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Former Congressman George Santos apologized to the people of the 3rd Congressional District after pleading guilty to aggravated identity theft and wire fraud on Aug. 19.

## Disgraceful fall from Congress

Former U.S. Representative George Santos pleads guilty

By WILL SHEELINE

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Former U.S. Rep. George Santos pleaded guilty on Monday in federal court to charges stemming from a superseding indictment, nearly closing his year-long legal saga.

Santos pleaded guilty to aggravated identity theft and wire fraud. All of the other charges he faced, including making false statements and engaging in unlawful monetary transactions, were dropped.

Throughout the hearing at U.S. District Court in Central Islip, the former congressman was subdued and quiet, his voice cracking with emotion even when simply saying, "Yes, your honor."

Santos will be sentenced on Feb. 7, 2025. He faces up to 22 years in prison, and will have to pay a maximum of \$373,000 in restitution. U.S. District Judge Joanna Seybert indicated that he will likely be sen-

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## Council to vote on golf course revamp next Tuesday

By ROKSANA AMID

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Glen Cove's municipal golf course has become a muddy, waterlogged expanse, leaving golfers frustrated and disheartened. What was once a local gem is now plagued by dysfunctional drainage, turning fairways into marshes and sand traps into soggy pits.

With greens overrun by weeds and crabgrass, the course has become virtually unplayable after storms, driving golfers to seek out better-maintained venues and leaving community members concerned about the course's

future.

But at Tuesday's pre-council meeting, the City Council discussed a resolution to hire Cameron Engineering, an engineering design firm, to replace the golf course's irrigation system. The resolution is expected to be voted on at the next council meeting, on Aug. 27.

"We're also going to rebuild the bunkers, which are the sand traps, which is far more than just throwing sand in them," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said, emphasizing that the improvements would require a more comprehensive approach to ensure the course's long-term viability.

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the stream that it crosses flooded, overwhelming the structure. Saltwater from the Long Island Sound meets freshwater from a tributary beneath Latingtown Road in the stream, and the bridge has since been replaced with a temporary structure, but its location makes it particularly vulnerable to flooding damage, and the

temporary bridge has long been slated to be replaced by something more permanent.

"It really is a jewel of Glen Cove, and we just don't want to see it deteriorate," Ann O'Grady, co-president of the facility's 18-Holers Club, said. "It's also a public course, that's important to keep golf afford-

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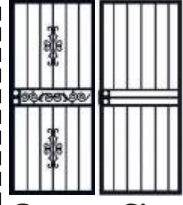


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Members of the Polish Hall and local firefighters dressed elegantly to celebrate the coronation of this year's Miss Polonia.

# Daria Juras is crowned as Miss Polonia

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Polish National Home of Glen Cove celebrated its Miss Polonia coronation on Aug. 18. A tradition that honors young women of Polish descent who represent the community's values and heritage.

This year's title was awarded to Daria Juras, while Margaret Dochnal was named Marshal of Glen Cove. The event, held at the historic Polish Hall, marked a shift from the traditional pageant-style competition that once characterized the selection process.

In a spirit of friendship, the organization bypassed the competitive aspect, as the candidates — many of whom are close friends — preferred not to compete against each other, Dochnal said.

Instead, the Miss Polonia title is now bestowed through a nomination process led by the board of directors and the President of the Polish National Home. The selection criteria focus on the nominee's involvement with the Polish Hall and their ability to represent the community with grace, personality, and commitment.

Daria Juras's coronation is a testament to her deep connection with the Polish Hall and her active participation in community events.

Her role as Miss Polonia carries the responsibility of representing Glen Cove's Polish community at various cultural events throughout the year, including the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City. Dochnal, honored as Marshal of Glen Cove, will also play a significant role in these events, symbolizing the leadership and dedication of the Polish community in Glen Cove.



Alex Mulchinski from the Roslyn Highlands Fire Department, escorted this year's Miss Polonia Marshal, Daria Juras.

The Pulaski Day Parade, scheduled for Oct. 6, is a highlight of the Polish-American calendar. Established in 1937, the parade is held annually on Fifth Avenue in New York City to commemorate Casimir Pulaski, a Polish hero of the American Revolutionary War. The event,

which takes place on the first Sunday of October, draws participants and spectators from across the region. The parade route runs from 35th to 54th Streets, passing by iconic landmarks such as St. Patrick's Cathedral. It features a vibrant display of Polish culture, including tra-



Daria Juras the new Miss Polonia will represent Glen Cove in the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City on Oct. 6, a highlight of Polish-American culture.

ditional dancers, Polish supplementary schools, community organizations, soccer teams, scouts, and representatives from the Polish government.

The Pulaski Day Parade is more than just a celebration; it is a living tribute to the enduring ties between Poland and the United States, as well as a reflection of the pride that Polish-Americans take in their heritage. For Juras and Dochnal, leading the Glen Cove delegation in this parade is both an honor and a continuation of the long-standing traditions that have shaped their community.

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# The Farmer's Daughters

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He initially wanted to leave the farm and his other assets to the two daughters in equal shares. We cautioned against this since, we advised, no one likes to do all the work and then split the profits. Additionally, real estate prices could be considerably higher on his death and there might not be enough money in the estate for the working daughter to buy out her sister. We also had to consider the sweat equity the young couple would be building up over the years working the farm. Here's how the matter was ultimately resolved to the client's satisfaction.

We decided the farm now to the working daughter (not her and her husband quite yet) reserving a "life estate" in the farmer so that he had a right to live there for the rest of his

life and preserving his senior tax exemption on the property. We established the value of the property today, and made a bequest on his death, from the farmer's living trust, of a like amount in cash to the sister before the balance of the trust was divvied up.

Now the young working couple are secure in their future, the non-working daughter gets her fair share of the estate and the farmer is protected in his rights for life. Most important of all, he has the peace of mind in knowing that the farm will stay in the family.

If you're a business owner, and have one or more children working in the business, you have the same issues. We generally like to see the "working" children take over the business and other assets used to even out the estate distribution with the "non-working" children. Where there are not enough other assets to make the distribution even, then life insurance or a mortgage can be used for this purpose, or the "working" children can pay off the "non-working" children over a period of years at a rate the family business can afford.

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## Hispanic Chamber hosts fiesta, expo

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosted a vibrant Latin Fiesta and Business Expo in July, at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club, drawing a full house of local businesses, community members and cultural entertainers. Former Glen Cove Councilman and founding board member Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, who received the prestigious Community Leadership Award. Military veterans, Howard Stillwagon, Vinnie Martinez, and Ben Farnan were also honored.

## Collecting blood at the Polish Hall

Christian Bonilla, a Glen Cove EMT, donated blood at the Polish Hall in Glen Cove on July 24. Pete Prudente organized a blood drive at the Polish National Home of Glen Cove on July 24. The drive, which occurs twice a year is in its 12th year, and collected over 50 pints of blood. Those who donated blood received a free slice of pizza courtesy the Downtown Cafe.



