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A day in a firefighter's boots

Luke Yoder, 4, of Glen Cove, couldn't contain his excitement as he found out what it's like to be a firefighter last Saturday. The Glen Cove Fire Department was on hand at the library to answer children's questions — and perhaps secure a few early promises of service from future volunteers. More photos, Page 10.

Phoebe George honored for LGBTQ advocacy efforts

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The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, in partnership with the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation, celebrated outstanding young advocates in their communities at an event on Monday. Phoebe George, a senior at the Glen Cove High School, was among the eight teens recognized for their advocacy for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer community, with a focus on trans youth.

"Even if things aren't happening to me specifically, it doesn't mean that I shouldn't fight

for it," George said. "I don't think it should just sit right with people that injustices are happening to people. Doing nothing — to me — is one of the worst feelings."

George, a gender-non-conforming student who uses gender-neutral pronouns, took a bold stand as part of their senior capstone project by addressing critical issues the LGBTQ community faces. In a presentation at a Board of Education meeting in January, George highlighted alarming statistics — for instance, the fact that 510 anti-LGBTQ bills have been introduced in Congress in the last two years, with 278 of them specifically targeting trans people, who make up

Voters approve \$113.4 million school budget

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The hallway outside the main office at Glen Cove High School was tense, with all eyes fixed on the white board and district Superintendent Maria Rianna as she tallied the results of the 2024-25 school budget vote. When it was evident that it had passed, Rianna was exuberant, throwing her arms in the air and then thanking community members for their support.

The spending plan, totaling roughly \$114 million, passed with 689 votes in favor and 392 against, and will, district officials say, ensure the thorough education and safety of the district's 3,000 students across its six schools. The budget's highlights include increased funding for special education, all existing programs, health insurance, and other essential services to address rising costs.

Proposition 2, which garnered 711 "yes" votes and 332 "nos," will establish a new capital reserve fund with a maximum allocation of \$30 million over 15 years. This money will support improvements to classrooms as well as the high school auditorium, gymnasium,

cafeteria and library, and technology upgrades.

Proposition 3, which passed with 714 votes for and 313 against, will allow the district to utilize \$9 million from an existing capital reserve fund established in 2019. It will address critical infrastructure projects, including extensions at the Deasy and Landing schools, new classroom construction, new furniture, parking lot improvements, and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant ramps at Thayer House, among other upgrades.

"It's faith in the future," Rianna said. "Those who indicated that we should open the other reserve are really supportive of future renovations, and (the proposition) allows us to do that without an impact to the community and to the taxes. I'm very grateful that we were given that support."

Anne Markoulis, Maureen Jimenez and Meghan Lavine were elected to the Board of Education, all running uncontested. They received 789, 772 and 748 votes, respectively.

The largest budget item is for general education instruction, totaling over \$31 million. Special education costs amount to roughly \$22.2 million.

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City unites on a national day of cleanup

May 23, 2024 – GLEN COVE HERALD

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The sound of wood chippers at the Glen Cove Train Station and the sound of raking leaves near the police station went on for three hours as the city's Department of Public Works and dedicated student volunteers rolled up their sleeves on May 17 to help keep the city clean. This initiative was part of the Keep America Beautiful® Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program. This annual event mobilizes thousands of communities nationwide to enhance the beauty and environmental health of their surroundings.

The Great American Cleanup, now in its 25th year, marked a significant milestone in 2023. Affiliates and participating organizations across the country joined forces to clean and beautify their communities. The collective efforts resulted in the removal of more than 10 million pounds of litter and debris. Additionally, they cleaned and improved 787,966 acres of parks, public lands, playgrounds, and trails, planted 6,257 trees, and introduced over 65,000 plants, flowers, shrubs, and bulbs.

In Glen Cove, the spirit of community was palpable as volunteers of all ages came together. Among them was 16-year-old Kai Kielcewski, who dedicated her time to help the DPW workers.

"I like to see a beautiful community," Kielcewski explained. "I wanted to help my community."

She spent the day digging up loose soil and leaves and placing them in buckets with about 15 other Glen Cove students who were also volunteering their time for community service hours and class credit.

Damion Stavredes, a civil servant for the Department of Public Works, emphasized the importance of



Roksana Amid/Herald

Kai Kielcewski spent her Saturday morning volunteering to clean the parking lot behind the police station.

such community efforts. "The community always needs cleaning," he explained. "We're coming out of the winter months, so there's a buildup here, overgrowth there, places that get neglected because we're extremely busy during the work week. So to have the kids come out and contribute to their community, it's a good thing to see."

Stavredes' words highlighted the ongoing daily chal-

lenge DPW workers face in maintaining public spaces and the vital role that volunteer efforts play in addressing this need.

The cleanup event was highly successful, resulting in the collection of four tons of garbage from the Glen Cove Train Station and the parking lot behind the police station. This significant amount underscores the ongoing battle against litter and the importance of regular community cleanups.

Ralph Comitino, a civil servant for the Department of Public Works and union president, discussed the daily challenges of waste management in Glen Cove.

"Our garbage men handle about eight to 10 tons a day, and then I do a lot of private roads that the garbage man can't go in, so you're talking another one or two tons of garbage," he explained. "But that's just garbage. With cleanups, like the Earth Day and Arbor Day events, and there were five tons collected. It's a continuous effort."

Comitino also stressed the impact of a clean environment on community perception and safety.

"When people pull in, they don't want to see garbage or overgrowth; they want to see a pristine city. I think the community feels safe when it's clean," Comitino said. "When you go somewhere, and the place is pristine, you feel safe parking your car. But when you park your car where there's garbage, overgrowth, and broken glass, then you're a little iffy about it."

As Glen Cove continues to strive for a cleaner, safer environment, events like the Great American Cleanup serve as a reminder of the power of community involvement and the collective effort needed to maintain and improve public spaces. The dedication of the DPW, student volunteers like Kai Kielcewski, and the supportive residents ensure that Glen Cove remains a welcoming and beautiful place for all.

Inspiring others to be champions of kindness

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just 2 percent of the U.S. population.

"According to the Trevor Project, allowing trans youth to express themselves as their truest selves drops the rates of depression, anxiety and suicide," George said during their presentation. "I believe that smaller communities such as ours need to do something. The discussion of gender and sexuality is very taboo. Having that conversation not be considered taboo, not be considered dangerous, is just the first step in creating a more comfortable world for not just people like me, but people everywhere."

The Holocaust Center and the Claire Friedlander Family Foundation have presented the Friedlander Upstander Awards for 12 years. These educational scholarships are given to students from Nassau and Suffolk counties who have demonstrated that they are "upstanders" — people who actively intervene to prevent acts of intolerance, large or small. Claire Friedlander, a Holocaust survivor who was saved by those who stood against prejudice, established the foundation to support young people who embody these values.

Susan Poulos, the Glen Cove school district's social studies coordinator, wholeheartedly recommended George for an Upstander Award, citing their exceptional commitment to promoting acceptance and equality.

"Phoebe's bravery in coming out as a



Courtesy Susan Poulos

Phoebe George received a \$2,500 scholarship at a ceremony on Monday.

trans person underscored her commitment to authenticity and fearlessly advocating for the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals," Poulos said in her referral letter. "Her actions not only inspired those in attendance but also initiated a vital conversation that has the potential to create lasting change in the Glen Cove community."

The high school Drama Club and

members of the genders and sexualities alliance clubs staged "The Laramie Project," a play focusing on the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay 21-year-old University of Wyoming student, last Dec. 1, on what would have been Shepard's 47th birthday. George, a member of the GSA organized a Talk Back Panel after the show, for a dialogue on LGBTQ rights and the importance of safe envi-

ronments. George invited a range of speakers, including City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, teachers and students as well as Shepard's father, Harry Shepard, who took part on Zoom.

Meris First, who chairs the Holocaust Center's Education Committee, praised George's bravery and her impact. "Having someone outwardly discuss these issues and try to make the world a better place was a brave move on her part," First said. "She is able to speak out and be a voice for young adults."

