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Former City Councilman John Perrone, far left, addressed the council, offering his insight into potential conflicts of coverage between Pipelogix and property owners' own insurance plans.

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City program sparks debate on enrollment and awareness

By ROKSANA AMID

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Glen Cove homeowners may notice a new charge on their tax bills as the city introduces a sewer lateral repair program in partnership with Pipelogix LMS Inc., a private contractor based in Long Beach. The new initiative, which passed the City Council by a narrow 4-3 vote on Aug. 27, aims to provide homeowners with repair coverage for any problems with their sewer lateral lines. All city buildings, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347, will get the protection for free.

Concerns have been raised, however, about the program's automatic enrollment system, public awareness, and the speed at which it is

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Aiming to put an end to Woolsey Avenue flooding

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Residents of Woolsey Avenue have faced periodic flooding for over two decades. The neighborhood, near Dosoris Lane on Glen Cove's west side, has seen water rise during almost every significant rainstorm, leaving yards, streets, and basements inundated. Storms last month were no exception, bringing runoff that quickly overwhelmed the eight storm drains on Woolsey, and more than a half-dozen homes reported flood damage once again.

In response to the ongoing problem, the City Council has

authorized the rental of a Vactor Combination Sewer Cleaner, a specialized vehicle designed to clean out clogged sewers, drains and other stormwater infrastructure, through next month. The \$27,000 rental is intended to provide immediate relief by cleaning out the storm drains on Woolsey and in other affected areas.

"We do have a Vactor machine, but it has been out of order," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck explained. "This will clean the drainage structures until our own truck can be repaired."

The city is also seeking a long-term solution, and recently approved a \$17,100 agreement

with Cameron Engineering to conduct a comprehensive drainage study of Woolsey Avenue, Seaman Road and Elm Avenue. The study will assess the current drainage infrastructure and make recommendations for improvements — though some residents are pushing for it to go beyond a surface-level review of Woolsey and evaluate the flow of water from adjacent streets as well.

The flooding, residents say, has only worsened in recent years. The repaving of Dosoris Lane, a major county road nearby, redirected more stormwater runoff toward Woolsey, which, they say, has insufficient drain-

age to handle the increased water flow. As a result, Woolsey and surrounding streets are now more vulnerable than ever to flooding, particularly during heavy rains.

Residents have taken it upon themselves to protect their homes, using a variety of makeshift methods to divert water toward storm drains. Some

have used insulation and boards to redirect water, while others have resorted to clearing drains with rakes as rain pours down.

Linda Melbinger, a longtime resident of Woolsey Avenue, has been asking for a solution since she and her husband, Steve, moved to the neighbor-

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Runners and supporters gathered for the annual Nicholas Pedone 5K run, starting outside of Glen Cove High School and ending beyond the school's track on Walnut Street.

Pedone 5K helps fight childhood cancer

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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On Sunday, runners and supporters gathered for the annual Nicholas Pedone 5K run, starting outside of Glen Cove High School and finishing beyond the school's track on Walnut Street. This year marked the largest turnout since 2020 when the state was on lockdown from the Coronavirus pandemic. With nearly 500 registrants and 418 participants crossing the finish line. The race, organized by the Nicholas Pedone Foundation, is the foundation's sole fundraiser and a central effort to raise awareness for childhood cancer.

The event honors the memory of Nicholas Pedone, a 7-year-old Glen Cove boy who died neuroblastoma, a rare form of childhood cancer, in May 2013. Pedone was diagnosed in 2012, and the first 5K was held in April 2013, just a month before he traveled to Philadelphia for a stem cell transplant. Pedone participated in that inaugural race, crossing the finish line, but he passed away just a month and a half later. His legacy lives on through the foundation and this annual event.

Josephine Pedone, Nicholas's mother, has been at the heart of organizing the event and expressed her pride in the growth of the race over the years.

"We're really happy to see that the run grew this year," she said. "We're attracting more of the competitive running community, which is exciting, and it's great to see this event becoming a staple for both runners

and the local community. But most importantly, we're able to help and support local cancer warriors and fighters by honoring them at our events."

The foundation, in addition to its financial support for childhood cancer research, provides a platform to recognize and honor children currently battling cancer. Each year, an honorary child is chosen for special recognition.

This year, that honor went to Erik Hanson, a 4-year-old Glen Cove resident currently fighting myoepithelial carcinoma,

"This is our largest and only fundraiser of the year, so we are very dependent on donations and the support we receive from this 5K," Josephine Pedone added. "It's amazing to see the community rally around us and continue to raise awareness for childhood cancer."

The Nicholas Pedone Foundation encourages people to "go gold" during September for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Gold is the designated color for childhood cancer, and supporters can show their solidarity by tying gold ribbons around trees or incorporating gold into their personal attire or social media profiles.

Long-time participants like Saul Schacter of Sea Cliff have been part of the event for three years.

"The Nicholas Pedone 5K always brings the community together," Schacter said. "I'm proud to know such a dedicated group of people."

To learn more or support the Nicholas Pedone Foundation, visit www.fighthardsmilebig.org.

The Nicholas Pedone 5K always brings the community together.

SAUL SCHACTER
5K runner



Courtesy Saul Schacter

Long-time participants like Saul Schacter of Sea Cliff have been part of the event for three years.



Nicholas Pedone, center, was the pride and joy of his parents, Nick and Josephine's life.

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Sewer repair program stirs controversy

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being implemented.

Sewer lateral lines are vital to a home's plumbing system, transporting wastewater to the public sewer main beneath the street curb. While the main sewer system is managed by the city, homeowners are responsible for maintaining their lateral pipes. When these pipes fail or collapse, repairs can be costly. To address this, the new program offers homeowners a subscription service covering inspections, maintenance and repairs for \$15.75 per month, or \$189 per year.

One aspect of the program that residents have questioned is its opt-out structure. All eligible homeowners will be enrolled in the service automatically unless they opt out within a 30-day window that will begin two business days after Pipelogix sends out informational packets. Homeowners who do not opt out by submitting a form will see a charge for the service on their tax bills.

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, a critic of the opt-out model, suggested that the program instead operate on an opt-in basis, so homeowners can sign up voluntarily rather than being enrolled automatically.

"We have public hearings for much less impactful issues than this," Silverman said at last week's meeting. "This program will essentially result in an extra charge for every resident, and I



Herald file photo

All of the drains in homes around the city lead to main sewer lines, which in turn feed into the Glen Cove Sewage Treatment Plant.

doubt many people even know about it. It's like an insurance program for pipes that I've never heard anyone complain about."

Silverman argued that rushing the program forward without public education was unfair to homeowners. She noted that the council had only recently received a 30-page, 40-year contract from Pipelogix for the program, although discussions began months ago.

"I'm not saying it's a bad program,"

Silverman added. "But we're forcing people into this without giving them the chance to fully understand what they're signing up for."

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck responded by emphasizing both the financial and practical benefits for residents and the city. According to Panzenbeck, the city will receive \$100,000 in annual revenue from the program, in addition to the protection it will provide homeowners.

"Sewer laterals do collapse, and when they do, the repairs can be extremely expensive," Panzenbeck said. "This program offers peace of mind. It's not mandatory — people can opt out — but it could save them a lot of money in the long run."

The mayor also addressed concerns about transparency and education, explaining that an educational campaign would accompany the program's rollout through mail, the mayor's Facebook page and the city website.

"Homeowners will have all the information they need to make an informed decision," she said. "They can opt out at any time, except if they've already used the service."