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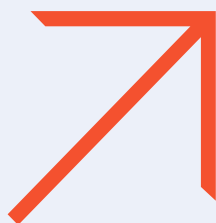
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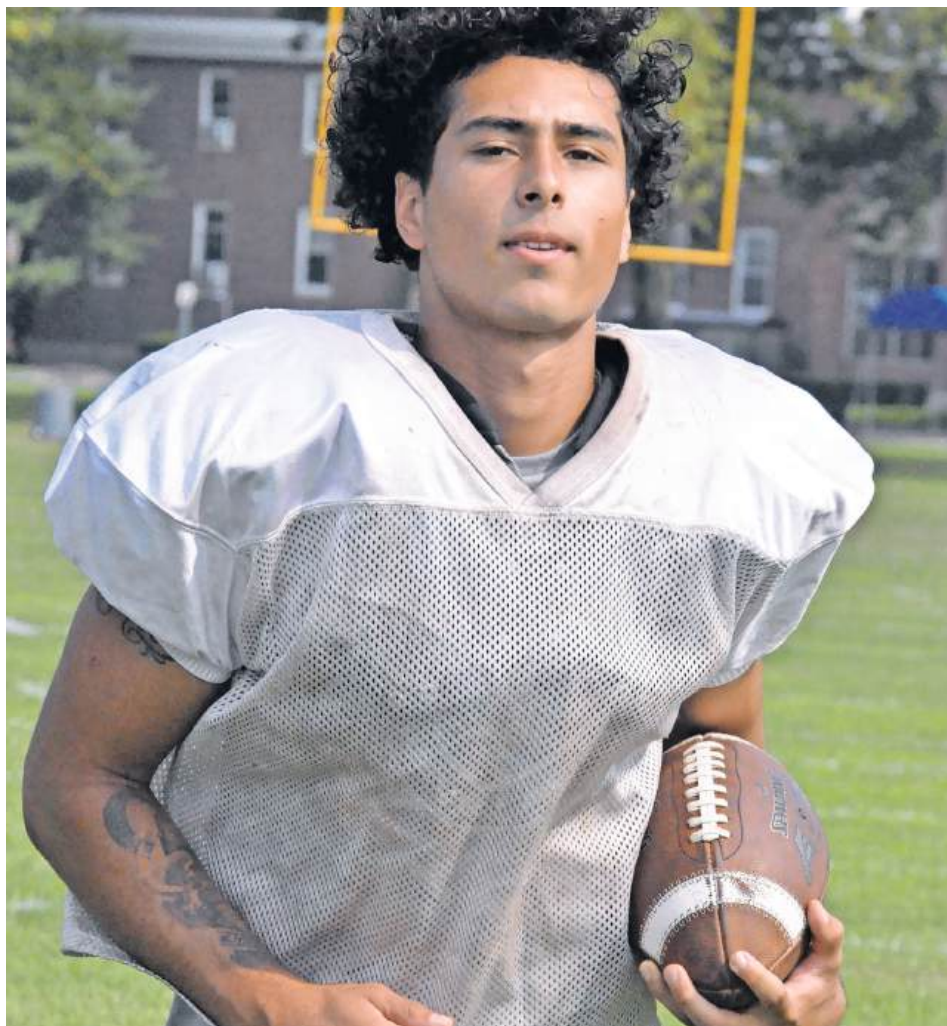


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Caleb Corbett, left, out of Longwood High School, keys Nassau's ground attack. At right, Jayden Taylor, a Walt Whitman High School product, tops the depth chart at quarterback for the Lions, who play five of their first six games on the road.

## New coach leads Nassau C.C. football

By TONY BELLISSIMO

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Jhaleel Oswald, a former Nassau Community College football captain and key member of its 2013 Toro Bowl-winning team, is the Lions' new head coach after running the defense/special teams under predecessor Jamel Ramsay for the past two seasons.

The Lions, who tackled plenty of adversity in 2023 and finished a disappointing 5-5, have more than 80 in the program and kick off the Oswald era with a trip to Cleveland to face Rochester Community and Technical College this Saturday at 4 p.m. The Yellowjackets are coming off a heartbreaking loss to DuPage in the NJCAA National Championship game.

"Last year we went through a lot of trials and tribulations and didn't play up to our standards," said Oswald, a free safety during his playing days at Nassau and LIU. "Our expectations are to put out a product that gets us back on track with our foundation and culture," he said. "I'm not sure if we can measure that with wins and losses this year since we have a very young team with about 60 freshmen, but I know these guys are going to play hard and also work hard in the classroom."

With five of the first six games on the road, Oswald likes the idea of a youthful team spending lots of time together and building camaraderie.

"It's both a blessing and a curse," Oswald said of the challenging schedule that includes visits to Navy Prep, Hudson Valley CC and Hocking in September. "We're going to find a lot out about ourselves early," he

### 2024 Schedule

<b>Aug. 24</b>	Rochester CC	Away	4 p.m.
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Navy Prep	Away	1 p.m.
<b>Sept. 13</b>	Army Prep	Home	7 p.m.
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Hudson CC	Away	1 p.m.
<b>Sept. 28</b>	Hocking	Away	1 p.m.
<b>Oct. 4</b>	Wagner JV	Away	11 a.m.
<b>Oct. 12</b>	Eric CC Home		1 p.m.
<b>Oct. 19</b>	Monroe Home		1 p.m.
<b>Oct. 26</b>	Hudson CC	Home	1 p.m.
<b>Nov. 2</b>	Louisburg	Away	1 p.m.

added. "At the same time, it's a good opportunity to grow the chemistry. We're trying to look at the schedule in a positive way and we'll have a bunch of home games in the second half of the season."

The Lions' home opener at Mitchel Athletic Complex is under the lights against Army Prep on Friday, Sept. 13. They'll then play three consecutive games at home in October, versus Erie CC, Monroe and Hudson Valley CC. "We're playing all respectable programs with quality coaches," Oswald said. "Every week is going to be a battle."

Some key new faces to the offense are former Suffolk County high school standouts Jayden Taylor (Walt Whitman quarterback) and Caleb Corbett (Longwood running back.)

Taylor, a lefty with a strong arm, mobility, leadership qualities and knowledge of the game, improved every day in camp, Oswald said, to win the starting job. "He's a great kid who can do a little bit of everything and I'm really looking forward to him leading our offense," Oswald said.

Corbett will lead a backfield that includes transfer Eric Harris and serve as one of Oswald's targets. "Caleb is a powerful runner with good hands and he's stood out in camp," the coach said.

A pair of sophomore receivers, Elijah Porter and Andre Mottas, 6-foot-3 and 6-1, respectively, are primed to up their production and make their presence felt downfield. "They're similar players who run well, have good size and excellent hands," Oswald said.

The offensive line is one of the Lions' top position groups and can go eight deep according to Oswald. Sophomore Kenroy Hutchinson anchors the unit at center, with sophomore Jaeden Davis-Samuels of Hempstead and freshman Jayden Jagmohan other confirmed starters

On the defensive side, sophomore linebacker Ja'quevios Sam comes off a 49-tackle campaign, sophomore cornerback Dwayne Shulters picked off 2 passes and broke up 6, and could form a shutdown tandem with Abdul Somo.

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# The pervasive smell of the ‘devil’s lettuce’

As restrictions loosen on the use of marijuana, its odor seems to be wafting almost everywhere

By ANGELINA ZINGARIELLO  
& WILL SHEELINE

of the Herald

The smell of marijuana has sparked division across New York state ever since its legalization under the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act on March 31, 2021. While some residents celebrate the change, others express frustration over the strong odor infiltrating public spaces.

According to the New York State Cannabis website, it is legal to smoke or vape cannabis in most areas where tobacco use is permitted, such as private homes or backyards. However, landlords can still ban smoking — both tobacco and marijuana — in apartment buildings. Cannabis consumption is prohibited in motor vehicles, hookah and cigar bars, businesses, restaurants including patios, federal property including public housing, and most public and state parks as well as beaches.

Even with cannabis legalized across the state, the Town of Hempstead has taken measures to restrict its availability. Supervisor Don Clavin and the Town Board unanimously voted to opt out of marijuana sales on Dec. 8, 2021, preventing businesses from selling it within the town’s borders.

This decision is in line with the state’s Cannabis Law, specifically Section 131, which allows towns, cities, and villages to prohibit cannabis businesses if they passed a local law on or before the later of Dec. 31, 2021, or nine months after the effective date of the section.

Medical marijuana dispensaries can only operate in specific zoning districts, and they must be in buildings with active medical offices and receive authorization from the State Department of Health.

No more than two medical dispensaries are allowed in the town at any time. They cannot be within 1,000 feet of schools, child day-care centers, parks, or places of worship, and must be at least 500 feet from residential areas, with some exceptions. They must operate between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., and consumption or use of marijuana on-site is prohibited. People under 18 are not allowed on the premises unless they are patients or accompanied by a guardian.

The Town of Oyster Bay and the City of Long Beach also opted out of permitting cannabis retail dispensaries and on-site consumption sites in December 2021.

Despite these laws and restrictions, the smell of marijuana still seeps into prohibited areas, demonstrating the ongoing difficulty in controlling its impact on public spaces.

Avita John, a 24-year-old from Wantagh, has faced significant challenges due to her severe asthma, which is exacerbated by marijuana smoke.

“Smell is something that could trigger anything for me, but especially with, like, weed, since it’s a type of, like, smoking and vaping, you could say, that



Photos courtesy Metro Creative Connection

Some residents and activists have suggested that the normalization of marijuana use has made it seem safer to children.



The use and sale of marijuana was legalized in New York state following the passage of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act in 2021.

triggers my asthmatic tendencies more,” John said. “And what happens is that when I smell it, I just want to puke. My lungs, everything, my throat just closes up. So, it’s very hard for me to breathe.”

The problem is particularly evident in her work environment, where customers are often under the influence of marijuana. The presence of smoke in the air makes it difficult for her to interact with them, and exacerbates her health struggles.

