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Honoring a hometown MVP

Before Glen Cove High School's opening baseball game against Oyster Bay last Saturday, the high school field was renamed in honor of late coach Jon Dolecki, who died in February. At right, Dolecki's grandson, Ryan Dolecki, threw the ceremonial first pitch to his dad, Jon's son, Jamie.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Documentary preserves a Holocaust story

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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At a time of rising antisemitism and fading firsthand Holocaust testimony, a new documentary seeks to bridge generations and confront intolerance with truth. “The Weight of Memory: I Am Bernie Furshpan,” directed by Christiane Arbesu, is an intimate and urgent film that follows Bernie Furshpan as he shares his father’s harrowing Holocaust story with students and community groups.

The documentary, set to premiere May 4, at Manhas-set Cinemas, and again on June 22, at the Triad Theater in Manhattan — weaves together memory, trauma and hope in a powerful call to action.

Furshpan, 67, the vice chair of the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, was initially reluctant to be the focus of the film. “She asked me,” he said of Arbesu, “and I said, that sounds great. Then the next day, I was mulling it over in my head. I said, oh my God, I don’t know if

I want this kind of publicity. (But) if it’s going to help, if it’s going to get my message out there and get me more opportunities to speak to more schools and get television appearances to talk about our mission, then I think it’s a good idea.”

The story Furshpan tells is that of his father, Moshe Furshpan, who was just 10 when he was forced to flee alone into the forests of Nazi-occupied Poland, now Ukraine. There were 1,500 inhabitants of Ludwików, 1,300 of whom were Jews, and only 30 survived. Moshe Furshpan was one of them.

“What’s incredible is that Bernie has dedicated the last couple of years to tell his father’s story,” Arbesu, who produced the film as well, said. “People can, A, know about the Holocaust, and B, know that it existed.”

Furshpan recalled that his parents did not willingly share the details of their past when he was a child, telling him only that they had survived the

It was too painful to discuss.

BERNIE FURSPAN
vice chair,
Holocaust Memorial
and Tolerance Center

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Expanded yard waste services in effect

Glen Cove residents now have expanded options for disposing of yard waste, including a newly reinstated grass clipping collection service and access to a free disposal site at the Department of Public Works yard on Morris Avenue.

Effective immediately, grass clippings will be collected curbside on Wednesdays alongside regular yard waste. To ensure proper pickup, all clippings must be placed in clear plastic bags. City officials are also reminding residents to avoid dumping grass clippings into storm drains, which can cause blockages and environmental issues.

In addition to curbside collection, the DPW yard has reopened its dumpsters for yard waste drop-off. This service is available exclusively to Glen Cove residents, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The drop-off site, located behind the yard on Morris Avenue, provides a convenient, no-cost option for disposing of leaves, branches, grass clippings, and other yard debris.

City officials are urging the public to use the drop-off site responsibly. Any misuse of the service could lead to future restrictions. Only yard waste is permitted, and proof of residency may be required.

The Department of Public Works emphasized the importance of community cooperation in keeping Glen Cove clean and green. "These services help residents maintain their properties while protecting our environment," said a DPW spokesperson. "We appreciate everyone's help in following the guidelines."

For questions or additional information, residents are encouraged to contact the Department of Public Works at (516) 676-4402.

The initiative reflects Glen Cove's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability and community convenience, offering flexible options to manage seasonal yard waste.

Proper disposal of yard waste helps keep neighborhoods clean and prevents clogged storm drains that can lead to flooding. When disposed of correctly, yard waste like leaves, grass clippings, and branches can be composted into nutrient-rich soil. It also reduces the risk of fire hazards and minimizes pests that can breed in piles of decaying organic material. Most importantly, responsible yard waste management protects local waterways by preventing harmful runoff and pollution.

–*Roksana Amid*

City now hiring for those summer jobs

The City of Glen Cove Youth Services and Recreation Department is now accepting applications for a variety of seasonal job opportunities for summer 2025. Local residents, especially high school and college students, are encouraged to apply for positions that offer hands-on work experience in a fun and community-oriented environment.

Available seasonal positions include lifeguards, stadium attendants, boat ramp attendants, beach attendants, and camp counselors. These jobs offer the chance to work outdoors and be part of the city's summer programs and events. Applicants interested in these general recreation positions should contact Spiro Tsirkas, Executive Director of Youth Services, at sttsirkas@glencoveny.gov for more information.

In addition to these roles, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau is also hiring for its Summer Youth Employment Program , a paid opportunity for youth to gain real-world work experience while contributing to their community. Interested candidates can reach out to Youth Program Coordinator Jacki Yonick at jyonick@glencoveny.gov to learn more about SYEP eligibility and placement options.

Those specifically interested in working as camp counselors are

encouraged to apply as well. The Youth Bureau is actively hiring counselors to support various summer programs for children and teens. For these positions, applicants may contact Youth Program Coordinators Sandra Potter at spotter@glencoveny.gov or Carolina Guastella Di Maggio at guastella@glencoveny.gov.