First emphasized that the center's mission is to promote tolerance for all people, regardless of their beliefs or religions. "Because of our mission, (George) really made an impact on our decision," First said. "She fits into HMTCC's mission of promoting fairness and tolerance."

In addition to George's involvement in "The Laramie Project," their advocacy included a presentation at a Board of Education meeting.

"To us, an upstander is someone who uses their voice and actions to help others, making a difference in promoting positive change," First said. "Phoebe stood up and represented her particular group, making her an upstander, as opposed to sitting back and doing nothing, which we call bystanders. We believe she is making a positive impact in the community and helping to motivate and inspire others to become lifelong champions of kindness."



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Erit Eguizabal and Ralph Comitino install a senior banner in front of Village Square.

Seniors honored with downtown banners

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Glen Cove is honoring its graduating seniors in a unique and heartfelt way this year by displaying custom banners on lampposts throughout the downtown area. About 70 personalized banners of graduating seniors can be seen fluttering in the spring breeze around downtown Glen Cove, serving as a reminder of the community's support and pride in its youth.

This initiative, inspired by similar programs in other Long Island municipalities, was launched by Joan Mini of the city's Beautification Committee and Elizabeth Mestres, who is associated with the same committee as well as the Department of Public Works.

The banners, which feature the names and photos of graduating seniors, were installed by the DPW on April 29 and will remain in place until the end of June. Residents and visitors can see these banners along Cedar Swamp Road, Brewster Street, and Glen streets. This display creates a visually inspiring route through the city, showcasing student achievements and honoring the hard work of the graduating class.

"We were thinking, it would look really nice if you go through Cedar Swamp, and see the kids, and then it continues to the downtown," Mestres said. "So we asked ourselves, 'What can we do?'"

The project is a collaborative effort between the Department of Public Works, the Glen Cove Education Foundation, and the Beautification Committee. The main goal is to celebrate and highlight the accomplishments of the city's students.

Glen Cove Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola, who is also president of the Glen Cove Education Foundation, emphasized the importance of this recognition,

"There's nothing more important than highlighting



Nicholas Garrovillas' banner is proudly displayed on School Street.

our great kids here. I'm super proud of them, and they deserve the recognition," Fugazy Scagliola said. "It's not really about us doing this work, it's really about the kids doing what they did to get to this point in their life. I hope as we move forward, we grow this and it gets bigger and better."

Superintendent of Schools Maria L. Rianna expressed her admiration for the graduating class. "The class of 2024 has shown remarkable achievement and we are thrilled that they are being honored with



Photos courtesy Elizabeth Mestres

Jocelyn Flores' banner is placed at the intersection of Gen and School Streets.

these banners," Rianna said. "It's a testament to their hard work and dedication."

By showcasing the achievements of the graduating seniors, Glen Cove not only celebrates their hard work, but also inspires younger students to strive for similar success.

Overall, Glen Cove's banner program is a heartfelt effort to honor the city's graduating seniors, recognizing their hard work and accomplishments in a public and celebratory manner.

Richner Communications acquires CJ Publishers

Amityville Record, Babylon Beacon, Massapequa Post join Herald Community Newspapers

STAFF REPORT

Richner Communications, Inc. — Long Island's largest publisher of local media — has acquired the Amityville Record, Babylon Beacon, Massapequa Post and Beacon Smart Shopper, from CJ Publishers Inc.

These brands join family-owned Richner Communications, which now owns and publishes 27 community-focused hyperlocal newspapers through its Herald Community Media division, which serves large parts of Nassau County, as well as parts of New York City through the Pulitzer Prize-winning Riverdale Press in the Bronx, and The Jewish Star, which serves the Orthodox Jewish communities throughout the region.

The Amityville Record, Babylon Beacon and Massapequa Post date back to 1904, 1966 and 1951, respectively. Today, they serve the communities of the Village of Amityville, North Amityville, Village of Babylon, North Babylon, West Babylon, Copiague, Deer Park, West Islip, Lindenhurst, South Farmingdale, Massapequa, Massapequa Park, Plainedge and Seaford.

Carolyn James, owner of CJ Publishers with her husband, Al, expressed a mix of emotions in announcing the sale. James says she trusts the sale will be seamless with careful stewardship, allow-



Michael Hinman/Herald

For decades, the newspaper group that included the Amityville Record, Babylon Beacon and the Massapequa Post were published by Alfred and Carolyn James. Carolyn joins Herald Community Newspapers as an associate publisher.

ing the newspapers to remain “steadfast pillars within their communities under new guardianship.”

“In the pages of the June 19, 1991, editions of the Amityville Record, Babylon Beacon and Massapequa Post, we embarked on a journey, pledging to carry

forth the legacy of those who came before us,” wrote James in a note to readers last week. “Now, nearly 32 years later, we stand on the precipice of change as Herald Community Newspapers — a stalwart in Nassau County’s weekly news landscape — assumes ownership of our

beloved papers.”

The Richner and James families have a longstanding relationship. Richner Printing has printed the CJ newspapers for years and also prints other daily and weekly newspapers, specialty publications and newsletters throughout the tri-state region, as well as general, high-volume commercial printing and mailing.

Like CJ Publications, Richner Communications is a proud family-owned business. Founded by Robert and Edith Richner in 1964, the company is today led by their son, Stuart Richner.

“We are excited to continue the great work of Carolyn, Al and their team, to ensure that the Amityville, Babylon and Massapequa communities have the critical news necessary to remain vibrant places to live and work,” Richner said. “Our company believes deeply in the importance of local journalism, and we look forward to introducing ourselves to our new readers.”

Carolyn James will assume the role of associate publisher at Richner Communications and will continue to oversee the four publications. The (516) 798-5100 phone number of CJ Publishers will remain the same, as will the newspapers’ websites of AmityvilleRecord.com, BabylonBeacon.com and MassapequaPost.com. James’ email address is now cjames@liherald.com.

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Leaving Assets to Minors

Generally, parents leave their assets to the children thinking that the children will then take care of their children. Occasionally, parents want to bypass the children, either wholly or partially, and leave an inheritance directly to the grandchildren.

Inheritances to minors come in different varieties, such as bequests in wills and as beneficiaries or contingent beneficiaries on IRA’s, investment accounts, life insurance policies and annuities.

Although well-intentioned, inheritances to minors, without a trust, must go through a court proceeding on death. Minors, those under 18, cannot hold property in their names. In the proceeding, the judge appoints a legal guardian to protect the minor’s interest until age eighteen, at which time the beneficiary receives the asset. The expenses of the legal guardian will be paid out of the minor’s bequest. Generally, the legal guardian will use the funds for the child’s health, education, maintenance and support having regard to any other assets or resources of the

minor known to the guardian. Again, ready or not, the legal guardian must turn over the assets to the minor at age eighteen, a tender age in today’s world.

A better plan would be to leave assets to a minor beneficiary by creating a trust. You leave directions for the use of the funds, distribution at a stated age, such as thirty years old and, in the meantime, the trustee, a person you choose instead of a legal guardian chosen by the court, uses the money for the purposes enumerated above, either by giving money directly to the minor or by paying bills on their behalf.

Trusts avoid probate court proceedings entirely for the trust assets. You either put assets into the trust while you are living or, alternatively, you may name the minor’s trust as death beneficiary on bank accounts, investment accounts, IRA’s or the retirement plans, annuities and life insurance policies.

The intention to benefit minor beneficiaries must be attended to with thoughtful planning to avoid having the good deed punished.