In addition to the problems caused by the smell of marijuana, John highlighted broader concerns that affect lung health, suggesting that while laws and designated smoking areas are designed to reduce health risks, they may not fully address the broader challenges of environmental pollution and second-hand smoke.

“I don’t think legislation or governments could do anything, per se, because

they will have to interview us, or they’ll have a form for the insurance company to fill out saying that we’re asthmatic, we have lung issues, and we can’t be around smokers,” she said. “We can’t be around air pollution. But then, there’s air pollution everywhere. We don’t have clean air technically. I would say maybe they could help with our medication causes or give us some monetary incentive to help us with our health care, because they can’t provide a safe space for us. They already have spaces designated for smokers, but there are a lot of people who don’t abide by that.”

The potential problems linked to the smell of marijuana aren’t just limited to health concerns. Alison Camardella, president of the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse, emphasized that the risk of normalizing marijuana smoking can risk the normalization of its use by young people.

“The dramatic increase in marijuana

smells in our parks, at our beaches and even, you know, sporting events normalizes the use of drugs for our kids, and that’s our concern,” Camardella said. “So regularly seeing and smelling it gives our kids the wrong message that this is safe and that this is OK and that it’s socially acceptable.”

CASA is a nonprofit that focuses on reducing the abuse of drugs, alcohol and tobacco among students in the North Shore School District. Camardella emphasized that while the dangers of alcohol and tobacco are well-publicized and acknowledged, the potential risks of marijuana abuse by young people are often underreported and brushed aside.

“The more that they see adults using it, the more they’re at risk of using it at a younger age,” Camardella continued. “There is no question that marijuana use in the teen years is not only bad for their developing brains, but it also increases their risk of addiction later in life.”

Not everyone agrees that this is a public issue however. Anthony G., a construction worker who buys marijuana products from the dispensary Strain Stars in Farmingdale and requested anonymity, argued that smoking marijuana in public is legal. Furthermore, he made a contrast between the smoking of cigarettes in public versus smoking marijuana.

“I’m not breaking any laws — I’m not smoking in people’s faces,” he said. “It feels like a double standard, because people are still smoking cigarettes everywhere.”

As marijuana continues to become more accessible and its smell spreads through public areas, finding solutions to maintain comfort and well-being for everyone in these spaces is becoming increasingly important.



# Santos facing maximum 22 years in prison

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tenced to between six and eight years based on the severity of his crimes.

"We used the names of our friends, family and supporters," Santos admitted in court, regarding the charge of identity theft. "I accept full responsibility for my actions," he added in a cracking voice.

He has been under intense scrutiny since news of his widespread lies first appeared a month after being elected, and later admitted that since then it had been "the most extraordinary, difficult period of my life."

During the hearing, Santos admitted to his role in orchestrating a scheme to defraud campaign donors and lying about his finances in documents submitted to the Federal Election Commission. Two of his former campaign aides, his campaign treasurer Nancy Marks and ex-fundraiser Sam Miele, had pleaded guilty last year to financial crimes relating to his campaign.

The superseding indictment, filed in October 2023, added several new counts to the initial charges brought against Santos in May of last year, expanding the scope of the alleged crimes. According to prosecutors, Santos and his co-conspirators solicited contributions from donors under false pretenses.

Instead, the indictment alleges, Santos used a significant portion of the money for personal expenses, including luxury goods, travel, and to pay off debts.

After leaving the courtroom, Santos,

accompanied by his legal team, briefly addressed members of the media who gathered in front of the building. Whereas in the past, Santos's public interviews outside the courtroom had promised retribution for the "witch hunt" against him. This time the former congressman did away with the fire and brimstone rhetoric.

Battling tears, the former congressman chokingly apologized to the victims of his financial scheme, as well as to everyone impacted by his lies.

"It is clear to me now that I allowed ambition to cloud my judgment, leading me to make decisions that were unethical," Santos said. "To my family, friends, and supporters, and residents of New York's 3rd Congressional District, I offer my deepest apologies."

During his apology, Santos asserted that being elected to Congress was "the greatest day of my life," and that despite his lies he had tried to serve his district "to the best of my ability." He also spoke to the surrealism of finally pleading guilty and acknowledged that it was necessary to help the district heal.

"Pleading guilty is a step I never imag-

ined I'd take, but it is a necessary one because it is the right thing to do," the former congressman said. "It's not only a recognition of my misrepresentation to others, but more profoundly, it is my own recognition of the lies I told myself over these past years."

Santos did not take questions, and after speaking, was quickly whisked away. Following his departure, members of the prosecuting team as well as county, state and federal attorneys and members of law enforcement also addressed the crowd.

That same day Manhattan Federal Judge Denise Cote dismissed Santos's lawsuit against Jimmy Kimmel, ABC, and Disney, in which he claimed they committed copyright infringement and unjustly enriched themselves by using videos he created on the Cameo app in a segment on Kimmel's late-night show.

Cote ruled that Kimmel's use of the clips was for criticism and commentary, which falls under fair use.

Breon S. Pearce, attorney for the New York's Eastern District, emphasized that while justice had been served, "it's always a sad day when an elected official admits to criminal activity." Despite this, Pearce

emphasized that Santos's victims of this sordid saga can now begin to move forward with their lives.

"After years of telling lies, former congressman George Santos stood in the courthouse right behind me and finally, under oath, told the truth," Pearce said. "That truth is that he's a criminal."

Not everyone is happy with the verdict, however. Concerned Citizens of NY-03, a bipartisan nonprofit organization which was created in response to the news of Santos's deceptions, released a statement on Aug. 20 alleging that "Santos is a symptom of a deeper rot," and that a criminal trial would have exposed who in the Nassau County Republican leadership knew about the former congressman's lies before they became public knowledge.


"By avoiding a criminal trial, the Party leadership and electeds are likely breathing a sigh of relief. So many of the people who supported Santos and propped him up even after his frauds were revealed are still in positions of power in the GOP," the statement read. "In fact, the people who gave us Santos (Nassau Republican Party Chair Joe Cairo and House Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik) are the same people who vetted Representatives Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, Mike Lawler, Marc Molinaro, and Brandon Williams — all of whom voted to protect Santos, until they felt they had no choice. One can only wonder if a criminal trial would have exposed more wrongdoing."

**I**t is clear to me now that I allowed ambition to cloud my judgment, leading me to make decisions that were unethical.

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The Snapper Derby cup winners joined together and congratulated one another on the day's many catches.

# Kids reel 'em in, hook, line and snapper

The pier at Pryibil Beach was open, and stretched out into sparkling water, silhouetted against the blue sky, as the annual Mayor's Snapper Derby took place on Aug. 17.

Children slung rods and lines over the edge of the pier, casting and waiting patiently — some more than others.

Just like "getting your sea-legs," one quickly became accustomed to the starting and stopping pace needed to avoid getting caught in a cast. The fish, however, never quite got the hang of it.

A total of 55 children enjoyed the beautiful morning. The fish were large and overall about 60 snappers were caught.

—Roksana Amid



Twins Olivia Hollander and Julia Hollander were all smiles as they waited for their first catches.



Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton, Mayor Pamela Panzenback, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman took in the sights of Pryibil Beach with members of the anglers club.



Domenic Preuss, 10, won the 'Best Angler' award.



Spiro Tsirkas, the executive director of Youth Bureau, joined Jackson Papas and Konstantinos Tkirkas, both 15, as they waited for their first catches of the day.

# Aiming to preserve 'a jewel of Glen Cove'

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able for people that don't belong to private clubs. We want our Glen Cove Golf Course to be a course we can be proud of again."

A study by Cameron Engineering will be the first step toward overhauling the course's infrastructure. City Attorney Tip Henderson said the results of the study will shape a comprehensive proposal that the city will submit to the state Department of Environmental Conservation for approval, a process expected to take about three months. If the DEC gives its approval the city will solicit bids from contractors to construct the new irrigation system. The goal is to start by September 2025.

Panzenbeck acknowledged that while the city has made significant investments in the course's upkeep it has suffered this year.

"I think I've spent a fortune on the golf course in my first two years, redoing the pro shop and redoing the driving range," she said. "I got new carts, but the course this year, sadly, was supposed to be the focus, and it suffered. So now we're going to be working on that."

The city's plans extend beyond the irrigation system. There are proposals to repair and enhance other critical elements of the facility, including cart paths, bridges and bunkers. The fairway on the second hole, notorious for its poor drainage and often waterlogged



Glen Cove's municipal golf course has become a muddy, waterlogged expanse, leaving golfers frustrated and disheartened.

conditions, is on the list of areas slated for improvement. The city has also discussed increasing the number of maintenance workers at the club.

