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A delightful time at the mansion

The 27th Culinary Delights event, which took place on Monday at the Glen Cove Mansion, drew a crowd of nearly 600, who sampled food from local restaurants — and networked, of course.

Nosh reflects on 5-year-old mission that became a lifeline

By ROKSANA AMID

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When the coronavirus pandemic shuttered schools and businesses in March 2020, hunger swept across Long Island in ways few could have anticipated. With unemployment surging and access to school meals suddenly cut off, thousands of families faced the unthinkable: empty pantries and no clear path to the next meal.

In the midst of this crisis, three women — Courtney Callahan, Linda Eastman and Christine Rice — took action. What began as an emergency food relief effort, called Nosh, is now marking five years of serving the North Shore with compassion, dignity and community spirit.

“We were just going to be here for as long as the pandemic was, which at that time I thought was going to be no more than a few months,” Eastman recalled. “I certainly didn’t even think it was going to be as long as it was.”

Rice, the director of the Glen Cove Senior Center, remembers receiving the order to close for what was originally thought would be just two weeks.

“To me, a two-week period seemed forever,” Rice recounted. “I never thought it would last this long, ever.”

Yet within days, that sense of “forever” became reality. Instead of waiting for normalcy to return, Callahan, Eastman and Rice mobi-

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A journey of healing and sisterhood

By ROKSANA AMID

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Lela Watson, 44, is the founder and president of I Am My Sister, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth — particularly young women — through community-based programming and mentorship. Originally from Jamaica, Queens, Watson moved to Glen Cove in 2017, bringing with her a wealth of experience, a deep sense of purpose, and a story that has shaped her organization.

■ Herald: How did your background shape your journey?

Watson: I was born and raised in New York City — Jamaica, Queens. I’m a graduate of NYU School of Business. So I have lived outside of New York for most of my adult life after college — Maryland, Atlanta, North Carolina — and so I came back to New York in 2016 when my grandmother got sick.

Fate led me to Glen Cove. I had a friend of mine who was like, ‘Oh, it’s a great area, great

school system.’ And so I moved out to this area. No family. No real friends. And just started raising my kids. But before then, I had started the organization in North Carolina in 2010, because I wanted to create the support system for others that my grandmother and my family was for me and my sister.

We’re not just for Black girls.

LELA WATSON
founder and president,
I Am My Sister

■ Herald: Your organization is called I Am My Sister. Where did that name come from, and what does it mean to you personally?

Watson: It was really named because of my sister. I needed for her to understand that not only did I understand where she was coming from, with our difficult upbringing, because our mom was abusing substances, we were one in the same — that I was her and she was me.

Where a lot of times you hear, ‘I am my sister’s keeper,’ I didn’t want (that) name ... because I felt I was more than her keeper. That’s how I see other young ladies and women

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Deep Roots Farmers Market returns

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce will take the reins of the Deep Roots Farmers Market this spring, honoring the legacy of its founder, Amy Peters. Beginning May 31 the market will be officially renamed Deep Roots Farmers Market – Glen Cove and continue to operate at its familiar waterfront location in the parking lot next to The Beacon at 100 Garvies Point Road.

The 2025 season will run for 23 weeks, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through Nov. 1, rain or shine. The only exception will be on, June 7, when the market will temporarily move to Glen Cove Village Square to make way for the city's annual Greek Festival. It will return to Garvies Point the following Saturday.

To kick off the season, the Chamber will host a grand ribbon-cutting ceremony on opening day, May 31, and the public is encouraged to attend and celebrate this new chapter for a market that has become a staple in the Glen Cove community since its launch in 2021.

Dr. Maxine Cappel Mayreis, President of the Glen Cove Chamber and co-chair of the Market Committee, emphasized the Chamber's commitment to maintaining the market's founding values.

"Happily, you will be greeted by many familiar faces—local makers and growers offering everything from fresh produce and baked goods to handmade décor, sauces, flowers, and more," she said.

Shoppers can expect a wide array of locally sourced and crafted products, including healthy microgreens, spices, olive oils, gluten-free treats, pure ice creams, artisan breads, dog treats, quiches, handcrafted cutting boards, and even knife sharpening services. Live music will be featured each week, creating a festive, family-friendly atmosphere along the scenic Hempstead Harbor. The market's revival under the Chamber's guidance ensures that Amy Peters' vision of a vibrant, local, and sustainable community market lives on.

"This is the place to be on Saturday mornings," Mayreis said. "The location, the community, the view—vendors often tell us it's their favorite market spot."

Vendor applications are currently being accepted. For more information, contact the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce at (516) 676-6666, email info@glen-covechamber.org, or text co-chairs Dr. Maxine Mayreis at (516) 528-5955 or Ylisa Kunze at (516) 819-9038.

Memorial service for Carol Rubin

Family and friends of Carol Rubin will gather to celebrate her life at a memorial ceremony on April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Webb Institute, located at 298 Crescent Beach Road in Glen Cove.

In addition to the formal ceremony, Rubin's loved ones are invited to join informal receptions at the family home on both April 18, and April 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. The home is located at 31 Rellim Drive, Glen Cove. Food will be provided, with catering by Jeanine's American Bistro. While RSVPs are appreciated to assist with planning, they are not required—guests are welcome to attend regardless of notice.

The memorial is intended to be a heartfelt tribute to Rubin's life, bringing

together those who knew and loved her to share stories, memories, and comfort. For those who cannot attend in person, the family is inviting written remembrances or short video tributes to be read or shown during the ceremony. Written messages can be emailed to the family any time before April 18, though submissions at least a week in advance are preferred. Video submissions should be received no later than Saturday, April 12.

The family also hopes to offer a Zoom livestream of the memorial service to accommodate those who wish to participate remotely. Those interested in this option are encouraged to reach out in advance to receive login details.

Geliashvili needs a kidney donation

The Northwell Health Transplant Institute is urgently seeking a living kidney donor for David Geliashvili, a beloved longtime resident of Glen Cove. Geliashvili is well known for his service at the Glen Cove Senior Center and La Bussola Restaurant, and is cherished for his warmth, community spirit, and love for history, travel, dining, and sports—particularly the New York Rangers.

Geliashvili is currently facing a life-threatening medical condition that requires a kidney transplant. According to medical experts, living kidney donors generally recover within three to four weeks, can resume all normal daily activities, and do not require lifelong medications or special diets.

To support Geliashvili, a community benefit event will be held on Thursday, May 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Glen Cove Anglers Club, 70 Garvies Point Road. The event will include food, wine, beer, and raffles. Admission is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple. RSVPs are requested by May 19, via check or cash. For details, contact Trish McCauley at (917) 209-0488 or Rose Ann Telese at (516) 582-3117. Payments may be mailed to GC Rotary, 3 Hickory Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542.

To explore kidney donation, contact Libbie at Northwell Health at (516) 666-0899 or Lbinkiewicz@northwell.edu.

—Roksana Amid



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Long Island Runs Too members Joanna Bak, Abby Lauri, Elisa Lahey, Chelsea La Grega, Jason Bier, Brenda Sale, Kathleen Lennon and Koorosh Leibowitz run on Saturdays.

New running club goes the distance in G.C.

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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What began as a personal fitness journey for Brenda Sale has quickly turned into a growing community effort to bring people together through running. A Glen Cove native, Sale founded a local run club just three months ago, and despite its recent start, the group has already begun to build a strong sense of connection and accomplishment among its members.

“So as of right now, we’re about 10 to 12 members,” Sale said. “It really depends on the week. Some Saturdays I get more people, some less — but honestly, whoever shows up is a win.”

The club, which meets weekly at Garvies Point, gathers under the gazebo adjacent to the children’s playground before heading out for a scenic three-mile loop that runs along the water and past the beacon. Runners of all levels are welcome, including those just starting their fitness journey.

“A lot of it is casual runners,” Sale explained. “I only get maybe one or two seasoned runners who are training for a race or coming off of one. I get a mix of different people — people who run all different kinds of paces and even some walkers as well.”

Running wasn’t always a central part of Sale’s life. In high school, she was a member of the Glen Cove kickline team and served as captain her senior year. At the time, running was simply the easiest form of exercise available when she wanted to stay active. But two years ago, facing health issues, she realized she needed to make her well-being a priority.

“I kind of struggled with maybe understanding or figuring out what kind of workouts were almost tangible,” she said. “Running was the easiest thing for me to pick up.”

Her dedication led her to complete her first marathon — the New York City Marathon — last November. Inspired by that transformative experience and the lack of nearby run clubs, she created her own. The club’s name, Long Island Runs 2, reflects her desire to bring that sense of community and achievement closer to home.

“It just popped in my mind — this is extremely frustrating — because Long Island runs too. And that just stuck with me,” she said.

For Elisa Lahey, a stay-at-home mom and close friend of Sale’s, joining the run club in January became a turning point in her life.

“I never really enjoyed running,” Lahey admitted. “But I wanted something to kind of do — a healthy hobby that would get me moving and meet new people.”

After attending her first session, Lahey said she felt motivated and encouraged, and has since been running four to five times a week. Last week she ran for five consecutive miles without stopping, an accomplishment she credits to the running club.

The group’s welcoming environment has helped Lahey overcome personal hesitations and given her something to look forward to.

“I’m an introvert,” she said. “Getting out of my comfort zone is something I struggle with. But this club has been the one day of the week I really look forward to now.”



Joanna Bak, Abby Lauri, Elisa Lahey, and Chelsea La Grega power through their Saturday miles together, proving that running is better with friends — and plenty of encouragement.



In addition to meeting with the run club on Saturday mornings, Koorosh Leibowitz walks along Garvies Point in his spare time.



Jason Bier kicked off the weekend strong cruising through the scenic loop at Garvies Point.

4 Nosh marks five years of fighting hunger

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lized.

“There was just — there’s a pandemic, people were trying to process that,” Callahan said. “But I prayed for, like, an hour, and I was just, like, I know that there’s something that we have to — we have to stand up for people.”