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ARRESTS

- A 33-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on May 16 for criminal contempt and an open warrant on Broadfield Place.
- A 44-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 15 for petit larceny, menacing, and acting in a manner to injure a child less than 17 on Mercadante Place.
- A 23-year-old Huntington man was arrested on May 14 for aggravated unlicensed operation, passing a red light, improper left turn and not having a license on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 47-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 11 for criminal contempt and criminal mischief on Carney Street.
- A 27-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 8 for aggravated unlicensed operation, passing a red light and failing to notify the department of motor vehicles of an address change on Glen Street, as well as two open Nassau District warrants.
- A 71-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 7, for driving while intoxicated and speeding on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 37-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 7 for aggravated unlicensed operation, not having a license, not wearing a seat belt, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance on Glen Street.
- A 40-year-old Locust Valley man was arrested on May 7 for criminal contempt on Sea Cliff Avenue.
- A 52-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested on May 6 for possession of an open alcoholic beverage at the Glen St LIRR.
- A 20-year-old undomiciled man was arrested on May 3 for presentation of tickets at the Glen St LIRR.
- A 54-year-old Hempstead man was arrested on May 3 for criminal contempt on Glen Street.
- A 55-year-old Uniondale man was arrested on May 2 for driving while intoxicated, failing to stop at a stop sign and failing to keep right on Albin Street.
- A 29-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 1 for aggravated unlicensed operation and driving without a license on 4th Street.
- A 61-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on May 1 for criminal tampering on Forest Avenue.
- A 41-year-old Locust Valley woman was arrested on April 28 for criminal contempt on Glen Street.
- A 34-year-old Brooklyn man was arrested April 28 for criminal mischief on Matthew Hts.

People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.

Glen Cove man dies in accident

The Homicide Squad reports a fatal vehicular accident that occurred on May 9 at 5:08 p.m. in Brookville. According to detectives, Joffre Sierra-Chalen, 28, of Glen Cove, was riding a 2002 Yamaha motorcycle northbound on Cedar Swamp Road when he collided with a 2000 Hino Dump Truck driven by a 55-year-old male. The truck was

traveling westbound on Hemlock Drive, turning onto Cedar Swamp Road at the time of the accident. Sierra-Chalen was pronounced dead at the scene by a Jericho Fire Department paramedic. A safety check was conducted on the Hino Dump Truck, and no other injuries were reported. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Broker gets 7½ years for Ponzi scheme

Rand Heckler, 67, a former investment broker from Glen Cove, has been sentenced to two and a half to seven and a half years in prison for a \$1 million Ponzi scheme targeting friends and neighbors. Nassau County District Attorney Anne T. Donnelly announced the sentence following Heckler's April 2023 guilty plea to charges of grand larceny and scheme to defraud. Heckler also faces a \$919,160 civil judgment and forfeited \$48,000 from his bank account.

Heckler provided fake statements to maintain the illusion. The scheme collapsed in January 2020 when a victim requested \$100,000 for a trust fund, which Heckler delayed but eventually paid using another victim's funds.

Beginning in 2015, Heckler convinced friends to invest in a fake hedge fund. Over four years, victims wrote checks totaling \$755,159, believing they were buying stocks.

The fraud, discovered by the SEC and FINRA, revealed Heckler stole \$1,004,159 from four victims to fund personal expenses. Donnelly condemned the exploitation, emphasizing Heckler's betrayal of trust for personal gain. The case was prosecuted by Deputy Chief Betty Rodriguez and Unit Chief Rebecca Winer, with Michael Finkelstein representing Heckler.



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Final public hearing on city's master plan

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At the second and final public hearing on Glen Cove's "smart growth" comprehensive plan, the atmosphere was charged with anticipation. Many Glen Covers eagerly awaited the chance to voice their opinions on the city's future development. The new comprehensive plan, developed with the assistance of Manhattan consulting firm BFJ Planning, aims to address future development, infrastructure, and services in Glen Cove. Funded by grants from New York's state and environmental conservation departments, the plan comes after a decade-long gap, with the last update having been made in 2009.

The plan will take into account the changes that have occurred in recent years, including large-scale redevelopment in the downtown and waterfront areas, as well as changes in the commercial real estate market resulting from the pandemic. It will also address the population growth from 2010 to 2020. The city's population increased by 5.2 percent, to just under 30,000 in a 10-year period.

Frank Fish, a founding principal of BFJ Planning, opened the hearing by emphasizing the importance of public input. "This plan needs to be your plan,"

he stated, assuring attendees that their comments would be considered in the final draft. Fish's statement set the tone for the evening, as residents prepared to discuss their hopes and concerns for Glen Cove's future.

Grace Slezak, one of the first to speak, expressed frustration with the plan's extensive and general nature.

"I've been reading through this comprehensive master plan, and I would like to know more specifically, what changes are there from the 2010 plan to this plan?" she asked.

Grace noted that the previous plan had detailed specifics about the waterfront, Glen Cove Mansion, and various overlay zones, which she found lacking in the current document.

Ann Fangmann, the executive director and contracting officer for the IDA explaining that the 2009 plan had indeed been more specific, but the goal this time was different.

"That plan was somewhat criticized after the fact for making very specific zoning recommendations that were easier to enact as a result of the plan," Fang-

mann said. "This time, the decision was made to avoid such specificity, focusing instead on a broader framework."

This approach, she noted, was influenced by feedback from the public and the City Council, who wanted to ensure that any new projects would be evaluated individually rather than being preemptively fast-tracked.

Marsha Silverman elaborated on this point, explaining that the 2009 plan had effectively circumvented the standard zoning process. "There were specific applications in front of agencies in the city," she said, "and then the plan was built to basically build those into our zoning."

Silverman added this had led to changes without adequate public notice. The new plan, by being more general, aimed to preserve the integrity of the standard zoning and planning procedures, ensuring that future projects would undergo proper scrutiny.

John Perrone praised the new comprehensive plan, but raised a critical issue: water production. "With all of the buildings going on, we really need to

have a finite plan for increasing our water production," he said.

Perrone also suggested exploring hybrid-housing models like first-time homebuyer co-ops instead of solely focusing on apartments, to adapt to the increasing trend of people working from home.

"We've always had this concept if you build it, they will come, and that hasn't necessarily been the case," Peter Budraitis said, adding that Glen Cove already had the largest share of high-density housing in the county, with significant development not necessarily translating into the expected influx of people.

He also highlighted the socio-economic challenges, noting that the city's poverty levels had risen, and the average household income had decreased. Budraitis urged that the plan address these issues more thoroughly.

Koorosh Leibowitz, while acknowledging the challenges to the plan, struck a hopeful note. He viewed the planning process as a pivotal moment for Glen Cove.

"This is an exciting time in Glen Cove history, because we're going through this planning process, unlike any previous plan," he said.

To view the comprehensive plan, visit: GlenCoveComprehensivePlan.com

We've always had this concept if you build it, they will come, and that hasn't necessarily been the case.

PETER BUDRAITIS
Glen Cove

Enhanced accessibility now at Tiegerman

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Tiegerman Middle School, nestled within the historic Coles School building, has recently undergone renovations to keep in line with the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, thanks to a substantial \$125,000 grant secured by Assemblymember Charles Lavine.

The grant has catalyzed renovations aimed at enhancing the school's facilities to better serve its students with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. The renovations focused on accessibility features, including the ramp and elevator, which are utilized daily by students, ensuring they can navigate the school environment with ease, as well as renovations to its bathrooms.

Kristin Lyons, the school's principal, emphasized the importance of these upgrades. "These are all students with developmental disabilities" she said. "A majority of our population are students with speech and language impairments, autism, learning disabilities, other health impairments. Most of our students utilize the ramp on a daily basis, the elevator too."

The middle school stands as a beacon of support and education for children with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. Tiegerman also works to increase public awareness of language disorders, because children who have them are often misdiagnosed and incorrectly placed in special-education classes and programs.

Lavine expressed pride in the tangible impact of the grant-funded renovations. "It gives me immense pride to see how the children at Tiegerman Middle School are benefitting from the existence of this facility and its dedicated staff," Lavine said. "I am thankful that I was able to do my part to help."