Despite the assurances, Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola expressed her concern that the short 30-day opt-out period might catch many residents off

guard.

"I don't think people are paying attention to something like this," she said. "The next thing they know, they'll see an extra \$189 on their tax bill, and it won't be something they knowingly agreed to."

Fugazy Scagliola also pointed out that if homeowners use the service, they are committed to the contract for five years, regardless of the cost of any repairs they may need. This, she argued, could be problematic for residents who may not need them.

Former Councilman John Perrone weighed in on the potential overlap with homeowners' existing insurance policies. He noted that some offer optional coverage for sewer lateral repairs, which could lead to confusion if homeowners discovered they had duplicate coverage.

"The notification process becomes incredibly important," Perrone said. "What ends up happening is, if you have it on your policy, and you have it (with Pipelogix), and you have a claim, both will say, 'You pay first,' and that's not what we want to see. You may want to make sure that the contract does allow the notification by the company, to make sure every resident is aware and to check if they have this coverage before they opt in or before they opt out."

OBITUARY Roger Thyben

Roger passed on Fri. 8/23/24, he was a lifelong resident of Glen Head, born 12/19/1937. Roger built a car on the style of a 1937 road racing car, he was a welder, an artist, a local historian, a drummer, had a marching band for 22 years with East Norwich Fire Department, and played in the Shriner's band for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ronnie (Salvey, Pullo) Thyben, loving Stepsons Patrick Pullo, Scott Pullo and granddaughter Remi Pullo.

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Hofstra eyes return to national stage

By ANDREW COEN

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Hofstra men's soccer reached big heights in 2023, advancing to the NCAA Tournament's third round stage for the second time in three years, but longtime head coach Richard Nuttall felt plenty was left on the table during the historic run.

The Pride led third-seeded North Carolina by a goal late in the second half before surrendering the equalizer with under five minutes remaining and eventually losing in penalty kicks following two scoreless overtimes. The heartbreaking loss was a big missed opportunity for Hofstra, who with a win would have hosted 11th-seeded Oregon State in the Elite Eight with a chance to punch a ticket to the prestigious College Cup.

"We are proud of what we accomplished, but we felt it was a lost opportunity," said 35th-year head coach Richard Nuttall. "The reality is though we are punching way above our weight for what we are and I think we are the best midmajor in the country that is not a state school."

Nuttall lost many key pieces from last year's 14-3-5 team, but returns 12 players including All-America defender Pierce Infuso, a Merrick native who has returned for a fifth season as a graduate student. The Bellmore-JFK product was a third-team All-America honoree last season and an All-Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) First-Team selection.

"He is rock steady and does what he has to do," Nuttall said of Infuso. "He is getting a lot of looks from MLS clubs and I believe that he has the ability to play at that level when he leaves here."

Graduate student midfielder Roc Charles gave Hofstra an additional five-year veteran with Infuso returning for an extra year of eligibility. The Spain native is a co-captain with Infuso and scored a goal in Hofstra's 4-1 win at American on Aug. 25.

Hofstra's offense will be looking for new producers this season following the loss of leading scorers Ryan Carmichael and Eliot Goldthorp, who were both selected in the Major League Soccer



Former Seaford standout Olivia Pearse leads a talented and experienced Hofstra defensive corps.

Super Draft. Also scoring in the American win with Charles were Pablo Hempelmann-Perez, Jacob Woznicki and Gabriel Pacheco with Laurie Goddard tallying an assist.

Woznicki, a graduate student who previously played at Stonehill College, then tallied two goals in Hofstra's 2-0 win against Providence on Aug. 29.

Senior forward Teddy Baker, an England native, is expected to rejoin the team soon from injury after registering 11 points last season.

The backline led by Infuso, Pacheco, Eoin Farrell and Jack O'Malley posted a clean sheet in a season-opening 0-0 tie with Fordham on Aug. 22. Senior goalie Filippo Dadone, who replaced two time All-CAA keeper Wessel Speel in net, made five saves for his first career shutout.

Hofstra, which began the season ranked 17th nationally, was picked first in the CAA preseason coaches poll and is aiming for its fourth straight conference title, which would earn another automatic bid into the 48-team NCAA Tournament.

High expectations for Pride

The Hofstra women's soccer team's bid for its own three-peat last year and sixth CAA title in seven seasons fell short with



Photos courtesy Hofstra Athletic Communications

All-America defender Pierce Infuso, a Merrick native and graduate student, is one of a dozen returning players for the Pride.

a heartbreaking overtime loss to Monmouth in the conference semifinals last November.

The Pride returned plenty of talent from last season's 12-5-1 season and are fueled to write a better ending this fall. Hofstra was picked to finish second in the CAA behind Monmouth.

"As much as it hurt, I think it was a valuable learning moment," said 19th-year head coach Simon Riddiough of last year's CAA semifinal defeat. "People sometimes underestimate the difficulty of winning championships."

Hofstra lost last year's leading scorer Wiktoria Fronc and will likely be relying on a scoring by committee this season rather than one dominant player, according to Riddiough. Potential offensive weapons who have emerged early this season include Millie Davies, Mathilde Braithwaite, Aimee Hodgson, Thorhildur Thorhallsdottir and Ellie Gough.

The bulk of last season's defense is back in Olivia Pearse, Louise Hayden and

Gabriella Marte. Pearse, a former standout at Seaford High School, proved to be a reliable leader of the backline with her tenacious play early in the season before a foot injury sidelined her in late August with timetable for a return to the field uncertain.

"I love her intensity and tenacity and her physicality," Riddiough said. "I'm proud of the way she's developed as a person as well and she's becoming a really wonderful all round student athlete."

The starting goalie spot was up for grabs entering the season following the departure of Skylar Kuzmich, who started in net for five seasons. Freshman Synne Danielsen of Norway and senior Mackenzie Sullivan of Arizona have both seen time in net so far.

Hofstra enters September unbeaten at 1-0-3 with a 2-1 win against Yale and ties against Ivy League contenders Brown and Columbia on its resume. The Pride kicks off the CAA schedule on Sept. 19 at home against College of Charleston at 7 p.m.

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Hoping new drainage efforts stem the tide

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hood 17 years ago.

“We’ve spoken to various city councils about this issue over the years,” Melbinger said at the Aug. 27 council meeting. “It just keeps getting pushed down the line. This is a health issue now. We’ve asked for our yard to be tested, because the water and debris coming through aren’t from our property; it’s runoff from other neighborhoods.”

Melbinger expressed her skepticism about the effectiveness of the planned drainage study, saying she feared that it might not take into account the bigger picture of where the water comes from.

“If they only look at Woolsey, they’re not going to find the real answers,” she said. “The water is coming from streets like Poplar and Buckeye, and if those areas aren’t looked at, we’re not going to get a comprehensive solution. Every drop of rain that falls on a road in Glen Cove is immediately manipulated by whatever drainage is present.”

Warren Kettering, another longtime Woolsey Avenue resident, is equally frustrated with the situation. Kettering described the storm drain system’s inability to handle the volume of water during heavy rains, noting that the current infrastructure was installed between the world wars and has not been adequately updated since.

“We lose flow capacity at every turn,” Kettering said. “By the time water gets to Cottage Row, we’re down to just a fraction of what the system can handle. It’s no wonder we’re flooding.”

Kettering also raised concerns about the development that has taken place north of Woolsey since the post-World War II housing boom.