Callahan tapped into her experience serving children and families at St. John’s of Lattingtown Episcopal Church. She called on trusted contacts and assembled a group of committed volunteers. From the start, Nosh operated differently from traditional supplemental food organizations. It focused on direct

delivery, reaching people who couldn’t leave home or were afraid to.

“We developed our Nosh bag in accordance with (the department of) Homeland Security,” Callahan said. “And explaining how the meals were designed to feed a family for two dinners. “It was supposed to give some normalcy that families could cook two meals together.”

Five years later, the numbers tell a



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sobering story. Nosh now serves 750 families per week, an increase from 650 in recent years.

“Right now, I would say this: Covid was a tragedy,” Callahan said. “So many lives were lost. It was hard on so many families. “Right now I believe it’s a food

including saving legal fees and taxes.

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During and after the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade in January, Nosh volunteers collected non-perishable food donations outside Robert H. Finley Middle School.

crisis for so many people.”

Eastman said her heart has been “filled with so much with regards to all the amazing volunteers that come here and help out every day.” She said that many volunteers could be doing anything else, but they’re here helping and giving back to their community.

Rice echoed the emotional toll and deepened awareness that came with five years of working on the front lines of hunger relief. “Until you’re faced with it in your community and seeing people struggling, it makes a huge difference,” she said. “There needs to be a lot more hands-on help, and it needs to be continual help.”

Nosh has grown not just in numbers, but in recognition and partnerships. Island Harvest and Long Island Cares now supply much of Nosh’s food. The organization eventually opened a pantry and began welcoming seniors and others who prefer to choose their own food. But delivery remains a cornerstone. As the cost of living continues to rise and inflation drives up grocery

prices, the need shows no signs of slowing.

“The world is a harder place to feed your children now,” Callahan said. “It’s a harder place to feed your grandparents. It is affecting all ages.”

Yet despite the hardships, the founders reflect on Nosh’s growth with gratitude and hope.

“Nosh would never have survived unless it was in the marrow and the ethers of this place,” Callahan said. “Every single person is equal and lifts their weight for good.”

Looking ahead, Rice said she is concerned with the rising cost of food.

“Although Covid is over, food insecurity is not,” she said. “And I don’t see that stopping any time in the near future.”

The three of them agree that even donating one box of food can impact lives, and they encourage those who are able to continue donating food. It can be dropped off at 15 Hill Street in Glen Cove. Nosh’s emergency hotline is (516) 366-0277.

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Inspiring young people through sisterhood

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... although we have different upbringings and different challenges, we're still one in the same. We're just navigating through life a little differently, but we are — we're still one.

■ Herald: How did your upbringing influence your mission?

Watson: My mom was a teen mom and she was on drugs. At the time, I didn't know my dad, and didn't think I would ever really get to know him. It was hard. We struggled. My sister and I struggled with confidence and self-esteem, because the thought is that the foundation of your confidence and self-love comes from your parents. And when you don't have that, you question if anybody will truly love you.

I was a family kid — I had my grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins that were a lot older, and they gave us everything we needed: love, support, opportunities. But my sister really just wanted a love from my mom that my mom was not capable of giving her. And not that she may not have wanted to — but she wasn't capable. (Watson's mother) got into a lot of trouble — gangs and all kinds of things like that.

When I got pregnant with my oldest daughter, I had to make a decision on whether I was going to take the full ride to Yale and leave my daughter with my grandmother while I went to school — or I was going to go to NYU. I chose NYU because I just couldn't leave my daughter. I wanted to do everything opposite of my mom, and so when I became a teen mom, like my mom was, it was heavy for me because I felt like I failed.

But I had a support system. I went to class. After class I came home. I worked — at times overnight at



Roksana Amid/Herald

Lela Watson, 44, is the founder and president of I Am My Sister, a nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth.

UPS — got off at four o'clock in the morning, came home, got my daughter ready for school, went to class ... and I did that for years.

■ Herald: What was it like trying to relaunch your organization here in Glen Cove, especially while

managing personal struggles?

Watson: Shortly after I got here, my daughter, Sydney, was struggling with the transition. She got in trouble in school ... and she attempted to commit suicide. She was 14 years old. It was rough. I was a single mom at the time. My older daughter was in college ... and it was just me.

That's when I was introduced to the support system that the Glen Cove school district provided. (It) provided her a bus every day to her therapy program. She was the only kid on that bus, but they provided that bus every day — and it took a weight off of me.

I reached out to a lot of agencies when I was trying to relaunch I Am My Sister here. The only agency that called me back was the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club. They let me do a visit, and then I did a "Cupcakes and Conversation" program. From there we went to the high school and started a club — just like the ones that had been extremely successful in Maryland and North Carolina.

But then Covid happened, and things shut down. When they returned to school, we tried to restart, but there were no late buses for the kids, and it was hard for them to get home. So we scaled back, and focused on engaging the community first — so they could get to know who we are, what we stand for, and how we fill gaps.

We're not just for Black girls. The reason why we do so many cultural events is because that's where the gap is. We are less than 6 percent of the population in Glen Cove — but those kids still need representation. Our programs are for everyone, and our goal is to make sure that diversity isn't just something people say — it's something they can see.

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The Jerusalem Capitals beat HC Tel Aviv in overtime March 23 at UBS Arena in Elmont as the top teams in the Israeli Elite Hockey League were on display.

Nassau County hosts Israeli Elite hockey

By MICHELLE RABINOVICH

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No fan bases are more divided than the Rangers, Islanders and Devils.

But on March 23, those bitter rivals, who have spent decades split by hatred and animosity, were bound together by blood, heritage and creed. United under the flag of Israel, draped around many like Superman's cape, hundreds of spectators came together to watch the Jerusalem Capitals and HC Tel Aviv, the top teams in the Israeli Elite Hockey League (IEHL), as they participate in the USA Challenge Cup at UBS Arena.

"It's a historic moment for Israeli hockey," said Jerusalem assistant coach David Warsofsky. "The night in general was a huge success and I hope the fans enjoyed it as much as we did coaching it."

The event started with IEHL co-founder and co-commissioner Marc Brunengraber greeted spectators with a welcome speech, with the league on the precipice of entering its fifth season later this year. Brunengraber said that the evening's events were about more than just hockey, but about sharing love for the sport by growing it exponentially over the last five years, a sentence one of the star players harmonized with.

"Four years ago, we played four-on-four and look where we played now, in an NHL arena," said Jerusalem forward Nikita Zitserman. "It's just going to go



HC Tel Aviv's Kirill Polozov's blasted a slap shot.

higher from here."

"We're showing everyone how great [Israeli hockey] is," said Tel Aviv head coach Stuart Gourdj. "It's just going to go

Gourdj pointed to the fact that this was an atmosphere unlike anything he'd ever experienced because of the unique mix of the Israeli background of the staff and players, and the same energy from the fans.



Yonatan Resinger tended the goal for Jerusalem.

"This is a dream, coaching in front of eight thousand people," he said. "The music and the Israeli flags, you see that a lot in soccer but it's the first time I've ever seen something like that

It wasn't an NHL game as we're used to it: the Israeli anthem was sung before the Star-Spangled Banner. The Islanders goal horn rang every time the puck found the back of the net, but it wasn't

fans chanting "Islanders, Islanders, yes, yes, yes" when the home team scored. When Tel Aviv scored, the loud speakers played Tel Aviv by Omer Adam; when Jerusalem scored, the audience was serenaded with Naomi Shemer's Yerushalayim shel Zahav.

Other than that, it was a typical NHL hockey game: three 20-minute periods and a pair of 20-minute intermissions in between them, junior hockey teams facing off during intermissions, trash-talking before a fight on the ice and penalty minutes in the Sin Bin. Ironically, after both players sat their penalty, they fist bumped each other on their way to the bench.

Nearly 120 combined shots on goal made for a nail-biting game, one that went to overtime until Jerusalem's Denis Zaychik netted his one-timer in one of the biggest stages he's ever played on. The Capitals won, 7-6, in overtime.

"Feeling amazing," Zaychik said, adding the fact that he's never played in an arena this large before. "Fans of Israel and fans of hockey and together it's a very good mix."

"It was my dream since I was a kid," Zitserman admitted. "I can only remember that I just wished to play in an NHL rink."

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Honoring Premier Business Women of L.I.

By Christie Leigh Babirad

An empowering evening of camaraderie, gratitude and celebration, the sixth annual Premier Business Women of Long Island Awards on March 19, at the Heritage Club at Bethpage, presented by RichnerLive, drew close to 400 attendees, and more than 50 women were honored for their accomplishments across a wide range of industries on Long Island.

The event was organized by Amy Amato, RichnerLive's executive director of corporate relations and events, who said that it was a privilege to be there with such a talented and driven group of dynamic and fearless women.

"Your presence here displays the countless accomplishments that women have made and will continue to make," Amato said, "and it's a pleasure to welcome you all to the Richner family."

Stuart Richner, CEO of Richner Communications Inc. and publisher of Herald Community Media, said that the night was intended to celebrate remarkable women by honoring what they have achieved in their careers as well as their communities.

"Looking around the room, I am truly humbled by the caliber of our award winners," Richner said. "These extraordinary women represent diverse fields, from health care to finance to education and entrepreneurship, yet share common traits of vision, resilience and unwavering commitment to excellence."

He added that his mother, Edith Richner, who founded Richner Communications with Stuart's father nearly 60 years ago, would undoubtedly be proud of all the women leaders being honored at the event, because in her time, she was almost always the only woman at the table.

The keynote speaker, and the winner of the Trailblazer Award, was Linda Armyn, president and CEO of FourLeaf Federal Credit Union and the creator of the initiative Money Like a Woman, which she said was conceived to celebrate all of the values that women bring to the table. "We want to put them up on a pedestal and say, you know what, women have all these great talents that they use every day," Armyn said, "to multitask, to be a mom, be a businesswoman, be an innovator, entrepreneur, and we don't celebrate that enough. Money Like a Woman is all about celebrating those great traits and sharing them with the rest of the world."