Members of the Women's 18-Holers Club have been particularly vocal about the deteriorating course, but O'Grady said she was happy that Panzenbeck was receptive to their concerns after she met with the mayor last week.

Despite the challenges, the community remains deeply committed to the golf course. Fundraising efforts by club members over the past four years have brought in more than \$60,000, some of which has been used for tree trimming and the removal of tree stumps. But the money is only a fraction of what is needed to fully restore the course.

"I hope we can find a resolution and



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

There are proposals to repair and enhance other critical elements of the golf course, including fixing the cart paths and green.

bring the golf course back to what it once was for the residents of Glen Cove," Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said. "That's really what we all want. It was a place you wanted to play. It's not giving that vibe anymore."

John Grella, the golf course manager, did not respond to calls or emails seeking comment. Panzenbeck, on behalf of Grella, said he declined to speak with the Herald.

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# Water quality in Western Bays improves

By ANGELINA ZINGARIELLO

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The water quality in Hempstead's Western Bays continues to show progressive improvement, according to a report presented Aug. 15 by officials from the Long Island Regional Planning Council, the Town of Hempstead, and Hofstra University's National Center for Suburban Studies.

The report, shown at a briefing held at the Town of Hempstead Marine Laboratory, revealed significant decreases in nitrogen, ammonia, and other harmful pollutants that have historically degraded the water and damaged local coastal wetlands.

"Hempstead Bay and its major tributaries, known as the Western Bays, help drive a multi-billion-dollar economy," said Richard Guardino, executive director of the LIRPC. "It's fueled by recreation, bathing, boating, fishing, and seafood harvesting. The Western Bays contribute greatly to the quality of life we enjoy right here in the Town of Hempstead, and it's one of the most beautiful coastal areas in all of the nation."

Despite the promising results, officials cautioned that work remains to fully restore the bays' health. They emphasized that multi-level efforts to reduce nitrogen pollution in the waterways should remain a top priority.

Excess nitrogen is recognized as the



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An Aug. 15 briefing at the Town of Hempstead Marine Laboratory illustrated a significant decrease in nitrogen pollution in Long Island waters.

leading cause of water quality deterioration in the region, contributing to toxic algal blooms, low oxygen, fish kills, and the destruction of vital marine habitats. It also poses a significant risk to Long Island's drinking water, because groundwater serves as the island's source of freshwater.

The Hempstead Bay Water Quality Monitoring Project, initially launched in the 1980s and revived in 2019 under the Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan, has been key in addressing water quality issues in the area. The project collects

water samples from various locations in the bays and inland areas to measure levels of nitrogen, ammonia, and other pollutants.

"This is an investment in the environment. This is an investment in the economy," Councilman Chris Schneider said. "It's an investment in our safety, and the results we're seeing, the fruits of the results of that investment, they are terrific, and we're going to continue it."

Testing is conducted using a network of 40 surface water stations located

across the Western Bays. These stations help track pollutant levels in the water. In addition, three continuous monitoring sites provide real-time data, and 20 deep-water locations allow researchers to assess conditions below the surface. There are also 12 inland sites to monitor nitrogen deposits from atmospheric conditions and rainwater.

"We've seen that the water is becoming cleaner. We've seen lately less nitrogen in the water," Town of Hempstead Supervisor Don Clavin said. "And it's through all these combinations — people committed to making sure that the future is bright for their children, programs we run through the town — but it's through the ability now to test it here that's going to be most beneficial, and we are so grateful to have this."

Hofstra Professor Steve Raciti presented data comparing water quality from 1980 to 1985, which showed high levels of nitrate marked in red on the charts, to the period from 2020 to 2023, when the water had largely transitioned to blue, indicating much lower nitrate levels. Areas near wastewater-treatment plants showed the most significant improvements.

With an additional \$5 million invested by the state in the Long Island Nitrogen Action plan since 2015, the program aims to continue reducing nitrogen levels across the Island, beyond just runoff and treatment plant discharges.

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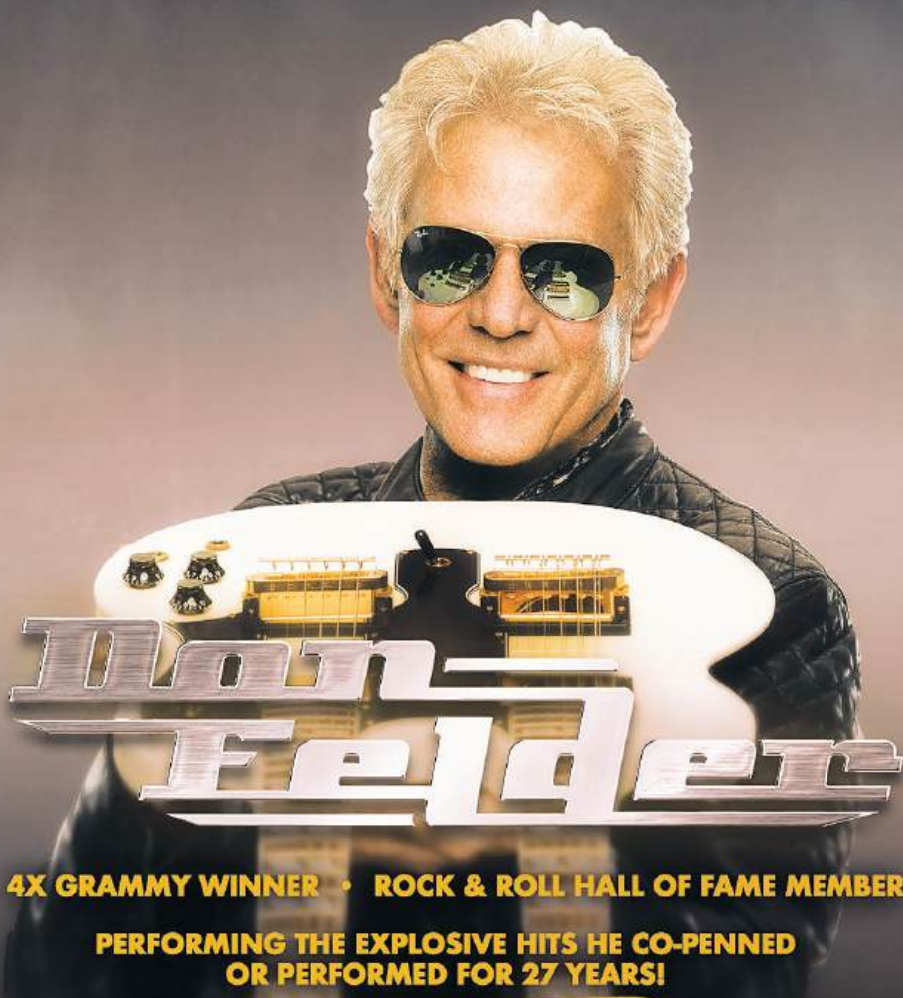


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The Glen Cove City School District is moving on enhancing its facilities.

## School facility upgrades are here and progressing

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Viktor Tymchynuk, director of Facilities for the Glen Cove city school district delivered a comprehensive facility update during the July 31 Board of Education meeting.

Noting the completion of upgrades to the athletic field, track, and tennis courts, which are now fully operational.

These improvements highlight the district's focus on enhancing school amenities and promoting physical wellness among students.

The district has also been working on crucial infrastructure upgrades that directly impact the safety and functionality of its buildings.

A new elevator installation at Deasy Elementary School is nearing completion, with the project expected to be finished in time for the upcoming school year. This includes the installation of sheetrock walls and curtain wall framing, with only the glass installation remaining.

The extension project at Landing Elementary School is progressing, with roof installation underway and interior work anticipated to be completed after the Christmas break.

The high school has also seen a range of upgrades, including new lockers, a modernized public address system, and parking lot renovations.

Looking ahead, the district has planned major projects for the summer of 2025, including a comprehensive replacement and upgrade of the high school's HVAC system, an electrical service upgrade, and significant renovations to the science labs and cafeteria.

The future projects underscore the district's proactive approach to ensuring its facilities meet the needs of students and staff for years to come.

Beyond these bond-funded projects, the Glen Cove school district has made substantial strides in energy performance initiatives.

"The replacement of and obviously

the upgrades in the lighting has saved us about 40 percent," Maria Rianna, district superintendent said. "We use now 25 percent less fixtures. So overall, the savings is twofold."