“It’s hard to understand how some of this infrastructure was approved,” he said. “There are storm



Courtesy Linda Melbinger

Homes on Woolsey Avenue have been subject to rising water during almost every significant rainstorm, leaving yards, streets and basements flooded.

drains at sea level, and then you’ve got developments at much higher elevations. It doesn’t make sense from an engineering perspective. We’re dealing with poorly-thought-out designs that are now contributing to our problems.”

The flooding isn’t just a nightmare for the residents

of Woolsey Avenue: It has serious implications for the broader Glen Cove community. Kettering pointed out that when water backs up on Woolsey, it eventually flows toward critical infrastructure like the firehouse, police station, post office and library, potentially leaving essential services at risk during severe weather.

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Veterans rally to reopen Mitchel commissary

By DANIEL OFFNER

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The Mitchel Field commissary in Garden City has been closed since early July with structural damage, leaving some 80,000 veterans on Long Island with no choice but to travel to Fort Hamilton, in Brooklyn, to avail themselves of commissary services.

Commissaries provide veterans, active-duty and retired military personnel — many of whom live on fixed incomes — with a way to shop for groceries at a discount, with savings of up to 30 percent off compared with conventional supermarkets.

Kerry Englander, commander of the Nassau County American Legion, emphasized the challenges created by the sudden closure and the importance of the services the commissary provided.

“The veterans and current military need this facility, especially with the economy the way it is today,” Englander said. “I believe that if the military and veterans are utilizing this facility, it should be opened up.”

Frank Colón Jr., commander of American Legion Post 303 in Rockville Centre, said that by closing the commissary, the Department of Defense has created a major inconvenience for Long Island veterans, many of whom cannot travel to Fort Hamilton.

“It’s a hardship on the veterans. Especially in these times,” Colón told the Herald. “It shouldn’t be like that. You’ve got veterans from Suffolk and Nassau County that go here. You think a guy from Suffolk County is going all the way to Fort Hamilton? It’s a hike.”

John Meyer, of American Legion Post 246 in Baldwin, said he has been using the Mitchel Field commissary for the past 20 years because the “prices are right.”

“It’s one of the few benefits that we get,” Meyer said. “This (facility) is for the veterans, especially the ones



Daniel Offner/Herald

Frank Colón Jr., commander of American Legion Post 303 in Rockville Centre, spoke about the closing of the Mitchel Field commissary and what it means for veterans in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

who are retired and did their time, and come here to get a third off of what they pay outside.”

He explained how at one point, it was restricted to only disabled or recently retired military servicemen and women. However, this has changed in recent years, opening up access to provide services to more veterans on Long Island.

“This is a godsend,” Meyer said. “For most people, this is the ideal place because it’s close to mid-Island. And with this closed, everybody’s got to go to Fort Ham-

ilton. That’s another 27 miles down the road. I used to work in Coney Island for transit. I’m not going down there for nothing.”

Ralph Esposito, director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency, noted the impact of the commissary’s sudden closure. “It’s a good place to go,” he said. “It saves vets lots of money. Right now, it’s hurting the veterans.” He also mentioned the increasing demand at the Veterans Food Pantry, known as Vet Mart, which has been in operation near Nassau University Medical Center since 2015.

“Because it’s closed, our numbers are getting bigger,” Esposito said. “I give away food for free, so now they’re all coming to me.”

The Vet Mart feeds about 600 people a month, including veterans and their families. The pantry also relies on volunteers, who deliver food to those unable to get to the offices in East Meadow.

In response to speculation that the facility could remain closed until early 2025, U.S. Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, County Executive Bruce Blakeman, and representatives of Congressman Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota and Tom Suozzi rallied alongside local veterans outside the Garden City facility last week to demand that the Defense Department do everything in its power to expedite the repair and provide a clear-cut timeline for when they expect it to reopen.

“I am demanding that we have the Department of Defense answer our questions immediately,” D’Esposito said. “Leaving our local veteran community in the dark over the future of this commissary is wrong, and we will not stand for it.”

Blakeman added that food insecurity has been a priority of his administration. “Nassau County will work with Long Island Cares and Island Harvest to make sure that we can get food for our veterans,” he said.



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Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Parents and their children crossed Dosoris Lane as they headed to Deasy Elementary School for the first day of classes on Tuesday

Schools opened for the first day of class

Kids and parents from all over Glen Cove made their journeys back to school during the first day of the 2024-2025 school year on Sep. 3. While the students made their to classes — seem happy, some sady — they found some improvements across the district.

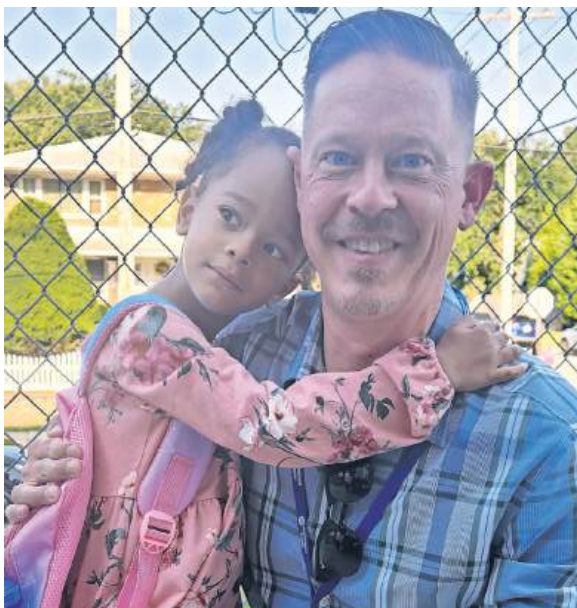
Deasy Elementary School has a newly installed elevator to improve accessibility, and the extension project at Landing Elementary School is progressing, with roof installation underway and interior work expected to be completed after Christmas.

The high school's athletic field, track, and tennis courts are now fully operational, Additionally, the high school has undergone several upgrades, including new lockers, a modernized public address system, parking lot renovations, and ceiling replacements where lighting improvements have been made.

— Roksana Amid



Salma Haidery, Mikail Amiri and Mukhtar Amiri waited outside of Deasy Elementary School to settle in for the first day of class.



Aubrey and Ryan Teed shared a few hugs before the morning announcements that greeted them.



Lauren and Jahmari Cooper were all smiles, while daughter Moriah looked a bit forlorn, waiting for the school doors to open.



Julian Guaradado and Karen Florez were prepared for the first day of school with a bag of supplies ready to go.



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Photos courtesy Jaime Teich

NOSH founder Courtney Callahan explained that part of the purpose of the art was to provide ‘food dignity’ in addition to food security.

Kids making art to fill hearts at NOSH

By WILL SHEELINE

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At just 10-years-old, Cal Krinsky is making a significant impact in his community by leading an art program for the NOSH food pantry. The program, named “Heart with ART” after his separate charity, aims to bring creativity and joy to the children who are recipients of the pantry’s services.

Cal, who has a passion for art, initially became involved with NOSH through his mother, Jaime Teich. When NOSH put out a call for help due to funding lapses that left their shelves nearly empty, Teich, who regularly donates to local food pantries through her organization, Love Your Neighbor Project, shared the situation with Cal. This conversation sparked an idea.

“We thought about donating art supplies to the kids,” Teich said. “But then we connected with NOSH’s founder, Courtney Callahan, who suggested we could do more.”