She added that the night was a wonderful way to celebrate women and all of their accomplishments, and that many of them are making a difference not only on Long Island, but well beyond.

Guests enjoyed drinks, appetizers and dinner at the event, as they mingled with award winners, family members and friends.

Honoree Laura D'Amato, Apple Bank's first vice president and assistant marketing director said that it felt amazing to be honored as a Premier Business Woman of Long Island. "I'm totally humbled to be in the same room with so many amazing women," D'Amato said.

PSEG Long Island's manager of customer and community partnerships, Honoree Veronica Isaac, echoed those sentiments, and said that an event like this inspires her to keep doing what she's doing.

Another honoree, Jennifer Baxmeyer, executive director of the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, said that an award means a lot, but that you're only as good as your team.

Celine M. Gazes, CFO at Suffolk Regional Off Track Betting Corp. Jake's 58 Hotel and Casino, said that the award felt "validating."

Susan Johnson, acting superintendent of Hempstead schools, said that she was truly humbled to be honored. "People believing you can do it and reaching out to you that you are making a difference, it means so much," said Johnson.

"It's so incredibly special, and such a unique oppor-



Tim Baker/Herald photos

Nearly 400 people attended the awards dinner.



Keynote speaker and Trailblazer Award winner Linda Armyn, of FourLeaf Federal Credit Union.

tunity, to see all the different industries helping to move women forward," Mary Fu, chief advancement officer at People's Arc of Suffolk, said.

And Susan Gatti, of Disruptive Spark Business Academy, wanted to thank RichnerLive for bringing together women of all different ages and industries. "It's humbling, and such an opportunity to reflect, since you're always so busy," Gatti said. "It's nice to know that you're going in the right direction, and to celebrate with so many other amazing women."

In keeping with RichnerLive's commitment to giving back, a portion of the proceeds from the event were donated to Hair We Share, a nonprofit that offers wigs at no cost to those experiencing medical hair loss. Its mission to restore dignity and confidence aligns



Veronica Isaac, of PSEGLI, with Stuart Richner.

with the spirit of the honorees. More information about its work can be found at hairweshare.org.

Event sponsors included FourLeaf Federal Credit Union, People's ARC of Suffolk, Apple Bank, CSD Net, Reworld, Maidenbaum, Whisper Woods of Smithtown, Eclectic Psychotherapy, Mending Hearts Counseling, Premier HR Consulting, Farmingdale State College, Jake's 58, Optimum Business, Disruptive Spark Academy, PSEG Long Island, Dime Community Bank, C Squared, Family Children's Association, Certilman Balin, St. Joseph's University, the Cradle of Aviation, Vandegrift Plastic Surgery, Suffolk Regional Off Track Betting Corp. and ConnectOne Bank.

For a complete list of honorees and photos, visit RichnerLive.com.



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The Glen Cove chamber of Commerce celebrated its 27 years of bringing Culinary Delights to the North Shore.

Culinary Delights serves up G.C. best bites

Glen Cove’s Culinary Delights gathered over 600 attendees at 27th annual event at The Mansion at Glen Cove for an evening of fine wine, and highlighting local restaurants. The evening had a wide variety of flavors from seafood dishes to pastas and dumplings with cocktails and desserts as well. Many of the restaurants were returning from previous years, but for some it was their first time.



Trish Melek and Trish Roberts from Exclusive Designz by Patricia Gotta Have it showed off their unique ideas.



Keith Way and Denise Minicozzi, from Jeanine’s American Bistro, served up smiles and friendship.



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Arlene Cajavilca from Scoop N Fruit, gave out samples of tasty treats made with real fruit.



Michael Kim and Allen Sun from Mr KEKE Ramen restaurant reflect on what Culinary Delifghts means to the community with Matthew Nartowicz.



Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck spoke about the importance of community and the high spirits of the evening.



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—George Karatzas, James Cress Florist, Smithtown

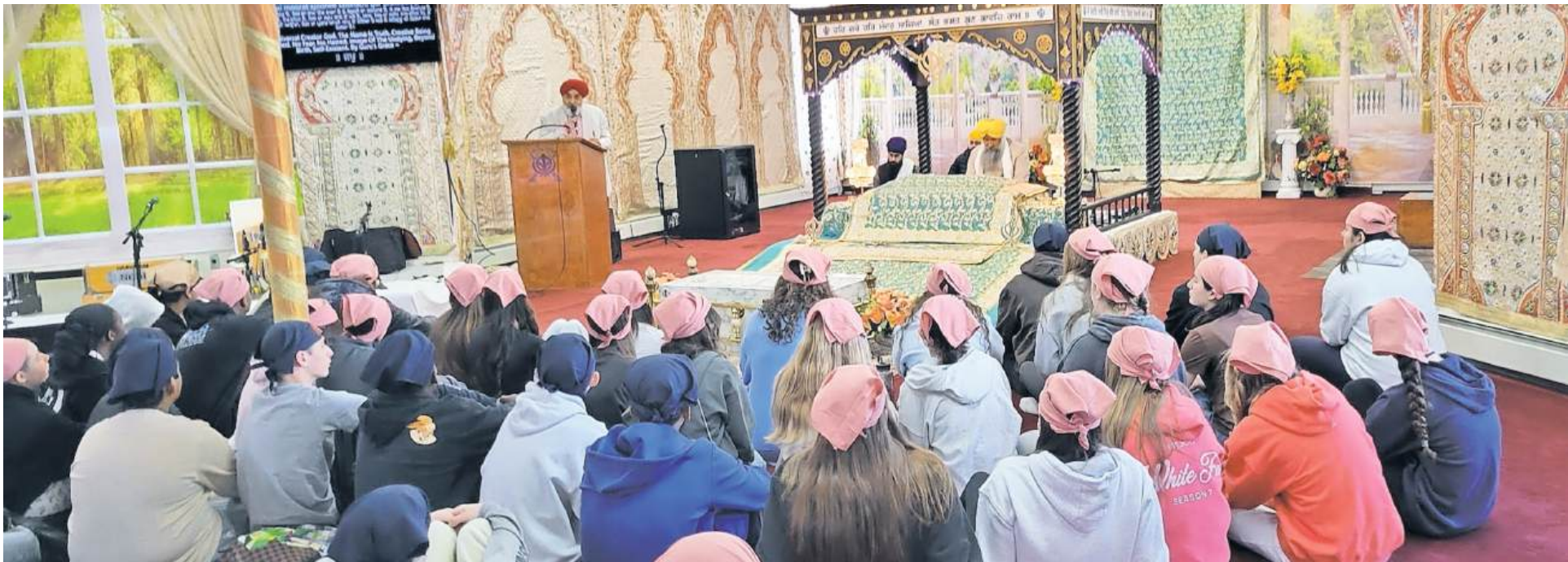
Unoccupied business spaces are an opportunity to help bring vitality to downtown areas. For George Karatzas, owner of James Cress Florist, staying downtown was a priority, but costs were prohibitive. Then George applied for our Vacant Space Revival Program, which has provided \$2,462 in bill credits to help offset his overhead.* And Smithtown continues to have a business that brings warmth and charm to the area. It’s a beautiful thing to see come together—just like George’s floral arrangements.



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High school Oceanside and Uniondale schools joint Bridges Program visited a Sikh temple in Glen Cove, connecting another bridge in understanding different cultures.

Students explore Sikh faith in Glen Cove

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In a demonstration of cultural understanding, students from Oceanside High School’s Bridges program, and their counterparts from Uniondale High School, made an educational visit to Temple Gurdwara Mata Sahib Kaur, a Sikh temple in Glen Cove, last Friday. The visit, part of an ongoing effort to foster interfaith and cultural understanding, gave students firsthand insights into Sikh religious practices, traditions and values, including the faith’s emphasis on equality, service and devotion.

“The coolest part is that everyone is out of their comfort zone,” said Joe LaTorre, an English teacher at Oceanside Middle School and a co-founder of the district’s Bridges program. “We’re creating similarities by sharing a new experience together.”

Bridges program is a tool for inter-district collaboration, encouraging students from diverse backgrounds to connect. The program, to which they apply by writing an essay about a societal issue they want to change, is now in its eighth years, and starts in seventh grade, with students forming lasting relationships across both districts. They learn to engage in conversations about challenging topics like immigration, while respecting differing viewpoints.

David Hollander, Uniondale’s director of Social Studies and co-organizer of the event, noticed the geographic and cultural divide between Uniondale and Oceanside, despite the fact that the schools were only a few miles apart. The program is intended to bridge that gap, and the aim of the field trip was to introduce students to the Sikh religion, its culture and food.

“This is exactly what we want to see — students engaging with different cultures and understanding diverse perspectives,” Hollander said.

When they arrived at the temple, the students were given an overview of

Sikhism, one of the world’s youngest major religions, founded in the late 15th century by Guru Nanak. Their hosts explained key aspects of their faith, including the significance of the Guru Granth Sahib, Sikhism’s central religious scripture. Students observed the use of the chaur sahib, a ceremonial whisk waved over the holy book as a sign of respect.

“They really emphasized that Sikhism isn’t a religion, it’s more of a lifestyle,” Oceanside student Max Greenberg said. “They were so open about being, nondiscriminatory, very open for equal rights for everyone. It’s really interesting.”

A major topic of discussion was the Sikh turban, a symbol of faith and commitment. Asked whether different colors held special meaning, Temple Gurdwara representatives explained that while personal choice influences the color selection, all turbans symbolize discipline, equality and devotion.

“The Sikh religion almost evolved ... they really are OK with everyone,” Uniondale teacher Sanjay Singh said. “The core of the religion is inclusivity.”

Students also asked about milestones in the faith. Unlike bar mitzvahs in Judaism or first communions in Christianity, Sikhism does not have age-based initiation ceremonies. However, many young Sikh boys take participate in a turban-tying ceremony, signifying their transition to maturity and responsibility.