First constructed in 1928, the building was named for



Courtesy Office of Assemblyman Charles Lavine

Assemblyman Lavine helped secure a \$125,000 grant to the Tiegerman Middle School for renovations, which ensures the school meets standards set by the ADA.

the Glen Cove family with deep ties to the earliest New England colonies and the history of Glen Cove, the Coles family. The Coles School was one of the city's elementary schools until it closed in 1992, and the city bought the building in 2002. It was leased to the Solomon Schechter School until 2011. In limbo for more than six years, the building fell into disrepair.

The journey of the Tiegerman schools traces back to its founding in 1985 by Ellenmorris Tiegerman. It was initially named the School for Language and Communication Development.

Tiegerman arrived in Glen Cove 20 years ago with the vision of establishing two new Tiegerman campuses. With one school already established in Woodside, Queens, she acquired the south school building on Glen

Cove Avenue to create the Tiegerman Preschool/Elementary School in 1999, but she was unable to purchase the old Coles School building on Cedar Swamp Road until she received a call from then Mayor Timothy Tenke in 2017 who asked if she was still interested.

When the Tiegerman School opened in 2019, it underwent extensive renovations to optimize its learning spaces. The old gymnasium was repurposed to create additional classrooms on both the first and second floors, addressing the need for more instructional space. Additionally, office wings were created to accommodate therapists, including speech and language therapists and counselors, providing vital support services to students. The initial renovation project also addressed essential infrastructure upgrades, including pulling up floors, repainting, and installing new safety systems such as fire alarms. Air conditioning systems and vending machines were also installed, ensuring a comfortable and convenient environment for students and staff alike. Lyons noted those renovations were funded by a municipal bond the school is currently paying off.

Under the leadership of Jeremy T. Tiegerman, the founder's son, the institution has flourished, expanding its services to encompass a comprehensive range of educational and vocational programs. The district tailor's its instruction to meet individual needs. Focusing on empowering students intellectually and emotionally, Tiegerman has achieved remarkable success, with a graduation rate of 70 to 80 percent among high school students.

"What we've come to learn with autism is it's a developmental disorder disability, rather than it being just viewed as a deficiency," Tiegerman, explained. "It's on a spectrum of functioning, and everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses, and we're really looking to find out and determine what one's strengths, weaknesses are and then tailor that instruction to meet the individual's needs."

VIEWFINDER What does Memorial Day mean to you?

By Danielle Schwab & Tim Baker

Marinela Lizana Plaza, Cedarhurst American Legion Post 339

I think of soldiers that fought in our wars to keep freedom, our liberties and America as we know it, how much we owe them and their memories. I have a friend, a member of my unit, who died, who I think about every Memorial Day.



Davian Savage, Lynbrook American Legion Post 339

It's a day to recognize the fallen military personnel over the course of many wars, and to remember their impact on the freedom we have today, and the ultimate sacrifice they made.



Ralph Esposito, Elmont Veterans Service Agency

We pay tribute to those who gave all to make it possible for the rest of us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. I run the Elmont Memorial Day parade to remember those who gave it all and who made the supreme sacrifice.



Howard Stillwagon, Glen Cove Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347 (with Cruiser, his service dog)

Memorial Day is to honor the fallen veterans of all wars but (personally) for the 20 young men I saw get killed in Vietnam from January to July of 1969. For us combat veterans, we know what it was like to see them lose their lives. We never forget.



Gary Glick, Bellmore Jewish War Veterans

It's a day of mourning for guys who have passed away or who were killed in the war – in all wars. My motto is to help veterans. It shouldn't just be one day of taking care of veterans, it should be every day.

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HEALTH MEMO

The Parker Jewish Institute celebrates National Nurses Week

The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation took pride in hosting National Nurses Week from Monday, May 6 to Sunday, May 12, 2024. The celebration was part of Parker's recognition taking place all year, every year to show appreciation for nurses and nursing students alike. This is how Parker helps build rewarding careers while caring for the region's older adults.

Parker's nursing staff provides expert, compassionate care to residents and patients at the Institute. In expressing gratitude to Parker's immensely dedicated team, the Institute treated nurses to a catered lunch with musical talent, complimentary massages, ice-cream treats and other fun activities.

Building a culture of care is a year-long mission at Parker. Here, team members are provided with in-person and e-learning programs as well as coaching and mentoring to build the next generation of nurse leadership. The training is designed to cultivate talent, and is tailored to meet the



needs of those with busy schedules.

"While Nurses Week is designed to recognize the exemplary work of our entire team, their extraordinary efforts make a difference each and every day for our patients and residents, as well as their families," said Michael. N. Rosenblut, President and CEO of Parker Jewish Institute. "We aim to help them raise the bar in delivering outstanding and compassionate

care, to the entire Parker community, as they carry the profession of nursing forward."

About The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation

The Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation is headquartered in New Hyde Park, New York. The facility is a leading provider of Short-Term Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care. At the forefront of

innovation in patient-centered health care and technology, the Institute is a leader in teaching and geriatric research. Parker Jewish Institute features its own medical team, and is nationally renowned as a skilled nursing facility, as well as a provider of community-based health care, encompassing Home Health Care, Medical House Calls, Palliative Care and Hospice. Parker Jewish Institute is also home to Queens-Long Island Renal Institute (QLIRI), led by an interdisciplinary team of experienced Nephrologists and Dialysis Registered Nurses, a Renal Social Worker, and a Registered Renal Dietitian. For more information, visit parkerinstitute.org or call (877) 727-5373.



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Queens-Long Island Renal Institute offers Home Hemodialysis and Certified Home Health Care available through Parker Jewish Institute

Queens-Long Island Renal Institute (QLIRI), located at The Parker Jewish Institute, now offers a state-of-the-art Home Hemodialysis Program. Those patients who also require Certified Home Health Care can access it conveniently through QLIRI's affiliate, Parker Jewish Institute.

QLIRI's Home Hemodialysis Program allows patients to transition from an in-center setting to receiving hemodialysis from the comfort of their home, using the Tablo Hemodialysis System. Enrolled patients are first trained by a registered nurse. The nurse provides step-by-step guidance four days a week over the course of four weeks, or longer if necessary. Through training, patients learn to use the system before transitioning to home hemodialysis.

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rehabilitation services, so they can maintain maximum independence in the comfort of their homes. Home-care services can include skilled-nursing care; physical, occupational and speech therapy; home-health aides; medical social services; medical supplies; and 24-hour telephone availability.

Call with questions: (718) 289-2600. To learn more about QLIRI's Home Hemodialysis Program, visit qliri.org. For more on Parker's Certified Home Health Care, visit parkerinstitute.org.



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Bob Citko, a former Glen Cove Fire Department captain, was on hand to share his knowledge about fire trucks.

A fire truck tour at the library for the kids

The Glen Cove Library transformed its parking lot into an exciting adventure zone for young children on May 18. The highlight of the day was a gleaming red fire truck ready to be explored.

From toddlers to elementary school students, children lined up with their parents eager to explore the fire trucks. Firefighters greeted them with friendly smiles as they guided them through the tour. The children marveled at the truck's size and the array of equipment neatly stored in its compartments, especially fascinated by the hoses and ladders.

Once inside the truck, children got a firsthand look at the seat where firefighters sit during emergencies, and then were allowed to sit in the driver's seat, their eyes wide with wonder as they imagined racing off to save the day.



Glen Cove residents Zared and Jessica Shawver, and their children, Simon 4, and Callan 1 month old, made boarding a fire truck a family affair.



Karen Shirazi, 7, wore a fire hat, celebrating the spirit of the day.



The Glen Cove Fire Department held an event to let the city's youth see the inside of a fire truck.



Friends Matteo Silverman and Logan Roscus were excited to tour the fire truck.

STEPPING OUT

Look upward
Heading into
summer at the

BETHPAGE

AIR

SHOW



Courtesy Larry Arken

Left: The Skytypers return each year with their display of flying expertise, a Memorial Day weekend tradition.

Courtesy U.S. Navy

Right: The renowned U.S. Navy Blue Angels are back in action over Jones Beach this weekend.