That suggestion led to the creation of Heart with ART, a four-part art series that Cal now leads for NOSH. The program invites children, ages 8 to 11, who are either recipients or volunteers at the pantry, to explore various art mediums and create artwork that will decorate NOSH’s farmers market space.

Cal’s first class, held last week, focused on still life paintings of fruits and vegetables—fitting for a food pantry

that provides fresh produce to those in need. The paintings created by the children will be displayed at the farmers market within NOSH’s pantry, adding color and warmth to the space.

“It’s really just like painting,” Cal said of the experience.

Callahan expressed her admiration for Cal, calling him a “nonprofit entrepreneur” who has managed to start a meaningful project at such a young age.

“It’s remarkable to see a 10-year-old defy the odds by not only creating art but also figuring out how to give back,” Callahan said. “He’s breaking the glass ceiling for kids.”

She added that the program’s goal goes beyond just teaching art; it’s about fostering a sense of community and dignity.

“We really want to incorporate the NOSH recipients into the process,” Callahan said. “This art isn’t just for decoration—it’s a statement of food dignity, and it’s created by the kids who are part of our NOSH family.”

Cal’s efforts are supported by local professional artists like Julia Lynette, who

assists him during the sessions. The first class focused on using acrylic paints on canvases made from recycled palette dividers, adding an eco-friendly element to the project.

As Cal continues to lead the Heart with ART program, his mother remains committed to letting him take the reins.

“I’m here to facilitate and assist,” Teich said, “but this is Cal’s project, and he’s learning and growing with it.”

It’s remarkable to see a 10-year-old defy the odds by not only creating art but also figuring out how to give back.

COURTNEY CALLAHAN
founder,
NOSH



Cal Krinsky’s love of art led him to lead a new art program for other children at NOSH.

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DeRiggi-Whitton calls for AG investigation

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Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton called for an immediate investigation on Aug. 28 by New York State Attorney General Letitia James into the alleged misuse of taxpayer dollars by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

The request comes in response to revelations that Blakeman spent over \$100,000 of taxpayer money on a county-wide mailer that appears to serve as a political advertisement for Rep. Anthony D'Esposito.

DeRiggi-Whitton claimed that the mailer, which addresses the so-called "Migrant Crisis," is widely viewed as a thinly veiled attempt to bolster D'Esposito's re-election campaign against former Town of Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen in one of the most hotly contested federal races in the country. DeRiggi-Whitton condemned the mailer as a blatant misuse of public resources for political gain.

"This is a clear violation of public trust," said DeRiggi-Whitton. "Public funds are meant to serve the residents of Nassau County, not to be used as a political war chest. The repeated misuse of taxpayer money by County Executive Blakeman for political purposes cannot and will not be tolerated."

This is not the first time Blakeman has come under fire for misusing public resources.

DeRiggi-Whitton noted that Blakeman has previously spent public funds on mailers attacking political opponents, including Gov. Kathy Hochul, over issues like funding for Nassau University Medical Center.

"County Executive Blakeman has a troubling history of using taxpayer dollars to advance his political agenda," DeRiggi-Whitton added. "This pattern of misconduct must be thoroughly investigated, and if confirmed, it's imperative that those responsible are held accountable."

The use of public resources for political purposes is



Courtesy Office of Delia DeRiggi-Whitton

Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton called for an investigation into County Executive Bruce Blakeman's alleged misuse of public funds at a press conference on Wednesday.

strictly prohibited under New York state law. Section 74 of the New York Public Officers Law prohibits public officers from using their positions to secure unwarranted privileges for themselves or others.

Additionally, Section 107 of the New York State Civil Service Law bans the use of public funds for political advertising and activities.

DeRiggi-Whitton has formally requested that James launch an immediate investigation into the matter.

Copies of the mailers in question were provided as

exhibits in the letter sent to the Attorney General's office.

"Our duty as public officials is to serve the people, not our political ambitions," DeRiggi-Whitton concluded. "I trust that the Attorney General will take the necessary steps to ensure that justice is served."

— Will Sheeline

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Fall approaches with plenty of color

By Karen Bloom

Do you enjoy spending time outside to take full advantage of the season? While we transition into fall, there's no reason to give up on summer's blossoms just yet. Colors abound and late summer delights linger on — for a while longer.

With your favorite book, a nice container or cup of your favorite (iced) beverage and a gorgeous bunch of flowers on your patio table, you can brighten up your days on your deck, patio or balcony — or even inside — and enjoy it all with a capital E.

Color explosion

Many (bulb) flowers are still available in all sorts of unbelievable colors and shapes. Of course you could always buy a beautiful ready-made bouquet. But why do that? Create a spectacular summer bouquet yourself with loose flowers, leaves, and branches. Display it on your tables — indoors and out — and enjoy the beautiful colors of typical summer bloomers like dahlias, gladioli and lilies.

Floral décor that lasts

Be creative with your planters to reflect your style and personality. Start out by choosing a sturdy vase or pot that is suitable for outdoor use. Or go for smaller vases scattered around the table to set a playful atmosphere.

Cut off the bottom of the flower stems diagonally, to help the flowers absorb water better and stay fresh longer. You'll want to place your vase with flowers in the shade for best results. Regularly water your flowers to keep them fresh. Of course, on warmer days — and we'll still have some of those remaining — you may need to do this every day. Also, if necessary, use rocks or sand to stabilize the vase and prevent it from toppling in windy weather.

Complete the look of your patio table with a few cozy candles, lanterns or other seasonal items.

Nature thrives in the home garden

Thanks to their long flowering period, you can enjoy your florals for weeks or even months. Summer-flowering bulbs often attract pollinating insects as well, and thus contribute to biodiversity in your garden. Remove wilted flowers to extend the flowering period. Some summer bulbs, such as gladioli and dahlias, can be dug up after flowering and stored frost-free. You can then plant them again the following spring.

Certainly, there are so many choices. As you start to think about ideas for next year, that will add to your floral assortment, think beyond the summer bulbs gladioli, dahlias, lilies, and begonias. You might want to check out other unusual bulbous plants such as calla (*Zantedeschia*), pineapple lilies (*Eucomis*), freesias (*Freesia*) or blazing star (*Liatris*)

If you've planted lilies, you've got something special to delight your family and friends. If not,



consider doing so. The majestic blooms of lilies create an elegant look, whether on the balcony, terrace, or indoors. The variety of colors, from pure white and creamy yellow to deep red and purple, make them a great match for any style and taste. With their compact growth habit, potted lilies are perfect for use outdoors and indoors.

A bouquet of lilies always looks fabulous. With their rich range of colors, shapes, and fragrances, you'll have plenty of choices every time, whether for yourself or to give as a gift.

And they move with the seasons. Lilies combine beautifully with seasonal flowers. Try lilies in combination with typical spring bloomers in spring, and with dahlias and gladioli in (late) summer. In fall and winter, for example, a bouquet of lilies with some added branches looks great (and will last a long time). In other words: you can vary endlessly with lilies.

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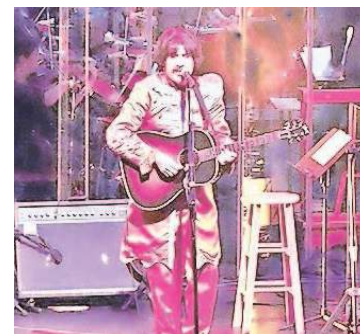
Keep summer's colors going as we transition into fall and enjoy the season's last moments around your home.