Sikh values and way of life

Students explored the Sikh approach to lifestyle choices, including the emphasis on honesty, discipline, and avoiding intoxicants like alcohol and tobacco. They also learned about the importance of marriage, as Sikh weddings (Anand Karaj) are deeply spiritual ceremonies held in the presence of the Guru Granth Sahib. The discussion also highlighted gender equality, with students learning that Sikh teachings affirm that men and women are equal in all aspects of life.

“This is place-based learning, where they get to actually experience what they’re learning rather than just learning it out of a textbook,” Uniondale teacher Jillian Pallone said. “I heard a lot of the girls saying how they were happy that they can see that women are playing equal roles in this religion, because in other ones they’re not.”

The students also learned about the Khanda, the prominent Sikh emblem, and that the Guru Granth Sahib was written during the gurus’ lifetimes, unlike many religious scriptures that were compiled posthumously. They also discovered that there are a number of gurdwaras on Long Island and across New York, serving as spiritual and community hubs.

Cultural exchange through food and hospitality

A highlight of the visit was Langar, the Sikh tradition of serving free meals to all visitors regardless of background. As part of Sikhism’s commitment to seva (selfless service) and equality, every gurdwara operates a community kitchen, where volunteers prepare and serve vegetarian meals to anyone in need.

The students shared a meal while discussing about Sikh hospitality and the importance of service in the faith.

“We try to do at least one off-site, non-high school thing a year, and we try to do a different one each year,” LaTorre said. “In four years, the kids always get new experiences.”

Reflections on an eye-opening experience

The visit concluded with reflections on the importance of understanding different faiths and cultures. The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn directly from members of the Sikh community and gain a deeper appreciation of diversity.

Singh, who is Indian and practices Jain, a religion similar to Buddhism, highlighted the impact programs like Bridges have on students.

The Five K’s of Sikh Identity

The Five K’s, or physical symbols of Sikh identity worn by baptized Sikhs (Amritdhari Sikhs):

Kesh — Uncut hair, symbolizing devotion to God.

Kangha — A wooden comb, representing cleanliness and discipline.

Kara — A steel bracelet, signifying unity with God and moral strength.

Kachera — Cotton undergarments, symbolizing modesty and self-control.

Kirpan — A ceremonial sword, representing a Sikh’s duty to protect and uphold justice.

“I grew up post 9/11, and everybody looked at people like us as terrorists, Osama, whatever,” Singh said, “Honestly, this generation really is not like that. I remember the first year we did this, I saw white and black and Latino kids wearing turbans. I was like, ‘This feels like a fever dream right now.’”

By providing an opportunity for meaningful conversations and shared experiences, the trip to Temple Gurdwara Mata Sahib Kaur reinforced the Bridges program’s mission: fostering mutual understanding, respect and life-long learning among students from different backgrounds.

“The idea here,” Hollander said, “is that being a global citizen means being out of your comfort zone, being able to engage with cultures, and being able to understand.”

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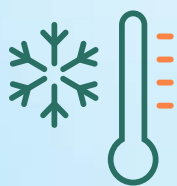
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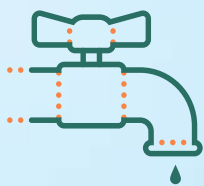
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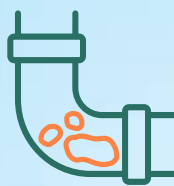
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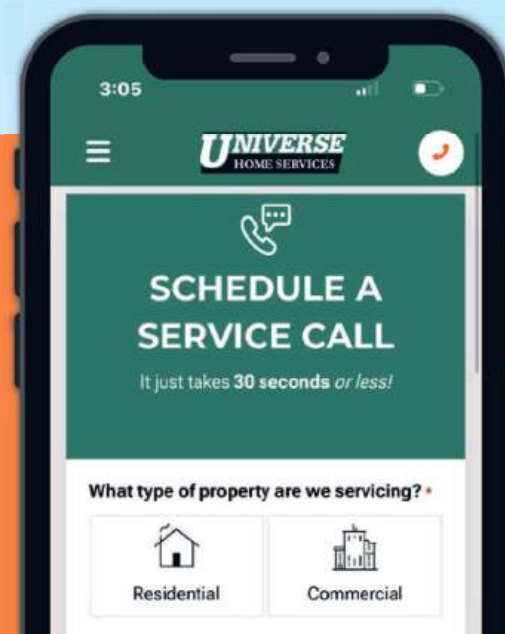
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STEPPING OUT



Thinking 'green'

Get out there and prep to enjoy your personal outdoors

By Karen Bloom

Now that we've stepped forth into spring — and Earth Month — the moment has arrived to think about how you embrace the season — and months ahead of being fully present in our natural world. Specifically in your personal environment.

Give some thought to the way in which you want your yard to serve your family, pets and wildlife. Maybe you're aiming to have the best yard on the block or expand your entertaining options. Perhaps your kids or pets could use a better play space.

Spring and backyarding — the act of bringing indoor activities such as dining, entertaining, even exercising, out into our backyards — surely go hand in hand.

A little planning and preparation now can mean colorful flowers, fresh crops and beautiful garden scenery later down the line. Good gardening starts long before you sow the first seed, so let's get started!

"With the season's first signs appearing, this is surely the time to get your garden ready for a great season," garden design expert Fiona Jenkins says.

She offers some common-sense advice on creating a low-maintenance garden full of beautiful, healthy plants all year round without taking your time away from the other things life throws at us.

Limit flowerbed size and plant variety

When considering the size of your flowerbeds, the smaller ones are better if you are looking for a low-maintenance solution, as larger ones will require a lot more initial planting and upkeep.

"Sticking to flower beds that are only one to two feet wide will make them much more manageable," Jenkins says.

Once you have set the size, think about what plants you want to put in them. Jenkins suggests limiting the variety of your plants to around five different ones. This way, you will easily learn and memorize the requirements of each, and caring for them will be a lot simpler.

Simple, low-maintenance plants are ideal to start with, especially for those who have little spare time or don't feel very confident in gardening. Hardy perennials such as geraniums and peonies, as well as evergreen shrubs, are great options as they can survive the winter frost and won't need replanting every year.

"Once settled in, these plants can bring years of color and beauty to your garden," Jenkins notes. "There are other factors to consider, such as how often a plant will need feeding, watering, and pruning — only purchase a plant when you are certain you can keep on top of its needs."

Invest in good soil and mulch

Good quality, rich, organic soil allows plants to thrive with minimum need for frequent watering and fertilizing. Add organic matter such as compost to your soil yearly, which you can even make yourself.

"Mulching is a great way of protecting your soil and making it last longer by helping to maintain moisture levels and prevent weeds from growing," she advises.

A layer of organic materials such as bark chips, dead leaves or compost will improve soil as it breaks down.

Invest in hard landscaping

Hard landscaping, such as decking or paving, elevates your outdoor space

and helps to define different areas of your garden. It forms the backbone of a well-designed yard, providing structure and aesthetic appeal.

One of the most popular choices for hard landscaping these days is composite decking, which offers a sleek, modern look while being durable and low-maintenance. Unlike traditional wooden decking, composite boards resist fading, warping and moisture damage, meaning you won't need to worry about sanding, staining, or sealing them over time. This makes them an excellent long-term investment to create an elegant yet practical outdoor area.

If you prefer paving, consider materials such as natural stone, concrete or even porcelain tiling, all of which provide a clean and sophisticated finish.

Beyond aesthetics, hard landscaping also contributes to functionality. Paved walkways make navigating your garden easier, while decking extends your living space outdoors. For an added touch of luxury, consider incorporating built-in lighting into your design, illuminating paths and seating areas for a cozy ambiance during the evenings.

Also consider adding a lower-maintenance rock garden. "This feature will look very visually appealing if done correctly and will pretty much take care of itself," according to Jenkins.

Achieving the look of a stunning rock garden is simple: plant some alpine plants and succulents and surround with a mix of larger rocks and smaller pebbles to cover the soil completely.

"This will bring interesting textures to your garden space," Jenkins adds.

Make use of raised beds

Utilizing raised beds, whether on top of your existing soil or over hard landscaping, can give you more control over your plants.

"A raised flowerbed will stop them from spreading out of control and add a focal point of interest to your garden," Jenkins says.

Embrace the wild

Another interesting option, which certainly cuts down on lawn maintenance, is to embrace what Jenkins describes as the "wild look."

"This isn't to say you should let it grow completely out of control, but your garden can look beautiful with the aesthetic of a grassy meadow rather than an urban space," she says.

To enhance this effect, try sprinkling some wildflower seed mixes onto your grass. These flowers won't need any maintenance, come in a range of beautiful colors, and are a real treat for our beloved garden friends, such as bees and butterflies.

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Get set for backyard bliss. Refresh your backyard with vibrant blooms, cozy outdoor spaces and even a touch of nature's wild charm.



Rockin' with Jason Scheff and Tommy DeCarlo

Chicago frontman Jason Scheff is joined by Tommy DeCarlo, Boston's former lead vocalist for their The Lead Singers of Classic Rock tour. They team up for a night of unforgettable classic rock spanning the '70s, '80s and '90s. Their musical tribute features two great sets of classic hits with Chicago's timeless ballads the guitar-driven rock of Boston. Over 15 million fans have attended a live concert of both bands over a 32-year span featuring either Jason or Tommy's signature high-tenor lead vocals. Scheff joined Chicago in 1985 and went on to perform thousands of live concerts spanning four decades during a non-stop touring and recording career with the band. DeCarlo joined Boston in 2008 after the passing of Brad Delp was lead singer on every tour thereafter. These pair is backed by a top band of touring professionals.

Saturday, April 5, 8 p.m. Tickets available at tillescenter.org or (516) 299-3100. LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville.