By Karen Bloom

Here we are — ready to kick back and enjoy Memorial Day weekend's prelude to summer. Besides the observances, parades and barbecues, that yearly trek to Jones Beach to watch the action overhead during the Bethpage Air Show is a beloved tradition for so many of us.

This year's show — on Saturday, May 25 and Sunday, May 26 — celebrates its 20th year with much fanfare.

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels, headliners at the first Bethpage Air Show back in 2004, return to helm the spectacular two-day display of flying stunts.

George Gorman, regional director of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation, enthusiastically says that "spectators are in for a real treat" this time around with 2024 being "a very special year for us."

"Not only are we celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Bethpage Air Show, but we are also celebrating the 95th anniversary of Jones Beach State Park and the 100th anniversary of New York State Parks and the Long Island State Park Commission," he notes.

The Blue Angels have strong ties to the region, flying Grumman Hellcats, built on Long Island for the team's 1946 inaugural flight. The team then went on to fly other Grumman aircraft, including the Bearcat, Cougar and Tiger, one of which now hangs at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

The distinguished squadron — back for its 10th headlining appearance — is joined by other elite military pilots, including the U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, the U.S. Air Force's A-10C Thunderbolt II Demo Team, and the U.S. Navy F-35C Demo Team. These expert aviators demonstrate the armed forces' capabilities in fulfilling air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.

The renowned Blue Angels Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron always delights air show visitors with unparalleled displays of flight precision, in keeping with the Navy's time-honored tradition dating back to 1946. A total of 17 officers voluntarily serve with the Blue Angels, showcasing the precision and power of naval aviation. Each year, the team typically selects three tactical (fighter or fighter/attack) jet pilots, two support officers, and one Marine Corps C-130 pilot to relieve departing members.

As always, expert civilian performers join in the action. The popular Skytypers and their flight squadron of vintage World War II aircraft; Mike Goulian, North America's most decorated aerobatic pilot; the Warbird Thunder team, piloted by former Skytypers members; Long Island's aerobatic daredevil David Windmiller;

the American Airpower Museum Warbirds; along with Farmingdale State College Flying Rams, flying several of their 22 college-owned aircraft, complete the performance slate.

The Skytypers, an air show favorite, combine the best of old and new. The team uses five of the remaining World War II-era NA SNJ planes left in the world, meticulously restored with the latest technology.

"These were Navy scout planes used on missions in World War II and the Korean War," explains Larry Arken, the Skytypers' longtime flight leader. "We've modernized them and give them plenty of TLC. We have to take care of our warbirds. They've got quite a military history; they've landed on aircraft carriers and as fighter trainers they trained the Greatest Generation."

The Farmingdale-based Skytypers are, of course, a familiar sight along northeast beaches with their skytyped messages generated at an altitude of 10,000 feet with puffs of smoke in dot matrix-style letters. While those messages won't be visible during the show this time around, the pilots are ready to entertain with their signature maneuvers.

"We're thrilled that this is our 20th year with the show," Arken says. "It's so important to us as it's our hometown show. For many of our friends, it's the only time they get to see us (perform). We're always excited to be here and put a smile on people's faces. It's great fun to fly down low and see everyone on the beach. This is a terrific event, and the pilots enjoy it as much as everyone on the ground."

Flying at 500 feet, his team's 18 minutes of precision skills always excite spectators. Among their favorite tricks is the "bomb burst," in which the Arken's planes come in at low altitude toward the spectators from five directions in a criss-cross pattern.

"It almost looks like we're going to hit each other," he says. "It's a real crowd pleaser."

His team is a close-knit group of five pilots, with decades of military and professional experience, who honor the history and heritage of their refurbished aircraft.

"I consider us caretakers of these planes that had such a historical impact during World War II," Arken says. "Everything we do is because we want to keep them alive for the generations to see them. We love flying these planes and bringing them to this show."

The event is one of the largest air shows in the country. More than 240,000 people attended in 2022, when the Blue Angels last performed during a stormy weekend. Last year, more than 419,000 attended.



- May 25-26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
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- For up-to-date information, visit BethpageAirShow.com or text 'Airshow' to (516) 842-4400, to download the Bethpage Air Show mobile app



Parliament Funkadelic

George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic revolutionized funk music in the 1970s, blending psychedelic rock with soulful grooves and creating an extravagant stage show that influenced generations of musicians. Their iconic sound and outlandish performances made them pioneers of funk, with hits like 'Give Up the Funk (Tear the Roof off the Sucker)' and 'Atomic Dog' cementing their legacy in music history. Parliament Funkadelic (often abbreviated as P-Funk), led by Clinton, is known for their innovative and influential contributions to the genre, combining elements of funk, soul, R&B, and psychedelic rock. The collective originated in the 1960s, with Clinton serving as the central figure and creative force behind both groups. He's recognized as the godfather of modern urban music.

Saturday, May 25, 8 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$54.50, \$49.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com, (631) 673-7300



Simon & Garfunkel Songbook

Aztec Two-Step 2.0 chronicles the extraordinary career of Simon & Garfunkel. The music speaks for itself, anchored by Rex Fowler, Aztec Two-Step co-founder and his wife, Dodie Pettit, an original cast member of Broadway's 'The Phantom of The Opera.' Multi-instrumentalist Steven Roues, horn player Joe Meo, and drummer/percussionist Peter Hohmeister round out the band. The show's storyline was originally created by Pete Fornatale, the late great pioneer of progressive FM radio and author of Simon & Garfunkel's Bookends biography. Now telling the stories, emceeing and directing is Fornatale's protégé, Tony Traguardo, noted rock music historian, podcaster and founding board member of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame. Nostalgia and laughter abound, and a sing a-long is always in the mix.

Friday, May 31, 8 p.m. \$42, \$37, \$33. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or LandmarkOnMainStreet.org.

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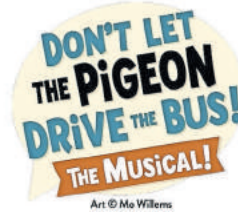
June 2

Chris Botti

Award-winning jazz trumpeter Chris Botti visits The Paramount, Sunday, **June 2**, 8 p.m. Botti has found

a form of creative expression that begins in jazz and expands beyond the limits of any single genre. He has thoroughly established himself as one of the important, innovative figures of the contemporary music world. Coming to prominence with the 2001 recording of his Night Sessions CD, Botti gained a reputation as a versatile musician in both jazz and pop music for his ability to fuse both styles together. He's been one of the most popular instrumentalists in the world for nearly three decades; he's collaborated with some of the biggest superstars on the planet, including Sting, Paul Simon, Barbra Streisand, Lady Gaga, Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Aretha Franklin, Bette Midler, Joni Mitchell, Steven Tyler, Andrea Bocelli, Herbie Hancock, Yo-Yo Ma, and others.

He knew his life's dream was playing music after listening to Miles Davis play perform "My Funny Valentine" live from "Miles Davis - Four & More." Before venturing out as a solo artist, Botti played in Carnegie Hall as part of the McDonald's All American High School jazz band and went on tour with Frank Sinatra, Natalie Cole, Aretha Franklin, Bette Midler and others. His time performing with musicians such as Paul Simon, Sting, Tony Bennett and Michael Bubl  in and out of the studio inspired the distinct style Botti has to this very day. He's topped the jazz charts with numerous award-winning albums, and performed with symphony orchestras and on prestigious stages from Carnegie Hall to the Hollywood Bowl to the Sydney Opera House. After signing to Blue Note Records, Botti released his latest album, "Vol. 1." In many ways, the album is a fresh start for the trumpeter. Having successfully crossed over from the underground jazz scene to pop stardom, Botti's first album in over a decade finds him coming back to his roots, focusing on acoustic jazz and classic standards. \$99.50, \$89.50, \$74.50, \$64.50, \$59.50, \$39.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com or ParamountNY.com.