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THE \$ SCENE

Sept. 19

Killer Queen

Queen-mania keeps on rockin' as Killer Queen returns to the Paramount stage, Thursday, **Sept. 19**, at 8 p.m., with their homage to the beloved band. Formed in the UK in 1993, Killer Queen played their first public shows at London University, following in the footsteps of the real Queen who had their first shows there 22 years earlier. By 1995 Killer Queen's UK popularity had grown to such an extent they secured



a residency in London's Strand Theatre attracting nationwide BBC coverage — the first tribute to have a show in the West End. Even though the band never had any connection to Queen officially their reputation continued to grow both in the UK and abroad.

In 1999 they returned from a tour of Europe and Russia for an awards ceremony hosted by Suggs from Madness. He announced they had won the award for "Worldwide Best Tribute Band" Fronted by Patrick Myers as Freddie Mercury, critics have described Myers' resemblance to Freddie Mercury as "spooky;" his uncanny likeness was further proven when he recorded a #1 hit single singing as Freddie Mercury on Fat Boy Slim's record "The Real Life." Their expert musicianship, extraordinary energy, and accurate portrayal of the world's greatest live band has rightfully earned them the title of Queen Royalty! Thrilling sell-out audiences across the globe the band recreates the high energy, powerful phenomenon that was Queen live. This quality, combined with Myers' powerful three-and-a-half octave tenor range, expert musicianship and dynamic stage presence, has captivated audiences the world over. \$54.50, \$44.50, \$39.50, \$29.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.

Sept. 11

Hempstead House tour

Sands Point Preserve is the backdrop to explore the elegant Gold Coast home that's the centerpiece of the estate, Wednesday, **Sept. 11**, noon-1 p.m.; also Sept. 25. Visit the grand rooms inside the massive 50,000-square-foot Tudor-style mansion, the former summer residence of Gilded Age financier Howard Gould and later Daniel and Florence Guggenheim. Tours are limited in size and tend to sell out. Arrive early to purchase tickets. \$10. Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road. For information, visit SandsPointPreserveConservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901.



Tribute concert

Plaza Theatricals continues its tribute series, Sunday, **Sept. 15**, 2:30 p.m., with "Mirror of Mathis." Vocalist-impressionist David Robbins thrills audiences with his 90-minute tribute to Johnny Mathis. His uncanny likeness and vocals that sound just like Mathis will leave you spellbound. Singing along with Johnny Mathis since he was a youngster, by age 12 he was imitating Mathis and has been doing it ever since, delighting all. He performs at the Elmont Library Theatre, 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$40, \$35 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.

Deep Roots Farmers Market

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

Game Time

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FCA TO HOST SENIOR H.O.P.E FAIR

Family & Children's Association, one of Long Island's largest nonprofit health and human services organizations, with funding made possible through the US Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, will host a free senior H.O.P.E Fair on Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Samanea N.Y. mall in Westbury, center court, second floor.

H.O.P.E., which stands for *Happiness, Opportunity, Positive, Energy*, is geared towards older adults and their families. Attendees can receive information from over 50 vendors on age-related mental health and substance abuse services.

"It's no secret that Long Island's population is aging," FCA President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds said. "Every year, our senior division helps more than 10,000 seniors improve their quality of life. The H.O.P.E Fair will allow us to share these resources, and so many others, with the greater Long Island community."

Lisa Stern, FCA's Assistant Vice President for Senior & Adult Services, added, "We're thrilled to bring the H.O.P.E Fair to Long Island's senior population and their families. We couldn't do this without our valued community partners and are happy to have vendors from diverse backgrounds participating and offering a multitude of help and services to the senior community."

The fair will also feature technology training for seniors in a friendly, relaxed environment, and four educational workshops will be held throughout the day on topics ranging from Medicare to scam prevention, mental health and substance use awareness, as well as caregiver support.

Additionally, any senior who registers prior to the event will receive a free boxed lunch and raffle ticket. Samanea N.Y. is located at 1500 Old Country Rd. in Westbury. Additional details on FCA's Senior H.O.P.E Fair, including how to register, vendors and workshops, can be found on www.fcali.org or by contacting Kim L. Como at (347) 573-1044



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Shake your belly

Kids ages 5-13 can express themselves in Belly Dance workshop, Saturday, **Sept. 7**, 2-3 p.m., hosted by Sea Cliff Arts Council. This session is perfect for young girls who want to explore the fun and expressive world of belly dance. Through engaging and age-appropriate activities, with instructor Valeria Lujan, participants learn basic dance movements while gaining confidence and coordination.

Kids only need to bring water and a long skirt (optional) and come ready to have fun. Everyone will receive a hip scarf to take home, and the workshop will be accompanied by authentic music. \$16 fee. 86 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff. Visit SeaCliffArtsCouncil.org for more information.

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.



Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturdays at Nassau County Museum of Art. The drop-in program returns for a new season, Saturday, **Sept. 21**, 9, noon-3 p.m. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join educators at the Manes Center to explore and discover different materials to create your own original artwork. Kids and their adult partners connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. \$20 adult, \$10 child. Registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org for more information and to register or call (516) 484-9337.



Storybook Stroll

Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for another storybook adventure, Saturday, **Sept. 7**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Stroll the gardens and listen to Jen Arena's "Acorn Was A Little Wild!" Later create a unique take home craft. The stroll starts at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), ending at the Thatched Cottage. For ages 3-5. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information visit OldWestburyGardens.org or contact (516) 333-0048.

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.



Art League of L.I. exhibit

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Art League of Long Island presents "Retrospect - The Individual Art of Collaboration in Reconstructive Surgery." The exhibit delves into the interplay between personal artistry and collaborative efforts in the context of breast reconstruction, showcasing how the healing process can transcend medicine to become an inspiring narrative of restoration and personal resilience. This unique exhibition explores the intersection of medicine and art through the lens of two accomplished breast reconstruction surgeons, Dr. Ron Israeli and Dr. Jonathan Bank, whose careers and artistic endeavors are deeply intertwined.

The works on display show the multifaceted nature of artistic expression in medicine and surgery. Their work emphasizes the importance of collaborative creativity in the healing process, offering viewers a unique perspective on the emotional and physical aspects of breast reconstruction. On view **Sept. 28** through **Oct. 18**. Jeanie Tengelsen Gallery at Art League of Long Island, 107 East Deer Park Road, Dix Hills. Visit artleagueli.org for more information.

Having an event?

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

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Going from housewife to House speaker

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By WILL SHEELINE

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Former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi is set to visit Long Island on Sept. 8 to discuss her new book, “The Art of Power,” as part of an ongoing speaker series hosted by former Congressman Steve Israel, owner of Theodore’s Books in Oyster Bay. The event will be held at the Krasnoff Theater at Long Island University, in Brookville, and will give attendees a chance to hear from one of the most influential figures in American politics.

Pelosi, who served as the first woman speaker for eight years, will delve into her experiences detailed in the book, which traces her journey from housewife to House speaker. The book also highlights her role as a key legislator and a prominent figure during the Trump administration.

Israel, a former member of the House of Representatives who opened Theodore’s Books in 2021, after he retired from Congress, sees the event as a continuation of his efforts to foster bipartisan dialogue and encourage civic engagement.

“I heard Nancy had a book in the works, so I reached out and asked if she would visit Long Island to talk about it. She agreed,” Israel said. “I believe in the power of open discussion, and this event aligns with our mission to explore diverse perspectives.”

Theodore’s Books has hosted a range of speakers, including retired Gen. David Petraeus and other notable figures.