The district has also replaced ceilings in areas where lighting upgrades have been completed, particularly in the high school. Victoria Galante, assistant superintendent for Business and Finance, said the work that is being done in energy performance is very important to keep all the mechanical parts of the heating and lighting system working.

"If you go into the building, you may not realize that the lighting has been changed," Galante said. "But if you have been in the buildings with the old lighting, and then the next thing the new lighting comes in, you're like, wow, it is a big change."

The district's energy performance efforts also include the installation of solar panels on four out of six school buildings, a project that is expected to significantly reduce the district's carbon footprint.

While some adjustments to the original plans were necessary, the installation is progressing well. Additionally, the district has upgraded its HVAC systems, installing new units in the high school auditorium to improve air quality and reduce noise, enhancing the learning environment.

Another key aspect of the energy performance initiative has been the replacement of outdated boilers with new, energy-efficient models, ensuring the reliability of the district's heating systems. The district has also implemented weather stripping on exterior doors to prevent energy loss, upgraded the building management system, and improved insulation throughout the schools.

Partnerships have been crucial to the success of these projects. The district's collaboration with PSEG has resulted in rebates for energy-saving initiatives, enabling additional projects to be funded.

# STEPPING OUT



## Forever in tune with the 'World's Greatest Entertainer' **AL JOLSON** tribute celebrates 25 years

By Iris Wiener

Al Jolson was considered the "Greatest Entertainer" of his day, so it is no surprise that the annual Long Island Jolson Festival is celebrating 25 years next month, Sept. 7.

**T**he unique and lively remembrance of the icon, who was a pioneer in many genres in the 1920s — including music, film ("The Jazz Singer") and theater ("Hold on to Your Hats") — will be filled with nostalgia, the musical stylings of beloved Jolson entertainer Tony Babino and by "Mr. Tin Pan Alley," Richard Halpern, along with many memorable surprises.

The festival, which returns to Lambrou's Catering Hall in Island Park, will also treat guests to comedic performances, an auction and the camaraderie of being in a space shared with like-minded Jolson enthusiasts. Jan Hernstat, the International Al Jolson Society's longtime president, says that fans travel to Long Island for this special experience from Pennsylvania, New Jersey and even Virginia.

"Jolson was the biggest star of the '20s, '30s and much of the '40s," says Hernstat. "The problem is people don't remember him anymore because there's no outlet for his work. He was a star before radio, television and talking movies. There was no internet, and yet people all over the world knew who he was! The Al Jolson Festival is our way of letting people know the kind of talent that he was, and the kind of things that he did. There's still a lot of people who want to come and celebrate him."

Hernstat has been organizing the event since its inception. "It's amazing, and we've had a lot of different people join us over the years. Soupy Sales, Margaret Whiting, Sheldon Harnick," he recalls.

To everyone's delight, mainstay Babbino — aka "The Heart of Al Jolson" — is always the grand finale.

"I've had the great honor of being a part of it all these years," says Babino as he considers his history with the festival. "It's a great tribute to one of the greatest entertainers, and it's something special to me because I've been paying tribute to Jolson my entire life. To be able to do it continually for the people who appreciate it, it's really an amazing thing for me to experience."

Hernstat wanted to focus on comedy this year. He's brought in impressionists taking on Groucho Marx, Rodney Dangerfield and Laurel & Hardy.

"We're going to recreate a radio skit that was done on 'Kraft Music Hall' between Jolson and Groucho," Hernstat says. "We have an actual script!"



- Sept. 7, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Tickets are \$49.95, which includes entertainment and meals; tickets for show only are \$29.95
- Information and tickets available at [Jolson.org](http://Jolson.org) or call Jan Hernstat at (516) 678-3524.
- Lambrou's Catering Hall, 4073 Austin Blvd., Island Park



Photos courtesy Jan Hernstat

Al Jolson with his third wife dancer/actress Ruby Keeler.

And, of course, there's memorabilia available for sale, as always. This year's selection includes items from a long time collector who passed.

"There are many things you couldn't get otherwise. Between the auction and the sale, there's going to be an awful lot of things Jolson fans can take advantage of," Hernstat adds.

"It's important to keep Jolson's legacy alive for so many reasons, besides his one-of-a-kind, unique voice that's easily recognizable," Babino says. "He came to the U.S. as a little kid and went on to live the American dream. He did it all on his own. He became the biggest star in the country — on Broadway and then in the movies. At a time when it was very difficult to get to New York from other places, Jolson came up with the idea to take a full Broadway show on the road. That became the forerunner of the touring companies we have today. He was the first guy to go overseas and sing for the troops in World War II. He accomplished all these things [and many more] and he was kind of a forefather of modern show business."

Participating yearly is truly a labor of love for the vocalist.

"We get such joy out of making it fun and interesting, performing some of the great and familiar music that people still love. We make a great day of it," Babino says.

Hernstat remains intent on keeping Jolson's legacy front and center in the public eye.

"If you are a lover of old time nostalgic stars of the past, you should not miss this," he says with enthusiasm. "You're going to want to come back again and again. We hope to continue to do this year after year, but don't miss this one. It's one for the ages!"

Singer Tony B is the featured performer, yearly, acclaimed for his renditions of Jolson's standards.



### Disco fever

Boogie along with Disco Unlimited at Eisenhower Park's Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre. 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. Close your eyes and you will truly believe you are listening to the original artists. Hear the best of Tavares, France Jolie, The Trammpos, Harold Melvin's Blue Notes, Yvonne Elliman, Anita Ward, Denny Terrio, George McCrae, Bonnie Pointer, Melba Moore, Maxine Nightingale, Carol Douglas, and so much more. This group of unique musicians love and live this era of music. As always, bring seating.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 7-9 p.m. For information, visit [NassauCountyNY.gov/parks](http://NassauCountyNY.gov/parks).



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Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$29.50, \$25. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or [ParamountNY.com](http://ParamountNY.com).

# THE SCENE

Aug. 30

**Dweezil Zappa**  
Guitarist Dweezil Zappa brings the aptly named

“Rox-Postrophy” Tour to the Paramount stage, Friday, **Aug. 30**, 8 p.m. Zappa is celebrating two of his father Frank Zappa’s landmark albums, “Roxy & Elsewhere” and “Apostrophe.” The tour commemorates the 50th Anniversary of both albums and Zappa has curated a setlist highlighting fan-favorite tracks from each record, replete with unique hybrid arrangements. “The songs you think you know, may just end up surprising you with parts you’ve never heard before” according to Zappa. A Grammy-winning musician, Zappa has left an indelible mark on the music industry with over 2,000 concerts performed worldwide.



Known for his masterful performances and deep connection to his father’s music, he returning to concert stages for the first time since the 2020 Hot Ratz Live! Tour, continuing to guide fans through the thrilling and sophisticated world of his father’s music. His virtuosity on the guitar is matched only by his prolific compositional skills, which have generated numerous original works spanning multiple albums including “Confessions of Deprived Youth” (1991) and “Via Zammata” (2015). His music effortlessly traverses genres, seamlessly weaving together elements of rock, fusion, and experimental sounds, all while maintaining a signature style that is unmistakably his own. In addition to his solo work, Zappa has collaborated with an impressively varied roster of artists, including Edward Van Halen, Deep Purple, Lisa Loeb, Chick Corea, Herbie Hancock, and Steve Vai, among others. \$89, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.

## Bird walk

See some birds with the South Shore Audubon Society. All are welcome to join members for the next in its series of bird walks, at Mill Pond Park in Wantagh, Sunday, **Aug. 25**, starting at 9 a.m. The group meets at the gazebo. The park is on the north side of Merrick Road, four blocks west of the Wantagh State Parkway.

Walk leaders, other birders and nature enthusiasts are happy to share their knowledge and experience with you. Bring binoculars. To register, text your name and contact information to (516) 467-9498. No walk if rain. Text regarding questionable weather. For more information, visit SSAudubon.org.

## 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.



## Rockin’ Labor Day

Rock on at Point Lookout for a rousing Labor Day weekend celebration, at Town Park Point Lookout, with Mike DelGuidice, Saturday, **Aug. 31**, 8 p.m. The free concert, hosted by the Town of Hempstead, concludes with a fireworks show.

DelGuidice, known for his appearances with Billy Joel, captivates audiences all over with his renditions of the Joel hits, along with his own tunes. 1300 Lido Blvd. in Point Lookout. For information, visit toh.li.

## Game Time

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## Movie Night

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the prequel based on the Roald Dahl's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." It tells the story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka we know today.