Family theater

Families will enjoy another musical adventure, "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved children's books, on the Long Island Children's Museum stage, Wednesday through Friday, **May 29-31**, 10:15 a.m. and noon; also Saturday, June 1, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Back by popular demand after a sold-out 2023 run, see Pigeon, Bus Driver, and some zany passengers sing and dance their way to help Pigeon find his "thing" in this upbeat comedy based on Willems' popular Pigeon books.

Featuring a live band to bring Deborah Wicks La Puma's jazzy score to life, audiences will thoroughly enjoy singing and flapping along with The Pigeon and friends. The audience is part of the action, in this innovative mix of songs, silliness and feathers. It's an ideal way to introduce kids to theater and the humorous stories from Willems' books. \$10 with museum admission (\$8 members), \$14 theater only. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.



On exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "Urban Art Evolution," is a comprehensive exhibit featuring a diverse range of compositions from the 1980s through the present by creators who were based in the rough and tumble downtown area of New York City known as Loisaide/LES (Lower East Side/East Village) and close surrounding neighborhoods.

Artists pushed the boundaries of what was considered "art" with a primary focus on street/graffiti art. The exhibit's scope, guest curated by art collector/gallerist Christopher Pusey, offers an even broader view from other creative residents, who worked inside their studios but still contributed to the rich fabric of the downtown art scene from different vantage points and aesthetics.

Works include sculpture, paintings, photography, music, and ephemera from many noted and influential artists. On view through **July 7**. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.

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Floral design for kids

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Long Island Orchid Festival

Surround yourself in blooms when the Long Island Orchid Society and Planting Fields State Historic Park host the 9th annual Long Island Orchid Festival, Friday through Sunday, **May 31-June 2**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. Visit PlantingFields.org or LongIslandOrchidSociety.org for more.

Pride Stride

A pride flag will be raised at Sea Cliff beach, at The Boulevard in Sea Cliff, Sunday, **June 2**, at 11 a.m. Attendees will march to 100 Village Square in Glen Cove following.

Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturdays at Nassau County Museum of Art, Saturday, **May 25**, 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 adults connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. \$20 adult, \$10 child. For ages 2-14. Registration required. 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org for to register or call (516) 484-9337.

Glen Cove Women's Golf Club

Glen Cove Women's Golf Club is looking for members. The group plays 18 holes every Tuesday, through October, at the Glen Cove Golf Club. Play is weather permitting. Membership is open to all women regardless of residency. 109 Lattingtown Road. For more information, visit GCWomensGolf.com.



'Thomas & Friends'

Long Island Children's Museum welcomes families to experience its newest exhibit, Thomas & Friends: Explore the Rails!, opening Saturday, **May 25**. Participate in fun activities celebrate the arrival of this traveling exhibit, 1-3 p.m., during the drop-in programs. Step onto the Island of Sodor, where visitors can climb aboard a large model of Thomas the Tank Engine, race trains along a giant track, work together to sort and load cargo and maintain engines.

Kids engage in a variety of STEM challenges from simple sorting and shape identification to more complex engineering obstacles. As they test their abilities, the smiling faces of Thomas, Percy, Victor and others are there to offer encouragement and remind children how "really useful" they all are. Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or LICM.org.

On stage

Plaza Theatrical brings back its acclaimed Broadway series. With the recent passing of Stephen Sondheim, regarded as one of the most important figures in 20th-century musical theatre for reinventing the American musical, Plaza honors him with a staging of "Into the Woods," Friday, **May 31**, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, June 1, 2:30 p.m.; also Thursday, June 6, 2 p.m. See it at Plaza's stage at the Elmont Library Theatre. 700 Hempstead Tpke., Elmont. \$49, \$45 seniors. Elmont. For tickets, call (516) 599-6870 or visit PlazaTheatrical.com.



Harmony for Hunger

Cellist Nicholas Pascucci and pianist Jiin Kim perform, Sunday, **June 2** 4 p.m., at Nassau Country Club, benefiting the North Shore Soup Kitchen in Glen Cove. Program includes works by Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. \$75 suggest donation. 330 St. Andrews Lane, Glen Cove. Call (516) 840-6775 to reserve your seats.

Golf outing

Glen Cove Education Foundation holds the 10th annual golf classic, Monday, **June 10**, at the Glen Cove Golf Club/ Tee off is 1pm, and foursomes are available. Sponsorships are also open. Non golfers can buy a ticket for dinner and open bar only at The Marker, the new restaurant at the Glen Cove Golf Course. 109 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove. For more information, visit TheGlenCoveEducationFoundation.com or call (516) 801-8140.

Game Time

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

Book club

Teddy's Rough Readers Book Club discusses Kate Quinn's "The Phoenix Crown," Monday, **May 27**, 7 p.m., at Theodore's Books. Registration required. 17 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay. Visit TheodoresBooks.com to register and for more information.

Having an event?

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Nassau County cheers 125 years, but work to be done

By JUAN LASSO

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Nassau County turned 125 earlier this year, and an eclectic grouping of politicians, artists and celebrities celebrated with the clinking of glasses at The Lannin catering hall at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow.

Last week's party — hosted by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman — saw a packed room filled with dignitaries like Hempstead deputy town supervisor Dorothy Goosby and Valley Stream painter Mike Stanko, alongside celebrity guests like actor Vincent Pastore from "The Sopranos" television series, and singer Taylor Dayne.

"Nassau County was once known for agriculture, fishing, Gold Coast estates, and resort living," Blakeman told attendees, during his toast. "Today, Nassau County is larger than 10 states in population. Our gross domestic product is larger than 146 nations in the United Nations. We are home to people of every race, every religion, every ethnic group, every lifestyle, and every ability. We are one of the healthiest — and thanks to our Nassau County Police Department, we are the safest."

The county's origin story was, in effect, an act of secession, according to historians. In 1898, when New York City annexed Queens County, its three eastern towns — Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay — pushed to split away,



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Nassau County Police Emerald Society Pipes & Drums took The Lannin hall by storm at Eisenhower Park in paying tribute to Nassau's 125th anniversary. It was all part of an all-star gala last week hosted by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

drawing an invisible boundary between itself and the newly expanded city.

Thus, on Jan. 1, 1899, Nassau County was born with its suburban future firmly secured.

But for Alexandra Wolfe, chief executive of Preservations Long Island — a regional historic preservation nonprofit

— the county's historical value predates its official inception.

"You can find historical material as far back as the 18th century in Nassau County," she said. "Every movement in history left an imprint on Long Island. But you're not often aware of it. It's hidden away, privately owned, or built around."

It's partly the reason why those like former Nassau County Historical Society president Natalie Naylor treated the milestone as less of a cause for celebration and more as an opportunity to underscore serious challenges in preserving the county's much longer heritage.

"Nassau County once had a wonderful system of museums that, over the years, has deteriorated with less and less funding, staffing and expertise," she said, pointing to the "county's declining financial support and interest over the decades" as a main concern.

Naylor also mentioned that long-proposed projects like working with the county to bring back the Nassau County Historical Museum — formerly based in Eisenhower Park that shuttered in 1991 — have failed to get off the ground.

But the county still sought to make history a focal point of the celebration, commissioning Valley Stream artist Mike Stanko to create a rendering of the Theodore Roosevelt County Executive Building in his signature "pop-realist" style.

Stanko chose the subject matter for his painting after touring the building with Blakeman, who personally requested him for the occasion.

"It's the office of the county executive and of many other elected officials and public servants, and it's going to be prominently displayed there," Stanko said. "It's a classic historic building, and it's a true honor and privilege to be selected for this work."

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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Brandon Garrovillas, far left, Nicolas Chicvak, Nicholas Garrovillas, Colson Martone, Ryan Mitchell, Daniel Hernandez, and Kasey Miller played in the Hofstra Honor Band Festival May 11.

Students played at Hofstra Festival

Seven students from Glen Cove High School were selected to participate in the second annual 2024 Hofstra Honor Band Festival on May 11 at the college.