“Our bookstore is making its own contribution to broad bipartisan discussions,” Israel explained. “Yes, we have Nancy Pelosi, who’s a partisan Democrat, but we’re also bringing in Steve Forbes, a very conservative thinker on inflation and the economy.”



Courtesy Gage Skidmore

Nancy Pelosi will discuss her new book, ‘The Art of Power,’ in an upcoming talk with former Congressman Steve Israel, owner of Theodore’s Books in Oyster Bay.

Israel said he planned to engage Pelosi in a conversation that transcends partisan politics, focusing instead on the broader themes of leadership and power. “I don’t want the conversation to get overly partisan,” he said. “I want this to be a history lesson and an exploration of how power is developed and employed, and why and for what reasons. One of the lessons I learned from Nancy Pelosi is to know your why — whether you’re on the left or the right, know why you are in a position of power.”

“The Art of Power” offers readers insights into

Pelosi’s strategic maneuvers at significant moments in American history, including her interactions with presidents and her leadership during the Trump administration. It also has Pelosi’s personal reflections on pivotal events, such as the Jan. 6 Capitol riot and the violent attack on her husband, Paul Pelosi, in 2022 in their home in San Francisco.

Israel emphasized that the book offers valuable lessons for people on both ends of the political spectrum. “Whether you’re a Republican or a Democrat, Nancy Pelosi teaches fascinating lessons about the use of power, and that’s why I thought it would be interesting to bring her here,” he said.

The event is expected to draw a large crowd, and tickets are required. According to the Theodore’s Books website, there are multiple tiers of tickets available, each including a copy of “The Art of Power.” While there will be no book signing at the event, additional copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m., with the conversation set to begin at 4. The Krasnoff Theater is inside Hillwood Commons at LIU’s Post Campus in Brookville.

Israel said he hoped the event would contribute to a deeper understanding of American politics and the complexities of leadership.

“I want people to walk away with an informed view of recent history in Congress and in Washington,” he said. “This event is part of a series that aims to escape the sound bites and opinions drummed into us on cable news and social media, and instead expose us to a variety of experiences and let us reach informed judgments.”

To purchase tickets for Pelosi’s appearance or to learn more about upcoming events at Theodore’s Books, visit TheodoresBooks.com.

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A beach cleanup for all ages at the harbor

Annual International Coastal Cleanup returns to four beaches on Sept. 21

By WILL SHEELINE

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Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor is gearing up for its annual International Coastal Cleanup, set for Sept. 21. The event, which will be held across four beaches around Hempstead Harbor, marks a return to the cleanup initiative after last year's event was canceled due to flooding.

Lisa Cashman, associate director of CSHH, explained that last year's cleanup was called off because a massive storm caused extreme coastal flooding, making it unsafe for volunteers.

"We didn't feel it was safe to invite families to the locations where we were planning," Cashman said. "Roads leading to the beaches were flooded, and we needed to err on the side of caution."

Despite the setback, the International Coastal Cleanup is more than just a local cleanup effort. In partnership with the Ocean Conservancy and the American Littoral Society, the event contributes to a global data-collection effort aimed to track and address marine debris.

Volunteers at the cleanup will document and catalog the types and quantities of trash collected, which is then entered into a worldwide database. This data helps identify trends in pollution and forms long-term solutions for managing marine debris.

The event will span four key locations: Town of North Hempstead Beach Park, Tappen Beach, Sea Cliff Beach, and Morgan Park Beach. Each site will have a designated captain to oversee the cleanup and data collection. Volunteers will work in teams to gather and record debris, contributing to a larger understanding of pollution in the harbor.

Dina Epstein, one of the beach captains and chair of the Sea Cliff Environmental Conservation Commission, emphasized the importance of the cleanup both for environmental health and community engagement.

"Every day is Coastal Cleanup Day for environmentalists," Epstein said. "But this event allows us to systematically collect data on the waste we find, which is crucial for understanding and addressing pollution."

The International Coastal Cleanup is unique in that it not only addresses the immediate need to remove debris but also contributes to a scientific database that helps create policy and environmental practices. Two years ago, when the event was last held, volunteers removed 375 pounds of debris from over a mile of shoreline, collecting a variety of items including 1,233 plastic pieces, 876 cigarette butts, 638 bottle caps, and 634 food wrappers.

"This data is vital for tracking pollution trends and advocating for changes such as plastic bag bans and straw



Last year dozens of volunteers gathered across four beaches to participate in the International Coastal Cleanup.

bans," Cashman noted. "The more data we collect, the better we can understand the threats to our ecosystems and work towards solutions."

The cleanup is open to the public, and participants can choose to volunteer for any amount of time during the event. Cashman encouraged people of all ages and skill levels to join, noting that volunteers do not need to stay for the full two hours.

"Even if you can only make it for part of the time, your contribution is impactful," she said. "It's a great way to get involved and make a difference."

In addition to beach cleanup activities, Epstein and her team will be available at Sea Cliff Beach to weigh and document the refuse collected.

"We're looking forward to a great turnout," Epstein said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for community members to engage with environmental issues and contribute to a cleaner, healthier harbor."

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves and comfortable clothing. However, the coalition will provide necessary supplies including trash bags and data collection forms. Participants are advised to arrive at their chosen beach by 9 a.m. on Sept. 21 to ensure they are ready to begin by the event's start time.

For more information about the International Coastal Cleanup, the coalition and to register as a volunteer, visit the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's website at CoalitionToSaveHempsteadHarbor.org.



Herald file photos

The International Coastal Cleanup helps to clear trash from local beaches while recording information that plays a key role in environmental studies across the world.

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OPINIONS

A better idea than the original congestion pricing plan

Yes, I think we can all agree that New York City's roads are too crowded, the air is too polluted, and a lot of money is needed to improve mass transit, but the plan to charge commuters \$15 to enter Manhattan — on top of the tolls they're already paying — that was recently put on hold by Gov. Kathy Hochul isn't the way to go. The additional expense wouldn't affect the rich, but it would clobber the middle class and working poor, who are already overburdened by high taxes.



**SAUL
SCHACHTER**

Proponents say that the plan would push commuters to take the train. Well, have you seen how much train tickets cost these days? From my village of Sea Cliff, a round-trip ticket to Manhattan

is \$29. And, of course, that fee doesn't include parking. And for some folks, like my friend Charlotte Abelson, who owned an upholstery business and worked into her 80s, commuting daily into the city, it was not feasible for her to lug her wares onto the Long Island Rail Road.

And there are some communities that don't have train service at all.

The original congestion pricing plan would create a staggering bureaucracy. Since it was announced, more than 130 groups have petitioned to be exempt or to be charged a reduced fare. (If their claims are accepted, who would make up the difference for revenue lost?). Small businesses and Broadway producers have testified that the plan would hurt. Companies have declared that they would send their trucks through Bronx neighborhoods to avoid paying the new tolls — which I am sure would not delight the people

living there.

But there is a solution: Instead of the original congestion pricing plan, let's severely cut the price of a train ticket. I can testify from personal experience how this would be a success. I've always loved Manhattan, but the cost to go into the city became too prohibitive, so I limited my jaunts to special occasions.

But then, three years ago, I turned 65. While I wasn't ecstatic about becoming a senior citizen, it did have a nice benefit: half-price tickets on the LIRR! So my old \$29 ticket is now \$14.50 — still a tad high, but much better. I go in to Manhattan at least once a week now. And I'm helping the city's economy: I see a show, I eat in a restaurant, I attend concerts and book signings. Indeed, since I'm going in more often than I did before, I'm adding more money to help rebuild mass transit.