Starring Timothée Chalamet in the title role, the big screen spectacle introduces audiences to a young Willy Wonka, chock-full of ideas and determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time. Eisenhower Park, Lakeside Theatre, East Meadow. For information, visit [NassauCountyNY.gov](http://NassauCountyNY.gov).

## Oyster Bay High School Reunion

Oyster Bay High School Class of 1974 celebrates its 50-year 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](http://obhs1974reunion.rsvp-com).

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## Deep Roots Farmers Market

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## Downtown Sounds

Glen Cove BID presents its annual Downtown sounds concert series through Aug. 30, at Village Square in downtown Glen Cove, at 7:30 p.m. Salsa band Jose Trombone & Conjunto Rumbon perform, Friday, **Aug. 23**. For more, visit [GlencoveDowntown.org](http://GlencoveDowntown.org).

## Summer tunes at Morgan Park

Abba tribute band Dancing Dream visits the Morgan Park stage, Sunday, **Aug. 25**, 7 p.m. The concert is flowed by a "stay late and see the stars" astronomy experience presented by Dr. Donald Lubovitch of Hofstra University's Astronomy Outreach program.

Dancing Dream flawlessly recreates the energy and excitement of Abba with beautiful harmonies, unparalleled musicianship and exciting choreography. Be prepared to sing and dance along to top hits such as "Dancing Queen" "Fernando", "Take a Chance on Me," "Mamma Mia, Gimme!" "Gimme! Gimme," among the group's many chart-topping singles.

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 St.

## 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](http://NassauMuseum.org).



Aug.  
**24**

## Vivaldi celebration

The "Vivaldi Celebration at Planting Fields," is an enchanting summer afternoon of music and ecology at the West Lawn of Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, Saturday, **Aug. 24**, 1-2:30 p.m. Enjoy a performance of Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" by Grammy-nominated Conductor Maestro Enrico Fagone and Violinist Lorenzo Mazzamuto, accompanied by the Chamber Players International. Commentary with Vincent Simeone, Director of Planting Fields Arboretum, and insights from Maestro Fagone on the influence of nature and ecology on Vivaldi's work follow. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs and a picnic lunch to enjoy the scenic surroundings. Registration is required at [plantingfields.org/happenings](http://plantingfields.org/happenings). For questions, contact Lilly McGurk at [lmcgurk@plantingfields.org](mailto:lmcgurk@plantingfields.org).

## Having an event?

Items on The Scene page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to [thescene@liherald.com](mailto:thescene@liherald.com).

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Through the NuHealth mobile van women over 40 can receive a mammography by appointment on Sept. 12.

## Mammograms available from NuHealth, Sept. 12

By **ROKSANA AMID**

ramid@liherald.com

Women over the age of 40 in Glen Cove will have an opportunity to prioritize their health as NuHealth brings a mobile mammography van to the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club on Sept. 12, from 8 to 11 a.m.

By appointment only, women will have access to free mammograms and essential breast cancer screenings—a life-saving service that could make all the difference.

“This is one of the things I really enjoy doing because it’s what government should be doing—helping people.” Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said. “It’s really a great service that the county offers.”

Cancer begins when cell growth goes wrong, and new cells form when the body doesn’t need them, and old or damaged cells do not die as they should. When this occurs, the buildup of cells often forms a lump, growth, or tumor.

According to the World Health Organization, most people will not experience any symptoms when the cancer is still early hence the importance of early detection. Breast cancer can have combinations of symptoms, especially when it is more advanced. Symptoms of breast cancer can include: a breast lump or thickening, often without pain, change in nipple appearance or the skin surrounding the nipple, or abnormal or bloody fluid from the nipple.

Breast cancers may spread to other areas of the body and trigger other symptoms. Often, the most common first detectable site of spread is to the lymph nodes under the arm although it is possible to have cancer-bearing lymph nodes that cannot be felt.

The screening event will provide comprehensive care, including a breast examination by a nurse, a mammography, and instructions for self-examination at home. Appointments, which last

about 15 minutes each, are required.

“We want to make this as easy as possible for everyone,” DeRiggi-Whitton said. “If you have insurance, just bring your insurance card. If you don’t have insurance, it’s not a problem at all.”

She also noted that the results will arrive just as timely as any other facility.

Dr. Grace Ting, interim chief medical officer at Nassau University Medical Center, said there is a roughly 13 percent chance that a woman in the United States will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. Incidences of breast cancer have increased by 60 percent per year in recent years. However, despite this rise, death rates from breast cancer have been steadily decreasing since 1989.

“This decline in mortality is largely due to earlier detection through screening, increased awareness, and better treatments,” Ting wrote in an email. She noted that while lung cancer remains the leading cause of death among women, breast cancer is the second. “That’s why regular screenings are so important,” she added.

The mobile mammography van plays a critical role in these screening efforts. At Nassau University, they screen over 300 patients a month at their onsite mammograms and mobile mammogram van. About 10 percent of patients screened require a biopsy, and 15 percent of those biopsied—about 3 to 5 cases per month—turn out to be cancer, Ting revealed.

Appointments are required, and mammograms are free for uninsured women based on eligibility guidelines. Women with health insurance may be required to make a co-payment. Women who have gone more than a year since their last mammogram will be required to get a prescription from their doctor (if they have insurance) and provide any past films (if available).

For more information and to make an appointment while availability lasts, contact DeRiggi-Whitton’s office at (516) 571-6211 or dderiggiwhitton@nassau-countyny.gov.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Bicyclist killed near Glen Cove Avenue

Daniel Cruz, from Glen Cove, died in an accident on Aug. 20, while riding his bicycle heading east near Glen Cove Avenue near 9 p.m., Nassau police said.

Cruz, 32, entered traffic from a walkway behind a residential building and collided with a 2004 Honda Accord driven by a man, 231, according to police.

He rushed to a local hospital by Glen Cove EMS, and Cruz was pronounced dead at 9:29 p.m., by a doctor at the hospital. The driver remained at the scene, and no other injuries were reported.

Authorities are continuing to investigate the incident.

— Roksana Amid



Roksana Amid/Herald

The Glen Cove police are investigating the incident where Daniel Cruz died in an accident on Aug. 20, while riding his bicycle near Glen Cove Avenue.



## LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF SALE  
SUPREME COURT  
COUNTY OF NASSAU  
JPMorgan Chase Bank,  
National Association,  
Plaintiff  
AGAINST

Barbara Lowell a/k/a  
Barbara C. Lowell; et al.,  
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 3, 2023 I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the North Side Steps of the Nassau County Supreme Court at 100 Supreme Court Drive, Mineola, NY 11501 on September 4, 2024 at 2:00PM, premises known as 3 Westgate Court, Glen Cove, NY 11542. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Glen Cove, County of Nassau, State of NY, Section 23 Block D Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,046.89 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 611517/2022. The auction will be conducted pursuant to the COVID-19 Policies Concerning Public Auctions of Foreclosed Property established by the 10th Judicial District. Foreclosure Auctions will be held “Rain or Shine.”

Jane P. Shrenkel, Esq., Referee  
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Glen Cove, NY to discuss  
to discuss a Local Law  
amending Chapter 280,  
“Zoning,” Section 280-6,  
“Definitions,” Section  
280-65, “B-1 Central  
Commercial District,”  
Section 280-65.1, “CBD  
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280-66, “B-2 Peripheral  
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Pursuant to a Judgment  
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Referee will sell at public  
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steps of the Nassau  
County Supreme Court,  
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Pursuant to an Order  
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Report and Judgment of  
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entered on July 5, 2024, I,  
the undersigned Referee  
will sell at public auction  
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Oscar A. Prieto, Esq.,  
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## OPINIONS

Save a life: drive *above* the influence

**O**n June 28, the driver of a speeding SUV plowed into a Deer Park nail salon, killing four people, including off-duty NYPD officer Emilia Rennhack. Authorities say the driver of the car, a 64-year-old Dix Hills resident, was intoxicated, and had consumed 18 beers just the night before.

Sadly, this tragedy is not unique, as fatal traffic collisions involving intoxicated and impaired drivers have surged on Long Island since the coronavirus pandemic.



**KARL A. VALERE**

Last Aug. 7, an 18-year-old Freeport man was intoxicated when he raced through a red light in West Hempstead and crashed into a parked car, killing Katerine Vanges Hernandez just two days before her seventh birthday.