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OPINIONS

Wishing for some of that World War II-era wisdom

Recently I had the opportunity to take part in a forum on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Four Freedoms, hosted by Cornell University's Institute of Politics and Global Affairs, which is directed by former U.S. Rep. Steve Israel. (Full disclosure: My daughter, Erin

King Sweeney, works as an assistant to Israel at the institute.)

The event was held at upstate Hyde Park, the site of FDR's birth, home, burial, library and museum, and it provided a perfect backdrop for the daylong series of discussions on the president

who led the United States through the Great Depression and World War II.

As a history major and a political junkie who has read numerous books on FDR and his times, I found the forum interesting and rewarding. The most detailed and illuminating segment was the presentation by Andrew

Meier, author of the epic work "Morgenthau: Power, Privilege, and the Rise of an American Dynasty," who focused on Henry Morgenthau, Roosevelt's longtime friend and the U.S. Treasury secretary for almost 12 years.

What struck me the most while listening to Meier was a renewed realization of just how perilous those years were. The country's fabric was being threatened internally by the corrosive economic and social dislocation of the Depression, and, of course, externally, our independence and freedom as a nation was imperiled by Hitler's Nazi Germany and Tojo's Imperial Japan. And in the years leading to the attack on Pearl Harbor, the American people were committed to America First and strongly opposed to any involvement in foreign wars.

As treasury secretary, Morgenthau had to deal simultaneously with severe budget, economic and banking crises as well as the Herculean two-front war effort against Germany and Japan. Hovering over all this was the horrific

reality of the Holocaust, which he had to confront as the only Jewish member of FDR's cabinet. Yet somehow, Morgenthau, Roosevelt and, most important, the American people came

through all this, emerging with the world's strongest economy and most powerful military, and the forces of Nazism and Japanese imperialism defeated and crushed.

This made me wonder whether America and our leaders would have that same stamina and unity of purpose today. And whether there would be the same level of patriotism, putting country before party. I remember reading that during the 1944 presidential campaign, Thomas Dewey, the Republican nominee, learned that the United States had broken the Japanese code prior to Pearl Harbor. This raised the question of whether FDR had been negligent or actually allowed the attack to happen (which Dewey believed).

Yet when Army Chief of Staff George Marshall asked Dewey not to disclose that we had broken the code,

because that was still not known to Japan and would damage our war effort in the Pacific, Dewey complied in the national interest. That contrasted sharply with what I saw in the war against terrorism, when secret agreements we had with countries were disclosed on newspapers' front pages for political benefit, without regard to national harm.

My last impression from the FDR forum was how important it is for Americans to remember the past and the lessons to be learned from it. To realize that the world did not begin the day before yesterday or the day you were born. That crises do not lend themselves to the easy black-and-white solutions of social media. As the philosopher George Santayana famously said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

America has had a difficult but proud history. A prouder history than any nation in the history of the world. A history we must do all we can to learn and never forget going forward.

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PETER KING

The real work gets done in the middle

We live in a world defined by extremes, where political forces have driven public discourse so far to the edge that the partisan divide is getting wider and wider. Our elected officials resist finding common ground, and prefer vilifying opponents instead of seeking compromise. Consequently, many New

York voters have abandoned both parties, declaring a pox on the houses of both Democrats and Republicans.

In fact, the state's fastest-growing constituency comprises voters who have chosen not to affiliate with either party. The Board of Election

calls them "blanks." They are neither progressives nor conservatives, but largely identify as moderates. Like most of the country, the majority of New Yorkers are centrists who reject the constant accusations and political hype.

Sadly, the parties call resistance to compromise being "principled," but it's

anything but. Coalition building has always been a proper and essential part of governing.

But choose any issue, even those that have been identified as crises, and we can see the outcomes of this ongoing division. The approach is generally so extreme that nothing gets done.

Look at our energy and environmental policies. If New York state were its own country, it would be about the 12th-largest economy in the world. But the state has also prioritized reducing the environmental impact of its economy, and has reduced its carbon footprint significantly over the past 20 years. Today, our carbon output accounts for a fraction of 1 percent of the world's total, a remarkable achievement given our economic output. It's a statistic we should all celebrate as we continue moving toward a renewable-based economy.

As far as some of my colleagues are concerned, however, we haven't done enough. They're now advancing policies in Albany that would significantly burden every municipality, school district, business and homeowner, all with

the rallying cry of "saving the planet." Many of these policies would place New Yorkers at risk, because they remove redundancy from our system and place unreasonable demands on our electric grid.

We're on an island jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean, susceptible to nor'easters in the winter and hurricanes in the summer. Our electricity is carried on an overhead distribution system that is routinely compromised by high winds, falling branches and blown transformers. And yet there's a headlong rush to convert our entire energy system to electricity and eliminate natural gas for fuel, heating and cooking. Experts agree that the grid will invariably fail in both winter and summer, as it always does. But the increased demands and single-source dependency will only make these failures more precarious.

Or take the fact that every school district in New York must now switch to electric school buses in 2027. Never mind that we know the grid can't provide nearly enough electricity to charge all those buses. Never mind that

electric buses are notoriously unreliable, especially in cold weather. Never mind that New York winters get very cold, especially upstate. And ignore the fact that no school district is prepared to purchase these buses, nor are they willing to channel billions of dollars statewide away from educating children to do so.

Frankly, manufacturers don't even have the capacity to satisfy the mandate. Yet in a classic case of virtue signaling, legislation was passed by those who knew it couldn't be done. Putting undue pressure on already burdened school systems just makes no sense.

Anyone who questions these policies is somehow portrayed as anti-environment, something that is not only untrue but also unfair. There is real consensus on environmental policy, and we all want clean, reliable energy supplied by a stable grid. We just have to be reasonable about how we approach it.

Whether it's housing, crime, taxes, health care or the environment, we must reject extremes from both ends and occupy the middle. That's where the real work gets done. We don't need unanimity, just consensus.

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Sadly, the parties call resistance to compromise being 'principled.'

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After 125 years, Nassau County still thrives

When we think about 125 years of Nassau County, we have to look back to when the newly expanded New York City enveloped Queens County into its new domain — well, not quite all of it.

The towns of Hempstead, Oyster Bay and North Hempstead were excluded from the plans to join the city — despite being part of Queens. The 55,000 people who lived in this part of Queens County were not happy, and they gathered at a Mineola hotel in late January 1898 to do something about it.

They decided it was time to create their own county — which they would call Nassau, for King William III, who reigned from the House of Nassau when this land was first settled, and whose house name was already used for some settlements on the island.

But convincing lawmakers in Albany wasn't so easy.

The measure ultimately passed, however, and was signed into law by Gov. Frank Black on April 27, 1898, officially bringing Nassau County into existence as of Jan. 1, 1899.

Now, 125 years later, Nassau is New York's fifth-largest county by population with nearly 1.4 million people — making it larger than both the Bronx and Staten Island — and the 29th largest in the nation.

Why do so many choose Nassau County to not only work in and visit, but also to call home? Especially with the bustling, never-sleeping New York City quite literally over the next hill?

That answer is simple: Big homes and big yards. Less noise and pollution. Quieter streets. Much lower crime rates. And superior schools — especially when it comes to public schools.

Where else can you jump in the ocean at Jones Beach, then head to Tanglewood Preserve, in Rockville Centre, to enjoy everything else nature has to offer, and finish your day exploring the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Uniondale?

Why just read about history when you can actually visit it? Like Sagamore Hill, in Oyster Bay — the home of Theodore Roosevelt, existing today pretty much the way it did when the 26th president lived there. There's also Raynham Hall, also in Oyster Bay, which was a spy headquarters during the American Revolution.

The Rock Hall Museum, in Lawrence, brings Colonial times to life not just with the artifacts inside, but the 1767 mansion they are all housed in.

Even Eisenhower Park, in East Meadow, has made history. As the site of the former Meadow Brook Club, it hosted the first-ever national women's golf tournament in 1895, won by Lucy Barnes — the wife of Charles S. Brown, who

would go on to found what is now the Brown Harris Stevens real estate company. The park also hosted the ninth PGA championship tourney in 1926, won by Walter Hagen — the “father of professional golf.”