How about drastically reducing the price of an LIRR ticket instead of hiking tolls?

And it seems that Governor Hochul likes my plan — though she might not realize it. Traffic around Kennedy Airport has gotten worse because of construction going on, so Hochul has cut the price of an AirTrain ticket in half, from \$8.50 to \$4.25, as a way to induce travelers to leave their vehicles at home and reduce the traffic around the airport. And it's working. Way to go, Governor!

So let's extend this idea to the railroad: Dramatically cut the price of an LIRR ticket. Commuters would leave their cars at home, traffic entering the city would be reduced, air pollution would decrease, and there would be lots of revenue to improve mass transit. A win-win for everyone.

Saul Schachter is a retired social studies teacher and freelance writer whose essays have appeared in Newsday, The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and The Miami Herald as well as in a 2020 collection entitled, "Why Does My Social Life Pick Up When I Leave the Country?"

Reading about local schools? Consider yourself lucky.

I've been in the local news business a long time. Not long enough to remember the first handwritten newspaper, distributed in Venice in 1566, or the first *printed* news sheets, published in Germany in 1605, but I go back.

I can recall cutting and pasting printed stories on boards, each one a page of the paper. If the story didn't fit, you just cut a paragraph or two from the bottom. Thus the importance of the first sentence or two, known as the lede, and the first three paragraphs, which basically told the story.



**RANDI
KREISS**

We used typewriters and yellow paper to write, which my editor would periodically rip up, declaring, "You have no right to desecrate the language of Shakespeare." She was a stickler. We had no computers — until the morning we came in to work and found that our Smith Coronas had been replaced by Kaypros.

I was hired away from the late South Shore Record, owned by the indomitable Florence Schwartzberg, by Leatrice Spanierman, a brilliant editor and a

natural newspaperwoman. Leatrice, who recently celebrated a fabulous birthday, was socially, intellectually and emotionally intertwined with the Herald brand. We turned out big local papers in those days at our Lawrence headquarters.

Our team wrote 10 to 20 local stories every week, and our motto was, "Everything that happens anywhere in the world has a Five Towns angle." And it was true. If a ship hit an iceberg in Antarctica, for sure there was someone who knew someone on board.

Local lowlifes freaked out more if they landed in the Nassau Herald police blotter than if their mug shot had appeared in The New York Times, because their kids might see the paper. We journalists lived and worked in town. Our reporters went to all the village and school board meetings. We covered football games and charity balls. Everything was copy.

This is all to say that local newspapers are essential to a functioning democracy, and I am grateful to have enjoyed this golden age of local journalism. This is also to say that across the country, small papers are closing. As reported on CBS News recently, "According to an Associated Press anal-

ysis of data compiled by the University of North Carolina, more than 1,400 towns and cities in the U.S. have lost a newspaper over the past 15 years. The loss of a reliable local news source has

many consequences for the community. One of them is the inability to watchdog the actions of government agencies and elected officials."

This is also to say, stay true. Subscribe to and read and advertise in our papers. We need to mind what's going on in our schools, and to do that we need reporters to monitor the board meetings, and to do that we need to pay

them.

The local paper covers everything from potholes to parades. If you want the scoop on former Congressman George Santos, read about it in the Herald. Are you concerned about County Executive Bruce Blakeman's idea for a kind of armed militia to prepare for emergencies? The ongoing debate over a casino license for the county? These stories need to be covered in our local newspapers, and we need the staff and the readership to support our efforts.

The dailies look at news through a wide-angle lens; our focus is more intense.

The North Shore Coalition Against

Substance Abuse's annual golf outing was in one of our papers last week, and I saw a story out of Freeport about Petros Mestheneas, who was named Firefighter of the Year. And to prove my point about there being a local angle to every story in the world, Boston's new archbishop is a Valley stream native and a former auxiliary bishop of Rockville Center.

In the Nassau Herald, Melissa Berman wrote the quintessential local news story about a 100-year-old oak tree that was cut down to build a parking lot. It's a terrific local story, with ties to larger issues of overdevelopment and housing needs vs. parking needs.

In recent Heralds there was coverage of the county's Jimmy Buffett tribute at Eisenhower Park, the clam-eating contest in Island Park and the Chabad Hebrew School of Merrick, Bellmore and Wantagh accepting enrollments for the new school year. There were obituaries of Ana Mercedes Hernandez, Joseph C. Smetana, Robert "Bob" Heggy and Joyce Marino Corso.

The obituaries are the guiding light of local newspapers, reflecting the past of the community and its people, reminding us of the special ties that bind friends and neighbors together.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

As schools reopen, drivers know the drill

“School’s Open — Drive Carefully” has been the annual refrain in a back-to-school safety-awareness campaign that is now nearly 80 years old. But it’s worth repeating every September.

Driving carefully in and around school zones is crucial in the effort to ensure the safety of children, parents and school staff. School zones are areas in which there are likely to be children crossing streets, walking along sidewalks, riding bikes and meandering as only kids do. They are less aware of traffic dangers, and their presence necessitates heightened caution from drivers.

A study by Safe Kids Worldwide found that 25,000 children are injured every year in school zone accidents nationwide. The Transportation Research Board found that vehicles near schools account for 43 percent of all pedestrian accidents involving children ages 5 to 9.

And it’s no surprise that speeding is a significant factor in school-zone accidents. The risk of a pedestrian fatality increases dramatically with vehicle

speed. The American Automobile Association Foundation for Traffic Safety reports that someone on foot who is struck by a vehicle traveling 25 mph has a 25 percent chance of sustaining serious injury or dying, but that risk increases to 50 percent if the vehicle is traveling just 10 mph faster. School zones commonly have speed limits of 20 mph or less, so adhering to those limits is vital to minimize those risks.

Distracted driving is another major concern near schools. A study by the National Safety Council found that distracted drivers cause one in every four car crashes nationwide. In school zones, texting or talking on a phone or fiddling with dashboard technology can have catastrophic consequences for a child who may suddenly dart into the street or cross without warning.

School zones are most congested during drop-off and pick-up times. According to the National Center for Safe Routes to School, parents driving their children to school account for 25 percent of morning traffic. The volume increases the likelihood of accidents, particu-

larly when drivers are in a rush.

Along with potential injuries, there are legal consequences for school-zone scofflaws, starting with hefty fines for speeding in those zones, often doubled or tripled during school hours. And here on Long Island, red-light cameras have been installed at busy intersections near schools, and more buses are being equipped with cameras to catch one of the most potentially dangerous vehicular infractions of all, passing a stopped bus with its red lights flashing — in either direction.

Whether you’ve seen “Schools Open — Drive Carefully” for dozens of years or are a new driver, common sense dictates that following that single instruction is key to helping ensure that children arrive at school safely and return home safely each day, along with the administrators, teachers and other staff to whom we entrust them. Do your part by slowing down and keeping your eyes on the street and the crosswalks — in other words, giving school zones your undivided attention when you’re at the wheel.

LETTERS

Curran’s wrong about the ‘war on women’

To the Editor:

In his recent column, “The real war on women in New York,” Assemblyman Brian Curran suggests that “the fate of women’s reproductive health” in New York will not be affected whether or not Prop 1, the New York Equal Rights Amendment, passes in November. Simply put, this is not true, and echoes the same reassurances we heard right before Roe v. Wade was overturned.