Just a day earlier, a 33-year-old man from Lindenhurst was under the influence of fentanyl and cocaine when he rocketed his car into a vehicle stopped at a traffic light. The violent collision killed U.S. Marine veteran Patrice Huntley, his 13-year-old daughter, Hannah, his 10-year-old son, Jeremiah, and, eventually, his 6-year-old step-granddaughter Chantel,

who succumbed to her injuries six days later. The driver reportedly reached a speed of 120 miles per hour; and failed to brake until a half-second before impact, hitting the Huntley family car at 95 mph.

Each of these tragedies was devastating, and perhaps even worse, they were all preventable. As news headlines remind us daily, families will have to live the rest of their lives with the physical, mental and emotional trauma and irreparable loss caused by someone else's poor judgment.

According to a recent report from State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, the pandemic had a negative impact on traffic safety in New York. From 2019 to 2022, the report stated, the state saw a 45 percent increase in the number of fatalities involving drivers with blood alcohol levels above the legal limit, which is 12 percentage points above the national average. In 2022, about two-thirds of traffic fatalities in New York involved a combination of unsafe speeding and alcohol.

The recent increase in fatalities has been attributed to increased risks taken by drivers. Research by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states, "After the declaration of the public health emergency in March 2020, driving patterns and behaviors in the U.S.

changed significantly. Of the drivers who remained on the roads, some engaged in riskier behavior including speeding, failure to wear seat belts, and driving under the influence."

According to a recent Newsday report, lawmakers and safe-driving advocates are renewing calls to lower New York's legal blood alcohol content level from 0.08 to 0.05 percent. But this policy change would place a disproportionate burden on law enforcement. Traffic stops, checkpoints and arrests have their place, but are just one piece of the traffic-safety puzzle.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles and the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee could and should be doing more to promote programming and resources to ensure driver, pedestrian and road safety. Culturally, the DMV has been reduced to a bureaucratic, inconvenient, soul-sucking entity, and appears to be divorced from proactive efforts to ensure safety on the roads.

For example, the DMV has an Impaired Driver Program available not only through court mandates, but to anyone who wants to join voluntarily. The IDP offers in-depth education on alcohol and other drugs to help participants identify and change high-risk behavior. The

program needs to be better promoted and advertised, and made more accessible.

Safe-driving advocates such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving are also calling for the widespread implementation of driver assistance, monitoring and alcohol-detection systems in vehicles across the U.S.

Driver-assistance technology enables a car to take action such as lane-keeping assistance and collision intervention. Driver monitoring systems include cameras or other sensors that monitor such things as eye movement without compromising privacy, advocates say. Alcohol-detection sensors in the vehicle determine whether a driver is drunk, keeping the public safe while ensuring privacy.

Many of these technologies are on the way, as the Biden administration's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 authorized the U.S. Department of Transportation to complete a rule-making process and issue final safety standards for impaired-driving-prevention technology on all new cars by November 2024.

No matter your preference or politics, it will take a comprehensive, all-hands-on-deck effort to ensure that more children and families are not harmed, and that the victims of these fatal collisions did not die in vain.

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## A recent increase in fatalities on the road has been attributed to riskier driving.

## Students learn history in English, too

**M**y love of reading and history began when I was about 16. Enrolled in an Advanced Placement English class at my high school, I was blessed to have an amazing teacher who taught me how to make sense of the things I read, and consequently fostered my love of writing. It was around then that I began to develop an understanding of things I could never



**JORDAN VALLONE**

relate to, of experiences I could never begin to comprehend.

A book, or rather a memoir, that left a lasting impression on me was "Black Boy," by Richard Wright, published in 1945. It depicts Wright's upbringing in the South and his eventual

move to Chicago, where he embarks on a writing career and becomes involved with the Communist Party of the United States.

It's a difficult but impressive read that dives into Wright's honest and poignant depiction of racism in the U.S. It pulls at your heartstrings as you read about the considerable distress that Wright experi-

enced — physically, mentally and emotionally — throughout his early life.

The book was both critically acclaimed and strongly disliked. It has frequently ended up on banned-book lists in schools and libraries in a number of states, with those opposed to it arguing that its raw depiction of racism is worthy of censorship.

An early challenge to the book came in 1972 in Michigan, as parents claimed it was unsuitable for teens. A few years later, it was challenged by schools in Louisiana and Tennessee.

It was one of the books that parents of students at Island Trees High School — right here on Long Island — wanted removed from the school's library in 1975. They characterized "Black Boy" and 10 other books as "anti-American, anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, and just plain filthy."

That, of course, eventually led to a landmark case in the Supreme Court, the first of its kind to consider the right to receive information in a library under the First Amendment. The court's decision in 1982 was split, leaving the scope of the right unclear even today.

Across the U.S., there have been more

frequent reports in recent years of books being removed from school shelves, many with content that revolves around race, sexual orientation and gender identity. In Florida alone in 2021 and 2022, school districts instituted 357 bans,

according to PEN America, the organization that promotes free expression and protects writers and artists.

As a reader, and a huge supporter of public education, I find the subject of book bans tricky.

I think schools set appropriate standards for what students read throughout the course of their education. The content of books they're assigned often corresponds well with what they're learning in history classes, thus fostering a well-rounded understanding of a variety of subjects. By the time most students are in late middle school and high school, their brains are developed enough to understand themes, identify imagery and symbolism, and analyze and evaluate ideas they've found in texts. No matter how intense a book's subject, a student should be able to not only make sense of it, but learn from it.

That's the magic of reading.

When I think about books like "Black

## Some subject matter should make us uncomfortable, but that's OK.

Boy," and why they've resonated with me all these years later, much of it has to do with comfort. Reading about the atrocities of our past is never easy. Simply put: Some subject matter should make us uncomfortable, but that's OK. It's through reading that we learn, and how can we ever learn if censorship runs rampant?

The New York State Legislature has fought book bans, introducing legislation that protects a child's right to read. There have been no fewer than 13 book bans in four school districts, and the issue has played out in school board meetings and social media, even here on Long Island.

Understanding today's societal and political landscape is tough, but the foundations of the past can help us make sense of it. As students and young people begin to navigate the complexities of society, it is crucial that their freedom to read, and to be exposed to diverse perspectives, is protected.

It is only through understanding our past and confronting uncomfortable truths that we can move toward building a more inclusive, and more informed, future.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## A relief for Long Island's senior community

For years, Long Island's seniors have faced a daunting challenge: the ever-rising cost of prescription medications. In a region where the cost of living already stretches many budgets to the breaking point, our elderly neighbors have often been forced to make impossible choices between their health and their financial stability. Now, however, there is a ray of hope on the horizon for Nassau and Suffolk counties' substantial senior population.

The federal government's recent announcement of negotiated prices for 10 commonly prescribed medications under Medicare marks a significant turning point. For Long Island, where nearly one in five residents is over age 65, this change promises real, tangible benefits.

Consider the impact on our community. The price of Eliquis, a blood thinner used by thousands of area seniors to prevent strokes, will be slashed by 56 percent. For a retiree on a fixed income, that could mean a savings of nearly \$3,500 a year — money that can now go toward other essentials like food and utilities, or even small luxuries that improve quality of life.

Similarly, a 66 percent price reduction for Jardiance, a crucial medication for diabetes and heart failure, could be life-changing for many of our neighbors. With diabetes affecting a significant portion of the elderly population, this price cut could mean the difference between managing the condition effectively and facing severe health compli-

cations.

And the benefits extend beyond individual savings. By reducing the financial strain of medication costs, we may see improved adherence to prescribed treatment plans among our senior population. That could lead to better health outcomes, and potentially reduce the burden on our local health care systems, including hospitals like Mt. Sinai South Nassau and Northwell.

Moreover, these savings could have a ripple effect throughout our local economy. When our seniors have more disposable income, they're more likely to patronize local businesses, contributing to the vitality of our communities.

It is crucial, however, to address the concerns raised by some about the potential impact on pharmaceutical innovation when the federal government steps in to negotiate drug prices. Critics argue that negotiated prices could stifle research and development, potentially depriving us of future breakthrough treatments.

While this concern is valid, it's important to put it in perspective. The pharmaceutical industry remains highly profitable, with margins that far exceed most other sectors of the economy. Many breakthrough drugs have been developed with significant public funding through institutions like the National Institutes of Health. And the negotiated prices, while lower, will still provide these companies with substantial revenue.

Furthermore, we must weigh the hypothetical loss of future innovations

against the very real, immediate benefit to our community. For the senior you know who has been cutting pills in half to make them last longer, or the retiree next door who has been skipping doses to stretch their budget, these price reductions aren't just numbers — they're a lifeline.