The Wallflowers

Grab those leather jackets, and rock on! The Wallflowers bring their sound to the Paramount stage, with special guest Jackson Melnick. For the past 30 years, the Jakob Dylan-act has stood as one of rock's most dynamic and purposeful bands — continually honing a sound that meshes timeless songwriting and storytelling with a hard-hitting and decidedly modern musical attack. That signature style has been present through the decades. In recent years, Dylan — the Wallflowers' founding singer, songwriter and guitarist — has repeatedly stepped outside of his band. Now the band has made its triumphant return, with "Exit Wounds," their new studio offering. The much-anticipated record finds that signature sound — lean, potent and eminently entrancing — intact, even as Dylan surrounds himself with a fresh cast of musicians.

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Joan Osborne sings Dylan

The seven-time Grammy nominee brings her extraordinary voice and artistic depth to the timeless music of Bob Dylan, on the Landmark stage, Friday, **April 11**, 8 p.m. Best known for her multi-platinum hit “One of Us,” Osborne has spent over 25 years captivating audiences with her fearless exploration of genres ranging from rock and blues to soul, gospel and country. Her critically acclaimed 2018 album, “Songs of Bob Dylan,” and her live performances showcase her ability to reimagine Dylan’s iconic works, offering fresh interpretations that highlight the emotional resonance and poetic brilliance of his music. Osborne first began her journey with Dylan’s catalog in 2016 with a series of “Dylanology” concerts. These performances deepened her appreciation for his vast and varied repertoire and inspired her to put her own stamp on his songs. Her renditions are both reverent and inventive, blending her soulful delivery with the rich textures of her band to bring new life to classics like “Tangled Up in Blue” and “Highway 61 Revisited.”

With a voice hailed as one of the most powerful and versatile of her generation, Osborne invites audiences to rediscover Dylan’s masterpieces through her singular lens. Her take on the “Dylanology” reflects her reverence for iconic musician who remains forever young in the hearts and minds of his fans and the music world. The recent biopic, “A Complete Unknown,” brings Dylan to the forefront once again. Osborne turns back the clock with her artistic and soulful reinterpretations exuding passion, emotion and energy. \$59, \$55, \$48, also special VIP package. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Tickets available at landmarkonmainstreet.org or (516) 767-6444.



Coach Jon Dolecki honored Glen Cove High School host a Field Dedication Ceremony to honor the legacy of longtime baseball coach Jon Dolecki, Saturday, **April 5**, 11:30 a.m. It celebrates Coach Dolecki’s contributions to Glen Cove baseball and the field is officially named in his honor. The Glen Cove community is invited to attend this special dedication ceremony, recognizing Coach Dolecki’s impact on student-athletes and the school’s baseball program.

Former players, colleagues, and local officials are expected to be in attendance to pay tribute to his lasting legacy. Jon Dolecki Field, Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane. For more, contact the High School at (516) 801-7610.

Celebrate Holi
Long Island Children’s Museum invites families to participate in Holi, the Festival of Colors, Sunday, **April 6**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Originating in India, this Hindu festival marks the end of winter and the arrival of the colorful spring season. During this joyous celebration, families eat sweets, dance to traditional folk music and throw colorful powder made from flowers called gulal. Crafts, color throwing and dancing are e part of this vibrant event. Welcome spring’s arrival with Holi. Participants are encouraged to wear clothes that they won’t mind getting messy. Museum Row, Garden City. Go to licm.org or call (516) 224-5800 for more information.

Art explorations
Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturday, **April 5**, noon-3 p.m., at Nassau County Museum of Art’s Manes Education Center. The drop-in program continues, Saturday,s, noon-3 p.m. Get inspired by the art and objects in the galleries and then join educators to explore and discover different materials to create original artwork.
Kids and their adult partners connect while talking about and making art together. A new project is featured every week. While there, enjoy reading and play in the Reading Room, and contribute to The Lobby Project, a collaborative art installation. \$20 adult, \$10 child. Registration required. 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Visit NassauMuseum.org for more information and to register or call (516) 484-9337.

City Council meeting
Glen Cove City Council meets, Tuesday, **April 8**, 7:30 p.m. at Glen Cove City Hall. Residents are encouraged to attend to stay informed about city initiatives, upcoming projects, and community developments. The meeting provides an opportunity for public comment and civic engagement. 9 Glen St., Glen Cove.

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APR 10

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Get ready for an action-packed season with the 2025 High School Lacrosse Preview, your ultimate guide to the upcoming year in local high school lacrosse. This special section highlights the teams, standout players, key matchups, and expert analysis of what to expect on the field. Look for the Football Preview on Sept. 11 and Basketball Preview Dec. 18



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'Palette of Petals' at Planting Fields

Visit Planting Fields Arboretum for a delightful stroll among the early bloomers, as part of its First Fridays series, Friday, **April 4**, 1-2 p.m. Experience the enchanting spring colors at the Margaret Sullivan Heather Garden. Director of Horticulture Donna Moramarco guides visitors through the remarkable collection of azaleas, cherry blossom trees, magnolias, camellias, and more as you stroll the grounds to the recently restored garden.

Discover the rich history of this stunning space, learn about the Coe family's dedication to flowers, and delve into the vision that the Olmsted Brothers had for the site. \$20. Registration required. 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. Visit plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210 to register and for information.

Library Walking Club

Participate in Glen Cove Public Library's at-your-own-pace hour walk, every Thursday, at 9:15 a.m. All fitness levels are welcome. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Register at glencovelibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information.

Team EVA challenge

Team EVA, Every Veteran Appreciated, hosts its annual "7 Marathons in 7 Days" challenge to raise money in support of Veterans Organizations on Long Island, **April 27 to May 3**. This powerful week-long event invites participants to run alongside Team EVA or contribute through donations to honor and support local veterans. Each day features a full marathon, highlighting the team's dedication and commitment to those who have served our country. Community members are encouraged to get involved by running, cheering on participants, or making a donation. For more information or to support the cause, visit GoTeamEVA.org.

Spring Dog Festival

Get ready to wag those tails, at Old Westbury Gardens with your pooch (leashed of course), Saturday and Sunday, **April 12-13**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Bring your canine companions for a scenic stroll through grounds bursting spring's first blooms. Browse a selection of local dog-friendly vendors offering unique products and services for your furry friends, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. For information contact (516) 333-0048 or visit oldwestburygardens.org.



Easter egg hunt

Glen Cove Christian Church hosts its 3rd Annual Children's and Adult Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, **April 19**. The event features three separate hunts: toddlers through Pre-K/Kindergarten at 10 a.m., grades 1-5 at 10:30 a.m., and teens and adults at 11 a.m.. Adult-supervised childcare will be available on the church playground during the 11 a.m. hunt, allowing parents to participate. Spots are limited, so attendees are encouraged to reserve their free tickets as soon as possible at glencovechristianchurch.com. 74 Walnut Road, Glen Cove.

Having an event?

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

On Exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, the original "Deco at 100" coincides with the 100th anniversary of the 1925 Paris International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts (Exposition internationale des arts décoratifs et industriels modernes) which publicly launched the movement. The direct follow-up to the well-received 2023 exhibit, "Our Gilded Age," it comparably links the period's signature innovation in the decorative arts, Art Deco, to the fine arts. The exhibit encompasses significant cultural advancements during Long Island's Roaring Twenties/Jazz Age movement, including votes, jobs, and the automobile for women, the beginnings of suburbia with commutation for work, and planned residential communities, which all defined the era, while the following decade brought economic reversals and the WPA program. Works by Louis Comfort Tiffany, Fernand Léger, Guy Pène du Bois, Gaston Lachaise, Elie Nadelman, and Reginald Marsh, among others, along with art deco stylists of poster art and graphics, and photography will convey the Art Deco spirit along with its furniture, decorative arts, and fashion.

Like "Our Gilded Age," the social scene of Long Island's Gold Coast, and its personalities — both upstairs and downstairs — will be portrayed, along with the ongoing relationship with the immediate urban context of New York with its skyscrapers and deco-styled architecture. On view through June 15. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or NassauMuseum.org.



April
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Hempstead House tour

Sands Point Preserve is the backdrop to explore the elegant Gold Coast home that's the centerpiece of the estate, Sunday, **April 13**, noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. 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 SandsPointPreserve-Conservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901.

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STAFF REPORT

There was laughter, there were opposing views and there were reflective answers to questions about major issues as Matt Cohen, president and CEO of the Long Island Association, moderated the organization's fourth annual What's New in Washington panel with Republican Reps. Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota and Democrats Laura Gillen and Tom Suozzi at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury last Friday.

Congressional District 1, which is represented by LaLota, stretches east from western Suffolk County to encompass both the North and South forks of Long Island. Garbarino represents the 2nd District, along the South Shore, which includes parts of Suffolk and a small portion of southeastern Nassau County.

Suozzi's 3rd Congressional District includes a portion of Queens, expands along the North Shore of Nassau and extends to several communities in the middle of the eastern portion of the county. District 4, represented by Gillen, extends along the South Shore of Nassau, from the Queens border through several central communities to Seaford.

"Because of the times we live in, it's almost impossible that the delegations are 50-50 Republicans and Democrats — that's not the case here on Long Island," Cohen said. "Our delegation didn't hesitate to say yes when we invited them to this event."

Cohen asked the panel several questions, ranging from bipartisanship efforts to House Speaker Mike Johnson, the state and local income tax deduction, commonly known as SALT, and President Trump's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE.

Garbarino on bipartisanship:

"We try to work with everyone, and have broad conversations, with many different ideas," Garbarino said. "There are a lot of egos, but we try to get everyone on the same page before we leave the room."

Garbarino and LaLota bucked their party by supporting the SALT extension. "Our party is asking how we can support this when we're growing the state budget by \$13 billion," Garbarino said. "It goes against our argument. We could use some help from Albany on this."

Both have met with Trump at Mar-a-Lago, and said that Trump told them, "We are going to fix this."

On offshore wind:

"We have to bring jobs back home, but one, we need power, and two, we need to generate as much power as possible," Garbarino said. "That is good for keeping local energy costs down for Long Island and our constituents."