Prop 1 is in fact our crucial opportunity to ensure that the fate of reproductive health care is secure in New York. It’s an opportunity we cannot let go to waste.

Prop 1 will guarantee access to reproductive health care — including abortion, birth control, and in vitro fertilization — in the New York Constitution so it is permanently shielded from government interference.

Before Roe v. Wade was overturned, many of us took for granted that our reproductive freedom would always be protected. Since then, reproductive health care like abortion, contraception, and IVF has been under attack across the country. While New Yorkers may assume that we are insulated from these battles, the reality is that the state law covering our reproductive rights can be repealed or changed based on who is in the State Legislature or the governor’s mansion. That’s why we need to pass Prop 1: to cement our reproductive rights in the State Constitution so they can’t be rolled back by politicians down the line.

Further, Prop 1 will close loopholes in the Constitution that could allow government discrimination



against people based on their age, disability, ethnicity, whether they are pregnant, or whether they’re LGBT — because those in power shouldn’t be able to take advantage of any New Yorker, especially the most vulnerable among us.

All New Yorkers deserve the freedom to control our own bodies, lives and futures. Prop 1 puts the power to stand up for these freedoms in the voters’ hands.

SASHA AHUJA
Campaign director,
New Yorkers for Equal Rights

Long Islanders can’t fight climate change alone

To the Editor:

Every time someone writes a column against fossil fuels, such as Lauren Krueger’s “To beat the heat on Long Island, we must fight fossil fuels,” I cannot believe what I’m reading. It’s total nonsense! Nothing that the United States does will impact climate change, global warming or whatever else you want to

OPINIONS

Behind the mask: the flaws in Nassau's new law

Imagine a law introduced to fight hate and bigotry — yet it is so flawed that it inadvertently shields those very perpetrators from justice.

That's precisely what happened on Aug. 5, when the Nassau County Legislature's Republican majority pushed through its so-called Mask Transparency Act — a law that, despite its intentions, opens the door to unintended consequences.



SETH I. KOSLOW

At first glance, the measure appears to be a strong stance against antisemitism, aimed at unmasking those who would hide behind disguises to commit hateful acts. As a Jewish parent, I understand the appeal of such a measure. But as a former prosecutor, I can't ignore the fact that this law is not only unconstitutional, but also dangerously impractical.

In this instance, the devil is in the details — or rather, in the lack of them. The legislation is rife with ambiguities that could turn ordinary citizens into targets of unjust prosecution, while allowing actual criminals to walk free.

The members of the Democratic minority recognized these flaws early on, and proposed a more narrowly tailored bill focused specifically on punishing those who use masks to evade responsibility for criminal acts. The Democratic bill was not only clearer, but would have provided a more effective deterrent against those who commit crimes under the guise of anonymity. My colleagues and I also sought to work with the Republicans on a bipartisan solution that could have been both effective and constitutionally sound. Unfortunately, Republicans rebuffed these efforts, pushing through their version of the law without considering the potential consequences.

Let me paint you a picture of how this could play out in real life. Imagine a man named Joe Schmoe who harbors deep-seated antisemitic views. He attends an anti-Israel protest outside Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, where he adds his voice to hateful and aggressive chants. The police maintain order throughout the event, but as it winds down, officers notice Schmoe throwing an empty beer bottle into the street. No one is injured, and no property is damaged, but Schmoe is wearing a

mask.

The officers, following the new law, ask Schmoe to remove his mask. He refuses. Asked why he's wearing it, he remains silent. Left with little choice, the police arrest him — not for throwing the bottle, but for violating the Mask Transparency Act.

How do we prevent a guy with true hate in his heart from being acquitted?

Here's where things get tricky. Schmoe is processed and eventually ends up in court, where he is provided a public defender, because he can't afford his own attorney. His case lingers in the justice system for nearly two years due to backlogs. When the case finally goes to trial, the prosecution — funded by taxpayers — is tasked with proving that Schmoe wore the mask with criminal intent.

But his defense is simple: He claims he wore the mask because he wasn't feeling well, and feared contracting Covid-19. How can the prosecution definitively disprove this claim? The jury, bound to follow the law as written, might very well have no choice but to acquit him. And just like that, the Mask Transparency Act becomes the perfect tool for committing what I call the "perfect crime."

This is more than a hypothetical scenario; it's a real possibility under this poorly crafted law. The resources spent on prosecuting someone like Schmoe, who walks away unscathed in the end, could have been better used to target those who seek to harm others.

The sad irony here is that the Mask Transparency Act was meant to protect communities from hate and violence, but instead it creates legal loopholes that make it harder to hold the guilty accountable. The law's vague language and broad scope mean that it can be easily manipulated, turning a well-meaning but seriously flawed piece of legislation into a shield for those it was meant to expose.

Nassau County needs to pass laws that are both constitutionally sound and effective in practice, and the Mask Transparency Act fails on both counts. Instead of deterring hate, it risks emboldening those who seek to evade justice by exploiting the very law designed to stop them. We deserve better — and we deserve laws that are precise, enforceable and, above all, just.

The fight against hate is too important to be left to legislation that does more harm than good. It's time for our leaders to go back to the drawing board and craft solutions that truly protect our communities.

Seth I. Koslow represents Nassau County's 5th Legislative District.

LETTERS

call it, and "beat the heat on Long Island." Nothing!

According to Google, as of November 2023, the top five countries, by percentage of carbon emissions, were: China, 30.9 percent; the U.S., 13.5 percent; India, 7.9 percent; Russia, 4.7 percent; and Japan, 2.9 percent. China and India are responsible for almost three times the carbon emissions of the U.S. In addition, China continues to put new coal-fired electric generating plants online. China is laughing at us!

China gets nearly 60 percent of its electricity from coal, the U.S., 16 percent. If the U.S. gets rid of fossil fuels for our cars and electrical generation facilities, it will have a very limited effect, or no effect, on beating the heat on Long Island. All it will do is drain our wallets and pocketbooks, and make some people feel good. "Look at me! I'm saving the environment!"

ROBERT KRALICK
Glen Head

Vance, and Trump, demean military service

To the Editor:

Nothing raises this veteran's ire more

than candidates who demean veterans, and by extension, those on active duty. On Aug. 8, the Republican vice presidential nominee, J.D. Vance, accused Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Walz — with little evidence — of "stolen valor," saying he lied about seeing combat "in war." Then Vance drew a comparison between his four years of service, during which he was a combat correspondent in the Marine Corps, and Walz's 24 years of service, during which he achieved the highest enlisted rank in the Army National Guard.

Neither Walz nor Vance has seen, as Vance says, "any real fighting." In either case, their choice to serve was commendable and should not be a topic of criticism. The underlying issue is the one that deserves every patriot's attention: the disdain for those in uniform by the draft dodger at Mar-A-Lago.

There is well-cited evidence of former President Donald Trump demeaning veterans, including remarks made about the sacred grounds of U.S. military cemeteries in Normandy, France, and Arlington, Virginia. He categorizes us as suckers and losers. He is the last person this apolitical veteran would choose to be commander in chief of our armed

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WILLIAM (COTY) KELLER
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William Keller is a 21-year Navy veter-

an who served in Vietnam and on six ships, two of which he commanded. He was also a professor of national security affairs at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

CORRECTION

The story "Suozzi urges immigration reform at Dems' convention," in last week's issue, mistakenly attributed the following quote to U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi: "It's about more than just making blankets; it's about building relationships and community." Those were not Representative Suozzi's words.



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