel industry won't back down. Companies continue to drill new wells, build new pipelines and sell oil, gas and coal to burn, trapping us all under heat domes that aren't just unbearable. but lethal.

Why haven't we moved away from

burning fossil fuels? Because fossil fuel corporations have used their resources to block necessary climate action at every turn.

Decades ago, the fossil fuel industry documented a sophisticated scientific understanding and predicted with uncanny accuracy how the globe would heat. Next, its leaders developed a multipronged

effort to undermine the scientific data they themselves had uncovered, so they could stymie policies that would reduce the use of fossil fuels. Part of that campaign was a sustained effort to frame climate change as a matter of individual actions (like recycling or turning off the tap while brushing your teeth) instead of structural policy change.

Rather than investing in solutions, these corporations spent billions of dollars on the systems that have enabled them to continue to frack, mine, extract and, most important, pull in constant, breathtaking profits — even while the planet got hotter and hotter. This included investing in policymakers and politicians, from state houses to the halls of Congress to the Supreme Court, as well as universities. Today, legislation that would — and should — enable

us to invest in clean-energy solutions is routinely quashed because of the powerful sway of the fossil fuel industry. Its profits are valued over our very lives. So where do we go from here?

Simply put, to the streets: to the state houses, to Congress, to the ballot box. And we need to do it *together*. Amid a summer that is already one of the five hottest ever, we need to

wield our collective power as voters, as citizens, as consumers. We need millions of people to stand up to those billions of dollars. We need to demand the kind of big, systemic changes that are our only hope to slow the pace of

change and give us a chance to survive. Because, make no mistake, we have the means to change course on this path of destruction. Just as humans created coal-powered trains and oil furnaces, we have invented clean-energy solutions such as solar-, wind- and water-powered electricity.

But we need to demand this change.

That's why I'm joining other people of faith and climate activists from all over at the ongoing Summer of Heat protests, which take place outside the headquarters of the major financial institutions in Manhattan. If we can persuade the executives of these institutions how much we care about this, and manage to cut off funding to the fossil fuel industry, we will be taking a huge step toward dismantling that industry.

People of all backgrounds need to show up with spiritual audacity, educating, energizing and mobilizing our communities to act. When people realize that generations to come may face ever more devastating disasters — droughts, fires, floods, famines — they need the inspiration to turn despair into action.

Bottom line? If we want to beat the heat, we need to keep fossil fuels in the ground, unburned. Which means challenging the fossil fuel industry with moves to cut off funding from banks, asset managers and financial firms.

I think of the quote from Deuteronomy: "It is not beyond us in heaven." Indeed, humans can make a new future. We have the capacity. We have the science, the resources, the people and the power. It is in our hands and in our hearts, and we can do it. We must.

Lauren Krueger is the co-leader of the Nassau County Dayenu Circle. She lives in Merrick.

# LETTERS

gender and race bashing. Though not unpredictable for him, his behavior must be coupled with the remarkable positions brought forward by his running mate, J.D. Vance. Together it's quite a package.

I'm interested to learn how King feels about the Trump side of the campaign, because he said little on that front. My impression is that, whereas he supported Trump in the past, it would be a difficult lever for him to pull this time, and that he just might sit this one out. I'm curious about how King feels about the direction in which Trump/Vance want to take the country. What outcome does King want for us?

Thanks to King for being a quality congressman on the other side. He served when civil discourse was the norm, when rivalries were highly respectful, such as Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neill. The very best to King.

> JOSHUA WEISS Hewlett

# As King wrote, it was 'almost as if it had been planned'

### To the Editor:

While Vice President Harris calls Donald Trump a threat to democracy, it was the Democrats who subverted it by negating the votes of millions of registered Democrats who chose President Biden in the primaries. The bloodless coup, which forced the president to withdraw from the race under unusual circumstances, allowed a privileged few to choose a new candidate, who, at the time, had a low approval rating. Any rational person knows that Biden should never have been allowed to run in the primaries for a second term. That would have led to meaningful Democratic primaries that were not a sham!

> MEL YOUNG, MD Lawrence

# Kremer has better memories of Biden than we will

### To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer's column "When Joe was born, they threw away the mold" (Aug. 1-7): Glad to see that Kremer has such a high regard for our president, and that their interactions have been so positive. Good for Jerry.

That said, I, and others (I'm not a MAGA, nor am I a fan of Trump) certainly have a different view from Kremer's.

I find it hard to comprehend the idea that "no one ... can match (Biden's) talent for getting things done on a bipartisan basis" and his "history-making achievements." From the economy, to the millions of people flooding our border with no plan in place to handle them, to the debacle in Afghanistan, to gas price and mortgage rates, and of course the lies about his mental status from Kremer's party, not sure he can convince us of Biden's greatness.

> PAUL FACELLA Long Beach

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At a beach volleyball match, not long after a Parisian sunset.

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Land | 4-Acre Lot | Old Westbury, NY Maple Crest Lot #2 | MLS# 3518849 | LP: \$2,350,000 Debra Quinn Petkanas, c.516.359.3204 Emily Quinn Edelman, c.516.761.9417



Listed & Rented | Bayville, NY 19 7th St | MLS# 3567957 | LP: \$3,800/mo. Lawrence Caputo, c.516.606.9509



Listed & Rented | Glen Cove, NY 32 Roosevelt St | MLS# 3564480 | LP: \$3,900/mo. Saffet "Pinar" Ogeturk, c.516.754.3162



Listed & Sold | Glen Head, NY 9 Salem Way | MLS# 3552178 | LP: \$949,000 John Langone, c.516.901.9116 Daniel Birnbaum, c.917.432.8945