On DOGE:

Garbarino, like LaLota, acknowledged that mistakes have been made, but expressed confidence that the Trump administration is committed to addressing them.

"I have called the White House and told them, 'There's a mistake here,' and



Tim Baker/Herald photos

Long Island's congressional delegation at the Long Island Association's March 28 What's New in Washington panel discussion. From left were Republican Reps. Nick LaLota and Andrew Garbarino, and Democrats Tom Suozzi and Laura Gillen.



"I think the American people are sick of hyperpartisanship in Washington," Gillen said. "They just want us to do our jobs and get things done."

every time I've called, they've responded by saying, 'OK, we'll have someone look into it,'" Garbarino said. "This is a better response than I've ever gotten under the Biden administration."

Gillen on working across the aisle:

"The best way to get things done is by reaching out to the other side," she said. "I'm the rookie here — the freshman — and during orientation, we had a lot of events where Democrats and Republicans did events together. I had plenty of time to get to know people on my side of the aisle and make the effort to meet my freshman colleagues who were Republicans and build relationships with them."

"I think the American people are sick of hyperpartisanship in Washington. They just want us to do our jobs and get things done," she said, drawing applause from the audience.

On DOGE:

"I agree, we need to tighten governments' belts," she said. "There's a ton of waste in government. But it's a wrecking-ball approach. We should do it in an

organized, deliberative, thoughtful fashion. That's how they should go forward."

LaLota on SALT:

"As you can imagine," LaLota said, "the president did 80, 90 percent of the talking, but heard us in our seriousness about how we need a higher SALT deduction."

On DOGE:

"For 25 years, neither Republicans nor Democrats in Washington have balanced the budget," LaLota said. "You have a president who's a disruptor — a self-admitted disruptor. 'He is doing what he promised to do, maybe in a manner that is disruptive to us. But let's acknowledge the moment we're in — 25 years, we haven't balanced the budget.'"

On tariffs:

"The president's objective in much of it, especially in the reciprocal tariffs, is to create better competitive fairness for American manufacturers," LaLota said. "The long-term objective is to reduce the trade deficits we have with a lot of our trading partners, especially in

China, where we have \$200 billion trade deals. We're sending way more to China than they're sending back."

Suozzi on SALT:

"Let me first say I want to give credit to Andrew and Nick, because they're going against their party on this," he said. "They stood up ... and they're saying that they're not going to support this reconciliation package unless it's resolved."

On offshore wind:

"We have to figure out how can we protect our zeal to protect the environment, to address climate change, and do the stuff that we believe are important to do," Suozzi said. "We've got to get stuff done, because we can't get things done (in our country) because we've passed all these rules and regulations over the years. And people are fed up with the bureaucracy."

On DOGE:

"I think it's been reckless," he said. "When they laid off people who were responsible for overseeing the nuclear stockpile and said, oh, that was a mistake. And then they had a hard time getting the people back because they had cut them off their emails. They fired the people responsible for overseeing avian flu."

On tariffs:

"I think that tariffs against China I support, especially when they're targeted," Suozzi said. "I'm very concerned about the tariffs that have been proposed for Canada and Mexico and the effects it's going to have right here on Long Island as well as the rest of the country. I think it's sending a bad message that our two biggest trading partners are being stifled in this way."

Roksana Amid, Jeffrey Bessen, Hernesto Galdamez, Carolyn James and Jordan Vallone reported this story.

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se demuestre, a satisfacción de la secretaria del Distrito, Ida Johnson, y de la Junta de Registros, que tiene o tendrá derecho a votar en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto para la que se prepara el registro. El registro debe prepararse de conformidad con la Ley de Educación y la lista de registro preparada por la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau se presentará en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito escolar de Glen Cove, en la oficina del edificio administrativo del Distrito ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York. Estará disponible para la inspección de cualquier votante calificado del distrito entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, desde el martes 6 de mayo de 2025 y cada uno de los días anteriores a la fecha establecida para la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto el sábado y el domingo, incluido el día establecido para la reunión. Cualquier persona que de otra manera califique para votar y que no esté actualmente inscrita en un registro personal permanente en el Distrito hasta la última fecha que se encuentra en los registros originales o duplicados, o en los archivos, o en la lista proporcionada por las Juntas Electorales del condado de Nassau, y que no haya votado en una elección intermedia, debe, para tener derecho a votar, presentarse personalmente para registrarse o inscribirse de otra manera en la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau.
POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que la Junta de Registros del Distrito se reunirá, además, el 20 de mayo de 2025 de 6:00 a. m. a 9:00 p. m., en cada uno de los lugares de votación para preparar el registro para las reuniones y elecciones que se celebren después de dicha reunión o elección anual.
POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que las solicitudes de boletas electorales por ausencia y boletas electorales anticipadas por correo para la

elección de los miembros de la junta escolar y las propuestas se pueden solicitar en la oficina de la secretaria del distrito en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, entre las 9:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m., hora vigente, en cualquier día escolar. La secretaria del distrito, Ida Johnson, deberá recibir las solicitudes de boletas electorales por ausencia y boletas electorales anticipadas por correo no antes de los treinta (30) días previos a la elección. Además, la secretaria del distrito, Ida Johnson, debe recibir esta solicitud al menos siete días antes de la elección si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, o el día antes de la elección, si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante o a su representante designado. Al recibir una solicitud oportuna para enviar por correo una boleta electoral por ausencia o una boleta electoral anticipada por correo, Ida Johnson, la secretaria del distrito, enviará por correo dicha boleta a la dirección indicada en la solicitud a más tardar seis (6) días antes de la votación. Los votos por ausencia o las boletas electorales anticipadas por correo se escrutarán a menos que se hayan recibido en la oficina de la secretaria de dicho distrito escolar antes de las 5:00 p. m., hora vigente, del día de la elección. Durante los cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la elección, en horario de oficina hasta la fecha de la elección, en dicha oficina de la secretaria del distrito se encontrará a disposición una lista de todas las personas a quienes se les hayan emitido boletas electorales por ausencia o boletas electorales anticipadas por correo.
POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que los votantes militares que no estén registrados actualmente pueden solicitar registrarse como votantes calificados del Distrito escolar. Los votantes militares que sean votantes calificados del Distrito escolar podrán enviar una solicitud de

boleta electoral militar. Estos votantes pueden indicar su preferencia de recibir un registro de votante militar, una solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo postal, fax o correo electrónico en su pedido de dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral. Los formularios de registro de votantes militares y los formularios de solicitud de boleta electoral militar deben recibirse en el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. del 6 de mayo de 2025. Las boletas electorales militares no serán escrutadas a menos que (1) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes del cierre de la votación el día de la elección y tengan una marca de cancelación del servicio postal de los Estados Unidos o del servicio postal de un país extranjero, o un endoso fechado de recepción por parte de otro organismo del gobierno de los Estados Unidos, o bien, (2) el despacho de la secretaria del Distrito las reciba antes de las 5:00 p. m. el día de la elección, y estén firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo de ello, con una fecha asociada que no sea posterior al día previo a la elección.
POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que cualquier residente del distrito podrá obtener una copia de la declaración de la cantidad de dinero que se requerirá el próximo año para fines escolares durante los catorce (14) días inmediatamente previos a la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, excepto sábados, domingos y feriados, y en dicha Elección anual del distrito escolar y votación del presupuesto en el edificio administrativo ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Secundaria Glen Cove, Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Intermedia Robert M. Finley, Forest Ave.; en la Escuela Deasy, Dosoris Lane; en la Escuela Gribbin, Walnut Road; en la Escuela Landing, McLoughlin Street, y en la Escuela Connolly, Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, Nueva York durante el horario escolar habitual, y en el sitio web de las escuelas de

la ciudad de Glen Cove (www.glencoveschools.org).
POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que, de acuerdo con las normas adoptadas de conformidad con la Sección 2035 de la Ley de Educación, cualquier votante calificado puede hacer que se incluya una propuesta o una enmienda en la boleta electoral, siempre y cuando dicha enmienda (a) se escriba o se imprima en el idioma inglés; (b) se dirija a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito de dicho Distrito escolar; (c) se presente a Ida Johnson, secretaria del Distrito, al menos, sesenta (60) días antes de la fecha de la Elección anual del distrito escolar y la votación del presupuesto, es decir, a más tardar el viernes 21 de marzo de 2025 a las 3:00 p. m., hora en vigor, en la oficina del Distrito del edificio administrativo, ubicado en 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, y (d) tenga la firma de, al menos, cien (100) votantes calificados del distrito. Sin embargo, la Junta de Educación no considerará ninguna solicitud para presentar ante los votantes, ninguna propuesta cuyo propósito no esté dentro de las facultades de decisión de los votantes, ni ninguna propuesta o enmienda que esté fuera de la ley.
POR EL PRESENTE, TAMBIÉN SE NOTIFICA que se adjuntará un Informe de exención fiscal sobre los bienes inmuebles de acuerdo con la Sección 495 de la Ley de Impuestos sobre los Bienes Inmuebles a cualquier presupuesto preliminar o tentativo, como también al presupuesto definitivo adoptado del cual forme parte. Este se publicará en los tabloneros de anuncios del Distrito que se usen para avisos públicos y en el sitio web del Distrito.
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Junta de Educación
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GLEN COVE, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:
School Election Districts
A, B, C
D
Location of Polling Place
Glen Cove High School, 150 Dosoris Lane, Back Gym - Door # 13
Connolly School, 1 Ridge Drive - Back Gym in said district Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.
PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)
To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:
A. Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028.
B. AND
FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such propositions by voting machine.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the

office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petitions must be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk and must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.
AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 is Tuesday, May 6, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (personal registration day). If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meetings within the last four (4) years or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, Ida Johnson, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register is prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the