There are also great places to shop, pretty much in every neighborhood. So many Nassau County businesses are family-owned. So many of them have been in families for generations. And you know it the moment you walk through their doors. The way you are greeted. The way you are served. It proves you don't need to be a Roosevelt to be treated like royalty here.

But when it's all said and done, Nassau County is all about all of us, the people. Our neighbors. Our doctors and nurses. Our school superintendents, principals and teachers. Our police officers. Our sanitation workers. Those who do good in public service. The men and women who volunteer — and put their own safety on the line — as firefighters and first responders.

“This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in,” Teddy Roosevelt once said. And that's true not just for the United States, but also in our neighborhoods. And all of us here in Nassau County have shone for the past 125 years, and we look forward to shining for the next 125, too.

LETTERS

Let's make the most of this chance to learn from history

To the Editor:

As a history Ph.D. and a high school history and civics teacher, I was gratified to read Peter King's column urging Americans to heed the lessons of history (“We should have learned more than we have from history,” May 9-15). Unfortunately, there is little that most Americans can do directly to help defend Israel and Ukraine from the evils that assault them, to reduce trade with China for the material goods we have no choice but to buy, or even to calm tempers on college campuses. But there's one thing every American can easily do to help our politics, and that is vote this November, to preserve the norms essential to American democracy.

Before coming to power, Adolf Hitler made clear his intention to expel or exterminate Jews and create an Aryan Empire in Central Europe. Mussolini promised to use violence to cleanse Italian politics of leftists. Rodrigo Duterte campaigned in the Philippines on promises of summary mass executions of drug dealers. These men, and others like them, were brought to power by a combination of voters who were sadistic enough to want exactly what each one promised, and others who didn't take their promises seriously, found the audacity titillating, or assumed that power itself would tame these leaders. But once in office, each leader set about doing precisely what he had promised. History's lesson is that megalomaniacal politicians must be taken at their word.

Donald Trump repudiated the tradition of conceding power



peacefully, a cornerstone of democracy. After losing the 2020 election, he and his henchmen assembled cadres of fake electors, spread demented conspiracy theories to confuse the public, and had Michael Flynn put out feelers for a declaration of martial law. Since the failure of his Jan. 6, 2021, coup attempt, Trump has campaigned on promises to turn the U.S. military against civilians, throw migrants into detention camps,

hijack Congress by withholding legitimately voted funds, and strip the independence of the judiciary in order to remove obstacles to these actions.

He has said he will countenance the tracking of women's pregnancies by state governments and the invasion of NATO allies by Russia. It is beyond any well-informed person's doubt that, in office, he will weaken the NATO alliance, give Vladimir

OPINIONS

Our public schools deserve better

After months of contentious budget negotiations, the State Legislature and Gov. Kathy Hochul recently agreed to a historic \$237 billion state spending plan.

The final budget compromise included the Legislature's reversal of Hochul's proposed funding cuts to education, as it instead allocated nearly \$36 billion in public-school aid.



KARL A. VALERE

The state's public-school funding model can best be described as a three-legged stool consisting of state aid, commercial taxes, and residential property tax revenue.

But even as New York makes historic investments in our schools with taxpayer dollars, many corporations and commercial properties are skipping out on their fair share of tax payments, leaving residents to pick up the hefty tab for education costs.

According to a 2023 report, public schools in the state lost at least \$1.8 billion in revenue to corporate tax breaks, also known as tax "abatements," in fiscal year 2021. Nassau County ranked among New York's top 10 counties in total forgone school revenue, and recorded the second-highest number of approved corporate net tax exemptions.

The independent report, published by Good Jobs First, a pro-economic development research organization, found that a massive portion of corporate tax abatements occur when local industrial development agencies acquire properties and lease them to private companies in exchange for payments in lieu of taxes. Of course, these PILOTs are only a fraction of the corporate tax revenue that would help fully fund our education system.

Let's recap: Industrial development agencies, which are essentially public entities, buy up properties and offer them tax-free, for pennies on the dollar,

to private companies, resulting in billions of dollars in lost commercial tax revenue for school districts across the state.

According to this analysis, the lost revenue for Nassau County public school districts included \$3 million — or \$1,031 per pupil — for the Mineola Union Free School District, \$8.4 million — \$1,668 per pupil — for the Westbury Union Free School District, and \$12.6 million — \$1,827 per pupil — in the Uniondale Union Free School District, the highest in Nassau County and the third-highest among public schools state-

wide.

The estimated \$1.8 billion in lost school budget revenue could have been used for such essential investments as air conditioning in classrooms, athletic field renovations, wages for bus drivers, and teacher training for new technology.

Last year, the State Legislature introduced a bill that would prohibit IDAs from granting corporate tax breaks and

PILOTs where tax revenue was intended for public school districts. The bill has gained significant support from labor organizations, teachers unions and good-government groups seeking to reform IDAs to better serve our schools.

Fundamentally, the Good Jobs First report argues, IDAs should not have the power to waive commercial taxes that would otherwise benefit our schools. The report makes key policy recommendations toward this end, including expanding school and community representation on IDA boards, increasing transparency and accountability in reporting forgone tax revenues, and eliminating IDAs entirely.

In Nassau County, residents pay among the nation's highest property taxes, 60 percent of which are earmarked for our public schools. But if we are to achieve a fairer, more equitable education and tax system, we cannot continue to allow corporations to short-change our school districts at the expense of hardworking families.

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LETTERS

Putin a green light to expand his conquests in Ukraine, and encourage leaders — from U.S. state and local officials to dictators around the globe — to copy his methods, including delegitimizing any election that does not favor him or his party.

History's lesson is that if Trump wins, he will do all he says he will do, and likely worse. The next four years will consist of a struggle between Executive's efforts to dismantle democracy's guardrails, and other government branches', federal and state, to preserve them. That's why Americans should vote for Joe Biden this November, as well as for Democrats up and down the ballot, and only those Republicans who promise they will stand up, rather than acquiesce, to the installation of a Trumpist dictatorship in the United States.

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What to do about college demonstrations?

To the Editor:

I share Jerry Kremer's unease with recent campus unrest ("The blemish of college demonstrations," May 9-15), but I'm also uneasy with his conclusion that college administrators need "outside help" to prevent future "drama." My dissent is reflected in Kremer's comment about "publicity-minded government officials" like House Speaker Mike Johnson and Gov. Greg Abbott. Jeremy Suri's two cents indicates the category of "offi-

cial" extends beyond government.

The solution is for all involved to return to their respective corners, to reset the bargain, including the media. It must be remembered that the hard-fought-for principle of freedom of speech and its extension to the principle of academic freedom began as protections *against* government power to suppress. This is what is at issue. Academic freedom developed during the Enlightenment as societies, and governments, realized that valuable and beneficial knowledge emerge from organized study, the pursuit of knowledge.

Many did not accept this intellectual freedom as a good idea, not then and not now. This is what we see in the general MAGA disdain for science, disparagement of expertise, distrust of libraries. Lately these "officials" have been supported by university donors who want greater control over staffing, curriculum and knowledge, undermining the premise of academic freedom.

Some academics have taken their protected status for an enhanced right of free speech to engage publicly in promoting their work, which has drawn criticism as activism beyond the original remit. Some students, too, have exceeded their commission to become learned in the service of social improvement by attacking that very privilege.

The media is part of all this, and can constructively be more balanced. But the outside agitators, those various "officials" seeking greater influence, must withdraw. Then university administrators need to review, clarify, revise if necessary, the ground rules under which they function, their unique status and

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what they owe the greater society. They must assert their independence from outside interests.

Students, similarly, need reminding of concepts like noblesse oblige, of behavior that infringes on free speech, and how, especially for them, "civil discourse" should be considered a virtue. The responsible media can seek less

drama and superficial speculation, and greater substance, and point out those who seek accommodation over those who prefer discord.

A very conservative suggestion to promote a very liberal goal.

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