Long Island has always valued innovation, but we also believe in taking care of our own. We can and should continue to support pharmaceutical research, but not at the cost of our seniors' health and financial security.

As these new prices take effect in 2026, we encourage our senior readers to stay informed and discuss the changes with their health care providers. Those who are concerned about how lower prices might affect their medications can reach out to local resources like the Nassau County Department of Human Services for guidance.

This step toward making medications more affordable isn't just a win for our elderly population — it's a win for all of us who believe in the promise of a compassionate, equitable health care system. It's a reflection of our values as a community, showing that we prioritize the well-being of our neighbors over corporate profits.

So let's continue to advocate for policies that benefit our local seniors while also supporting responsible innovation. Long Island has always found ways to balance progress with compassion, and this is one more opportunity for us to show what makes our community truly special.

## LETTERS

### Momalas – and more – unite for Kamala

To the Editor:

Re Randi Kreiss's column in the Aug. 8-14 issue, "Momalas for Kamala, a thread to unite us": So many of us are also hoping that "all the disparate political identities will form a cohesive movement to elect (Kamala) Harris president," as Ms. Kreiss writes.

In the meantime, I humbly add another "mini cell" to the body in case folks are unaware: Seniors for Harris, who, in the interest of protecting our Social Security and Medicare benefits, are holding regular Zoom calls.

JOSIE MARINO  
Lynbrook

### Harris's policies will 'sink this country!'

To the Editor:

In "Momalas for Kamala," Randi Kreiss listed a few of the groups that would support Kamala Harris in a



## OPINIONS

# Are masks worth outlawing? Check the dictionary.

find that when spin doctors try to muddy an issue, it's often a good idea to begin at the beginning and turn to a dictionary. For example, look up the word "mask," and you get several definitions. As a noun, it means "a covering for all or part of the face, worn as a disguise, or to amuse or terrify other people." As a verb, it means "to conceal (something) from view."



**JACK  
MARTINS**

Bruce Blakeman signed her Mask Transparency Act into law. The legislation made it a misdemeanor for anyone to wear a facial covering to hide their identity in public. Those who break the law could be sentenced to up to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine, although it provides exemptions for health or religious reasons.

Now, some of you recognize that as

Given the heated debate taking place in New York state right now, I found these meanings very telling, but allow me to share some background.

Recently I stood with Nassau County Legislator Mazi Pilip as County Executive

plain common sense. In fact, many people are astonished that this isn't already the law. Truth is, New York state did have this on the books for 175 of the last 178 years. That precedent targeted groups like the Ku Klux Klan, which terrorized African-Americans and Catholics. It was only repealed during Covid. The curious thing is that it was completely repealed, not temporarily suspended. Most states continue to have anti-mask laws on the books.

It's common sense. For 175 years this was the law in New York. No one was disenfranchised, and no one seriously considered repealing it. And any time the law was challenged, the challenges were struck down by the courts, which cited public safety. In fact, when the New York repeal bill was proposed in 2020, it was opposed by both Republicans and Democrats. In the end, only my colleagues across the aisle voted for it. And they put New Yorkers at risk, because when someone is mugged or attacked, they should be able to identify their assailant.

What's happened since the repeal needs no documentation. At hundreds of protests throughout the state and

around the country, people — on both sides — have made masks and face coverings part of the protest uniform. Consequently, protests have grown increasingly violent, with boundless destruction of private property, and all without repercussion, because law enforcement cannot identify perpetrators.

This has grown particularly ugly this past year at anti-Israel protests in New York. Perhaps you've had the misfortune of witnessing one of them yourself. Or maybe you've watched the countless hours of video on social media. Sadly, it has become far too common for masked bullies to attack Jewish people, force them off subways, terrorize Jewish students on college campuses, and worse still, physically attack them.

And let's not forget the endless stream of antisemitic hate speech that for some reason gets protected by prosecutors like New York City's Alvin Bragg. The result? The New York City Police Department reports that antisemitic hate crimes skyrocketed by 45 percent in 2024 alone.

That's why Nassau County passed this mask legislation. If someone wants to be an antisemite, a bigot, a racist or

just a plain old jerk, it's their right to be. But they won't be able to hide their identity anymore. If someone commits a crime, they will be identified, and they are going to jail. It's called accountability.

As always, there is a small but vocal group fighting common sense. They say that making "anonymous protest illegal chills political action," and that not allowing them to hide their identities "puts their health and well-being in danger." Never mind the health and well-being of those they're intimidating. These people are arguing that if you commit a crime, you should be able to do so anonymously. By their measure, those who commit assault, spew hate speech, block traffic and destroy private property are now the victims, unless you let them do so freely and without consequence.

Remember "The Bizarro Jerry," the episode of Seinfeld in which everything was the opposite? That's what we have here. That's why I'm cosponsoring a bill in the State Senate to make wearing a mask to hide your identity illegal throughout New York. You know, the same law that served us well for 175 years. And if anybody asks me why, I'll just point them toward a dictionary.

*Jack Martins represents the 7th Senate District.*

## LETTERS

kind of "political wave . . . a tsunami of relief and joy" that will push people to support her. Kreiss mentioned Black women for Kamala, White Dudes for Kamala, White Women for Kamala.

A few groups obviously were not mentioned: Antisemites for Kamala, Defund the Police Crowd for Kamala, Open Border Supporters for Kamala, Pro-Hamas Rioters for Kamala, Antifa and BLM Rioters and Looters for Kamala.

Did I not mention the Free College, Health Insurance and Social Security for Illegals Crowd for Kamala? How about the Abortion Anywhere and Anytime Supporters for Kamala?

Yes, Randi. It's a real tsunami of love and support for Kamala Harris that will sink this country!

ROBERT KRALICK  
*Glen Head*

## Nassau's mask ban is 'antithesis of freedom'

To the Editor:

Nassau County passed a mask ban two weeks ago, just as everyone I know is getting Covid-19 again, and I have to wonder what we stand to gain from this.

There are people who have genuine reasons to wear masks to protect their health. I'm one of them. I have asthma,

and I do not welcome the notion of being questioned by police for protecting myself from viruses that could destroy my quality of life. I do not trust anyone but my doctors to determine if my exemption is "legitimate," and that's not something I should need to worry about.

The county mask legislation claims to have exemptions for religious and medical reasons, but it's very unclear how that will be enforced. In America, we shouldn't even be talking about enforcing rules for what people can wear. That is the very antithesis of freedom.

AMANDA MULLEN  
*Oceanside*

## Reproductive science made me a grandfather

To the Editor:

Sixteen years ago, my daughter and her husband were trying to get pregnant for the first time, and after several years they had to use in vitro fertilization. After several rounds, we were blessed with a beautiful baby, my first grandchild. Without the science behind in vitro fertilization, my daughter would not have children, and I would not have had the joy of a grandson.

I recently learned that my congressman in the 4th District, Anthony

## FRAMEWORK by Joseph Daniel



One Minion, at least, looks interested in the news — Universal Orlando

D'Esposito, is pushing an extreme agenda to restrict reproductive freedom. I cannot vote for him this November. Families deserve to be able to have children, and government needs to mind its own business! I will

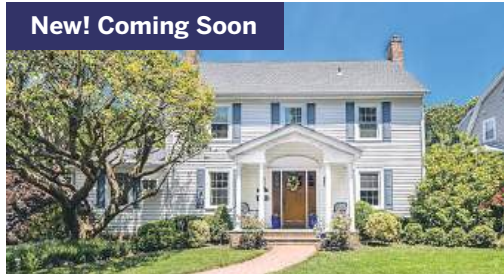
be voting for Laura Gillen for Congress this year, because she will support women's rights for reproduction freedom.

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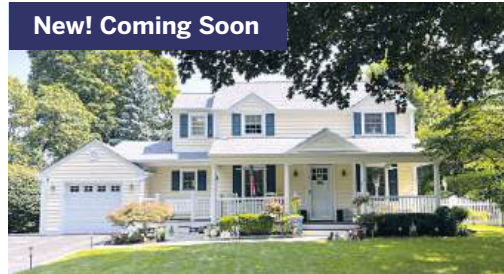


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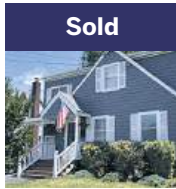
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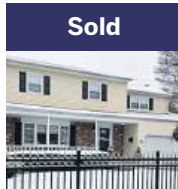
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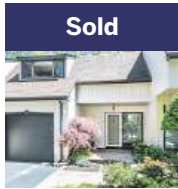
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