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Glen Cove School District, in the District's Administration Building Office, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting. Any person otherwise qualified to vote who is not currently registered under permanent personal registration in the District by the last date found on the original or duplicate registers, or records, or list furnished by the Nassau County Boards of Elections, and has not voted at an intervening election, must, in order to be entitled to vote, present himself or herself personally for registration or otherwise register with the Nassau County Board of Elections. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. Applications for absentee and early

mail ballots must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days before the election. Furthermore, such application must be received by Ida Johnson, District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or his/her designated agent. Upon receiving a timely request for a mailed absentee or early mail ballot, Ida Johnson, District Clerk will mail the ballot to the address set forth in the application by no later than six (6) days before the vote. No absentee or early mail ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of election. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as a qualified voter of the school district. Military voters who are qualified voters of the school district may submit an application for a military ballot. Military voters may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Military voter registration forms and ballot

application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2025. No military ballot will be canvassed unless it is (1) received in the Office of the District Clerk before the close of the polls on election day and showing a cancellation mark of the United States postal service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States government; or (2) received by the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is associated to be no later than the day before the election. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, and at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane; Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave; Deasy School - Dosoris Lane; Gribbin School - Walnut Road; Landing School - McLoughlin Street; and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove City Schools website (www.glencoveschools.org). AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the

Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to Ida Johnson, District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to Ida Johnson, District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 21, 2025, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. Dated: Glen Cove, New York April 2025 Ida Johnson District Clerk Board of Education Glen Cove City School District Glen Cove, New York 152750

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The Lift Our Communities, Advertise Locally Act, which would establish a new \$10 million tax credit for small businesses advertising in local media outlets for Rockville Centre and beyond, is gaining momentum in the New York state legislature.

Tax credit for businesses gains momentum

By CASEY FERBER

Special to the Herald

A first-of-its-kind tax credit to give small businesses in Glen Cove some much-needed financial support is gaining momentum in Albany.

Earlier this month, a large bipartisan group of New York State legislators joined business leaders and local news organizations in person at the State Capitol in support of the Lift Our Communities, Advertise Locally Act, or just simply the LOCAL Act, which would establish a new \$10 million tax credit for small businesses advertising in local media outlets. Sponsored by State Senator Monica R. Martinez and Assemblywoman Jennifer Lunsford, the LOCAL Act aims to maximize the reach of small businesses' advertising dollars, while supporting the work of the media outlets New Yorkers rely on every day for critical information.

"Communities are built on connections with neighbors, and the same is true for small businesses," Martinez said at the March 11 event. "The LOCAL Act supports this relationship by encouraging these community-based businesses to advertise with the media outlets already trusted by the neighbors they are committed to serving."

The LOCAL Act now has four co-sponsors in the State Senate and seven in the Assembly, several of whom attended the rally. Ahead of the rally, nearly 20 major business groups across New York — including the National Federation of Independent Business, Upstate United and the Queens Chamber of Commerce — sent a letter to Gov. Kathy Hochul and state leadership urging them to support the LOCAL Act.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, driving job creation and growth in communities across New York. However, they continue to face significant financial challenges," the letter states. "This is pragmatic legislation that will help — and be tremendously appreciated by — the thousands of small businesses that make New York the world's preeminent place to start and operate a business."

Championed by the Empire State Local News Coalition, the LOCAL Act also has the staunch support of the coalition's more than 200 local newspapers across the state. More than two-and-a-half U.S. newspapers disappear per week, and here in New York, several counties have only one local news outlet.

"The LOCAL Act is a win-win-win for local businesses, local news, and local communities," Zachary Richner, founding member of the Empire State Local News Coalition, said. "These institutions are intricately connected and work together to create the vibrant communities that New Yorkers love."

Under the LOCAL Act, a minority-, woman- or veteran-owned business, as well as any business with 10 employees or fewer, would be eligible to receive a refundable tax credit of 80% of its first \$5,000 of local advertising for a maximum credit of \$4,000 per year. The program would be capped at \$10 million annually.

"The LOCAL Act is about more than just advertising — it's about investing in the economic health of our local community and investing in the kind of local journalism that we need now more than ever," Lunsford said.

The bill is expected to be voted on later this year.

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OPINIONS

Just when you thought we were hopelessly divided . . .

At a time when extreme political partisanship threatens to divide our nation, it is reassuring to realize that there are those who can engage people across the political aisle without sacrificing or surrendering their principles. The classic example of working to find solutions to serious issues while disagreeing amicably was the storied relationship between President Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neill in the 1980s.



PETER KING

Reagan was the most staunchly conservative president of the past 80 years, and O'Neill as liberal as any speaker ever. I use the term "relationship" rather than

"friendship" because people who worked for O'Neill didn't share the genuinely warm feelings Reagan had for him. But that didn't prevent these two larger-than-life, strong-minded leaders of their respective political parties from respecting the office the other held and accepting their joint responsibility to find ways to get things done.

Probably the best-known example of this cooperation was their agreement on Social Security, the "third rail" of poli-

tics, which saved the system and strengthened it for another 40 years.

Though not as cordial, President Bill Clinton and House Speaker Newt Gingrich found ways to work together in the mid-1990s, achieving successes for the country on such critical issues as welfare reform and the only balanced budget in a half-century. But that didn't come easily. For the first two years of Gingrich's speakership, after leading Republicans in 1994 to their first control of Congress in 40 years, he and Clinton were bitter, partisan rivals.

Then, when Clinton stalemated Gingrich by being re-elected in 1996, both realized that it made more governmental, and political, sense to find common ground. And they did.

It wasn't anywhere near the same magnitude, but a similar bipartisan spirit prevailed last week, when my wife, Rosemary, and I had dinner with former Gov. David Paterson and his wife, Mary, at King Umberto's in Elmont. Paterson is a lifelong Democrat whose father was a well-known state senator and Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor. Despite our party differences, David and I have been friends over the years, and can talk

calmly about politics and serious issues, including the direction of the country.

At King Umberto's the conversation and the food were great, and, adding to the bipartisanship, Nassau County Republican Chairman Joe Cairo came by to say hello and exchange words of friendship and respect with Paterson. So here you had Cairo, the most successful political chairman in the country, having led the Republicans to more victories throughout Nassau than at any time since 1971, and Paterson, a former Democratic governor, displaying friendship and respect to each other in full view of a restaurant full of diners.

As we got up to leave, I was stopped by a number of customers who said hello and wished me well. I appreciated their kind words but wasn't that surprised — not because I'm universally acclaimed, but because they were Republicans, and I'd been in elective office for 45 years. In fact, all told me they had voted for President Trump. What did surprise me were the universal expressions of friendship and support for Paterson:

"We need more Democrats like you."

"Is there any way you could run for mayor this year?"

"I always respected you as governor."

That's how it went, from table to table, as we made our way to the door. I realize that was only a snapshot in time, and not a scientific survey. But as a political practitioner for all these years, I was pleasantly surprised that in these extraordinarily partisan times, a lifelong Democrat would receive such a warm response from a strong Republican crowd.

It could well have been that Paterson reminded them of a time that was more civil, that he was never known to be an extreme partisan or maybe just that he seemed so comfortable spending an evening with Republicans. Whatever the reasons, it was a signal to me that there's still a place for bipartisanship.

Nassau is in many ways the ultimate politically competitive county. There are 100,000 more registered Democrats here, but Trump carried Nassau by 30,000 votes, and Republicans hold every county office and control all three towns and two cities. At the same time, Democrats hold the majority of the state legislative districts. But with all the political infighting and the close balance of power, Joe Cairo and I are proud to show our friendship with and respect for a prominent Democrat like Paterson. Could be a good model for the country.

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The Voice of America has been silenced

I love old war movies. The battle scenes that have been colorized help bring old films back to life. I enjoy spy movies that feature brave private citizens using makeshift radio transmitters to relay the enemy's battle plans. Many of the heroes are eventually captured and put to death, but their valor is praised and monuments are created in their memory.



JERRY KREMER

These old memories came alive when I learned that the U.S. Agency for Global Media was defunding Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. These two agencies reach an

average of 47.4 million people a week in locations around the world. Their staff of 1,700 has programs that communicate in 27 languages to 23 countries. Their voice is heard in Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the Caucasus and the Middle East. They were founded in 1950, with the blessing of President Dwight Eisenhower.

If you live in Levittown or Long Beach, your initial reaction might be, why should anyone care about broadcast-

ing to countries that are controlled by dictators? No one in our region wants us to be engaged in another war, but if we can spread truthful information around the globe, words can be more important than bullets. China, Russia and Iran spend billions of dollars telling people what a bad country America is.

We get our daily news from traditional media, podcasts and outlets like Facebook, X and Instagram. People who live in the Ukraine or Iran have found ways to make contact with Radio Free Europe, their only source of real news. Without it and Radio Liberty, they are inundated with propaganda telling them about the "Evil Americans" who will desert them if there is any conflict.

Up to a month ago, the two networks were working 24 hours a day to tell the world about America's technological successes and our many new business achievements. They were also working to help free independent journalists from countries controlled by our political enemies. In fact, it was the Trump administration that helped free the journalist Andrey Kuznechik from captivity in Belarus, a victory for the West.

Dictators around the world want to see Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty go out of business because they get in the way of their propaganda machines.

In 1981, a terrorist bomb exploded at the Munich headquarters of the two groups, injuring six and causing over \$1 million in damage to the building. After that episode, many Europeans thought maybe it was time to shut down their operations. When it looked like the groups would cave in and shut down for good, the Russians ramped up their efforts to downgrade Amer-

ica, and support for the networks strengthened again.

During the failed Soviet overthrow of some of its neighbors, then President Boris Yeltsin decided that the two companies provided helpful information for his country, and they received official accreditation. For a short time the networks operated offices in Moscow. When it was suggested that the Moscow offices be closed, they relocated to Prague, Czechoslovakia, with the blessings of then President Vaclav Havel. History will show that changing events kept the two groups alive.

For dictators, there's great news about Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

Following the violent breakup of Yugoslavia, RFE/RL began broadcasting in Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian so they could be of service to the people in that region. A bureau was established in North Macedonia, for Albanians and Macedonian, in 2001. Once again there was pressure for a shutdown, but a series of armed aggressions by Russia brought about an increase in the networks' operations.

With this history, it's hard to understand why our new Department of Government Efficiency, run by billionaire Elon Musk, decided that the funding for these nonprofits should be eliminated. Clearly Musk knows nothing about these two operations, their successes and the role they have played in fighting for democracy around the globe.

The good news is that the Czech government has stepped forward to provide funding for them. This short-term solution will help send the message of the West to the East and Far East. But the failure of America to step up is a sign of an administration that is truly out of touch with reality.

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Celebrating the vitality of our libraries

The 54 public libraries in Nassau County and the 53 in Suffolk have long been pillars of knowledge and civic engagement.

More than just buildings filled with books, they are hubs of learning and connection. As we celebrate the 67th annual National Library Week — April 6 to 10 — it is important to recognize the invaluable role libraries play in our society, providing resources, fostering literacy, and hosting a range of community events.

Each day of National Library Week highlights a different aspect of their significance, underscoring their multifaceted contributions to their towns. While reading remains at the core of their mission, 21st-century libraries offer a vast array of services that cater to diverse community needs. From digital literacy programs to job-search assistance, they help people of all ages navigate an increasingly digital world. Free access to computers, and with them internet and research databases, empowers those who might otherwise lack these essential tools.

Libraries also serve as community centers, offering classes in everything from new languages to financial literacy. Programs for children, such as story time and summer reading challenges, foster a love of books and learning from an early age.

Most libraries also offer services for senior citizens, including technology training and social gatherings that keep them from becoming isolated. The inclu-

sivity of those services ensures that everyone, regardless of age, education or socioeconomic status, has the opportunity to learn and grow.

In a time when access to information is more important than ever, libraries remain steadfast in their commitment to education and community. They provide safe spaces for learning as well as opportunities for career advancement. Every day next week emphasizes a different facet of their importance:

Monday, April 7: Right to Read Day. The freedom to read is fundamental to democracy, yet book bans and attempts at censorship continue to threaten access to diverse perspectives. Right to Read Day serves as a rallying call for readers and library lovers and advocates to defend intellectual freedom.

The American Library Association marks the occasion by releasing its annual State of America's Libraries report. By promoting open access to information, libraries empower their patrons to explore new ideas and think critically about the world around them.

Tuesday, April 8: National Library Workers Day. Every library has a team of dedicated professionals who make its services possible. This day is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the efforts of librarians, archivists and support staff, who not only manage collections but also offer patrons guidance, research assistance and technological support. Their work ensures that libraries remain welcoming spaces for learn-

ing and discovery.

Wednesday, April 9: National Library Outreach Day

Libraries are not confined to physical buildings; they extend their services to underserved populations through outreach programs. Whether it's bookmobiles bringing literature to rural areas, mobile internet access for remote communities or library partnerships with schools and shelters, outreach initiatives ensure that no one is excluded from the benefits of library resources. National Library Outreach Day celebrates these efforts and the professionals dedicated to meeting patrons where they are.

Thursday, April 10: Take Action for Libraries Day

Libraries depend on advocacy and support to continue their mission. On this day, their patrons are encouraged to speak up for policies and funding that sustain library programs.

From securing government funding to rallying local support, Take Action day reminds us of the power of collective action in protecting and expanding library services. Whether creating petitions, attending town hall meetings or simply spreading awareness, everyone can play a role in strengthening libraries for future generations.

This year's Library Week theme is "Drawn to the Library," with the goal of bringing more people from the community into libraries. If you haven't been to your library recently, stop by. You can check out a book — and so much more.

LETTERS

It's up to us to minimize the damage to history

To the Editor:

Re last week's editorial, "History should not be a political casualty": History, as history teaches, is inseparable from politics, and thus constantly in opinions' crossfire, sometimes becoming a specific issue. As history also reveals, efforts to suppress or over-write reality mostly fail.

The musketeers in the Trump administration who are assigned to sniff out any aromas of diversity, equity and inclusion are one line of attack in MAGA's self-described "culture war." The current social, economic, political and religious hierarchies are to be reconstructed, which requires construction sites to be created and cleared. That demolition is underway, and will damage the fabric of American history.

In war, as Winston Churchill noted, truth is often the first casualty, and that is what uprooting DEI is all about. But because "casualty" does not always mean "fatality," it is up to us to minimize the damage, end the assault and repair the



OPINIONS

In a toxic D.C., bipartisanship is the only way forward

A core part of my mission in Congress is bipartisanship. That may sound quaint these days, but I believe it's what the people I represent — and, more broadly, the American people — want and deserve.

It's also getting harder to achieve.

The current climate in Washington is more toxic and polarized than I've ever



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seen. As the Democratic co-chair of the Problem Solvers Caucus — which is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans — I work every day to find common ground. But I can't pretend it's easy in an environment where performative politics too often

replaces problem-solving.

Nonetheless, I'll continue to work across party lines, and when I must, buck my own party, if it means getting things done for my constituents.

Why? Because those constituents tell me to. They're sick and tired of the partisan bickering and political point-scoring. They want results, and that's what I'm here to do. My philosophy is as it has always been: I'll work with anyone, regardless of party, who's serious about delivering for the American people, but

I'll never sacrifice my core values.

And let me be clear: there are some things this administration is doing that I cannot support, and that require relentless pushback.

The reckless budget cuts proposed by the Department of Government Efficiency are putting everything from national security to public health at risk. They not only haphazardly fired officials in charge of overseeing our nuclear stockpiles, but they've proposed slashing funding for pandemic preparedness, and fired those in charge of monitoring measles and avian flu, just as we face outbreaks of both. Once they realized this was a major mistake, they had a difficult time rehiring these people because they didn't have their emails. This episode put on full display the cavalier approach DOGE is taking.

Opposing these efforts isn't about partisanship; it's about protecting our country. And many Republicans agree.

Two weeks ago, Republican Sen. Susan Collins joined Democratic Sen. Patty Murray in calling out the administration's attempt to block emergency spending authorized by Congress. They reminded us all: "We must follow the law as it is written, not as we would like it to be."

Across the Capitol, Republicans are standing up for our institutions. My

Problem Solvers colleague, Rep. Don Bacon, has called for targeted spending reforms, not reckless, across-the-board cuts. Another Republican, Mario Diaz-Balart, stresses congressional oversight, asserting that "Congress still has the power of the purse, and I zealously protect it."

And Republican Rep. Troy Balderson said President Trump's executive orders are "getting out of control."

Even members of the far-right Freedom Caucus are saying enough is enough. Rep. Gary Palmer argued that dismantling the Department of Education "can't be done by executive order." Sen. Lisa Murkowski put it simply: "That's outside the bounds of the executive."

The national security implications are just as alarming. Reports that top officials were discussing war plans over Signal, a commercial messaging app, triggered bipartisan outrage. Republican Senators John Thune and Lindsey Graham both sounded the alarm about the serious risks posed by these lapses in judgment.

On Long Island, there have been positive examples of bipartisan cooperation to stand up for what's right. When DOGE tried to make drastic cuts to the World Trade Center Health Program, Rep. Andrew Garbarino publicly pushed back, standing up to DOGE on behalf of

our 9/11 first responders.

When it comes to the state and local tax deduction, all four members of the Long Island delegation sit on the Congressional SALT Caucus, with Garbarino and I serving as co-chairs. And I commend my Republican colleagues for holding their party's feet to the fire on this crucial Long Island issue; they have made clear to Speaker Mike Johnson that they won't vote for legislation that doesn't include raising the SALT deduction.

Internationally, Republican leaders like Sen. Roger Wicker and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick have shown courage by continuing to support Ukraine in the face of Russian aggression. They understand that peace doesn't come from appeasement — it comes from strength and unity.

These Republicans aren't breaking with their party for political gain. They're doing it because they know what's at stake.

We need to encourage other Republicans to speak out — to find the courage to stand up not only for their constituents, but also for the country. We need more courage, more cooperation, more commitment to doing what's right. I will keep fighting for results alongside my colleagues, no matter their party.

We have to work together. The stakes are too high for either party to go it alone.

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LETTERS

fabric. That task is also underway. Join in.

BRIAN KELLY
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Trump's EPA can't ignore reality of greenhouse gases

To the Editor:

I am a concerned citizen calling for urgent action regarding President Trump's stance on global warming and the environment. The administration's proposal to reconsider the Environmental Protection Agency's endangerment finding is reckless, anti-science, and a huge step backward for climate action. This decision isn't just about politics — it puts our health, environment and future on the line.

The endangerment finding, established in 2009, is based on clear scientific evidence that greenhouse gases harm public health and the planet. It's been the legal backbone for policies that reduce emissions from cars, power plants and industry. Without it, we lose a key tool for fighting climate change — and that's exactly what polluters want.

The reality is, climate change isn't some distant threat. It's here. We're see-

ing record-breaking heat, wildfires, floods and hurricanes that devastate communities. Our state is not immune to these catastrophes, and the administration's actions would reverse progress. Gutting this policy ignores science and common sense at a time when we need stronger action, not more rollbacks.

This also sends a terrible message to the rest of the world. While other countries are working toward clean energy solutions, the U.S. risks becoming a climate laggard instead of a leader.

We can't let this happen. We need to push back against this dangerous move and demand real climate solutions. The health of our planet — and future generations — depends on it. The EPA should scrap its plan to undo this regulation and maintain the rules that are protecting all of us, and the air and water we rely on.

KAILI DeSANTIS
Oyster Bay

'We must make our voices heard' on Social Security

To the Editor:

Social Security isn't a handout — it's a promise that millions of us older Ameri-

cans have paid into with every paycheck. This administration is dismantling an essential program, closing offices, cutting hotlines, and spreading misinformation to justify these attacks. We elders deserve dignity, not broken promises.

We must stand together and make our voices heard. We cannot allow our American way of life to be decimated, and all the promises we believed in to be broken.

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