These seasonal roles not only provide valuable experience but also allow young people to connect with their community, build new skills, and enjoy a rewarding summer.

The Glen Cove Youth Bureau, established in 1981, is vital to the city by providing a safe and welcoming environment for youth and families to achieve their potential. It offers diverse programs, including after-school activities, summer camps, and employment opportunities, fostering personal growth and community engagement. The Bureau also supports families through initiatives like back-to-school supply drives and holiday food baskets, ensuring essential needs are met. By nurturing the city's youth and strengthening family bonds, the Bureau plays a crucial role in building a resilient and thriving Glen Cove community.

–Roksana Amid

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Field renamed in honor of coach Dolecki

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On April 5, a heartfelt tribute unfolded as Glen Cove High School officially renamed its baseball field Jon Dolecki Field in honor of beloved former coach John “Jon” Dolecki. In an emotional ceremony held before the team’s home opener, the dedication recognized a man who spent more than three decades shaping not only championship teams but generations of young athletes—all on the very field he took great pride in maintaining. The ceremony, celebrated Dolecki’s 34-year coaching career, which included 532 career wins, three Nassau County championships, and the school’s only state title in 1986.

Dolecki, who died on Feb. 18 at the age of 77, was remembered not only for his coaching achievements but also for the values he instilled in his players and the pride he took in the field that now bears his name. The event drew a crowd of about 100 friends, family members, former players, and colleagues.

“This day belongs to none other than the greatest coach Glen Cove City Schools has ever witnessed, the great Jon Dolecki and his loving family,” said Peter Falen, a physical education teacher who coached basketball and baseball alongside Dolecki for 26 years.

Dolecki began working at Glen Cove High School in 1971 and taught industrial arts for 36 years, including wood shop and architecture until his retirement in 2007. His influence extended well beyond the classroom and baseball diamond, shaping the lives of students and athletes over generations.

“If you truly knew coach Jon Dolecki, then you would know exactly how much pride and passion he took in manicuring his field to make sure it was the best looking field in Nassau County,” Falen said.

Falen highlighted Dolecki’s remarkable career, noting his six county championship appearances, three of which were victories, and his leadership of the 1986 team that won Glen Cove High School’s only state championship. “The team of 1986 captured the heart of this city, and coach Dolecki led Glen Cove to the only state championship the school has ever had,” Falen said. “To have a leader, such as Jon, at the forefront is something amazing that only us coaches would dream of.”

Beyond his athletic success, Dolecki’s former colleagues and players emphasized the life lessons he taught.

“I learned many things, not just about the game. I learned about organization; I learned about planning; and I learned about how to be a man,” said Kevin Nolan, who coached with Dolecki for 24 years and accumulated more than 300 victories alongside him. Adelki Paulino, who played for Dolecki starting at age 10 and later coached with him, added, “It wasn’t just about baseball; it was about life. I learned so much.”

Dolecki’s wife of 52 years, Irene, spoke during the ceremony and said the



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Before the big game, players took a moment to reflect on the life and legacy of Dolecki.



Dolecki’s wife of 52 years, Irene, spoke at the ceremony and said the renaming would have meant a great deal to him.

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The couple raised their three children—Justin, Jamie, and Katherine—in the city and were active volunteers in the community.

In a poignant moment during the ceremony, Dolecki’s grandson Rylan threw the ceremonial first pitch to his father, Jamie. The field now features signage reading “Welcome to Jon Dolecki Field” on the backstop behind home plate, Dolecki’s number 13 painted behind the pitcher’s mound and near third base, and a commemorative plaque on the third base dugout. The Glen Cove team also wore shirts bearing Dolecki’s name and number, and the family was pre-



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Peter Falen, a physical education teacher who coached basketball and baseball alongside Dolecki for 26 years.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Before throwing the first pitch, Jamie and Rylan Dolecki fitted their gloves.

sented with a framed jersey.

Softball coach Kimberly Kessel, a 2008 Glen Cove graduate, revealed that the decision to rename the field was approved six days before Dolecki’s

death. Though the family was informed two days after the approval, Dolecki himself never learned of the honor, as the dedication had been planned as a surprise.

Film adds to legacy of survival and hope

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Holocaust.

"But they didn't really talk much about their experience per se," he said. "What they would do is watch movies or documentaries about the Holocaust in black and white, and they would just sit there and sob. I knew who was killed, but he didn't really talk much about that. It was too painful to discuss."

The full picture emerged only later. Furshpan simply couldn't believe people had actually experienced the atrocities of the Holocaust.

"Even when I talk to young kids, I see their reactions," he said. "It's almost like a script of a movie. These things actually happened to people."

For Arbesu, the decision to tell Furshpan's story grew out of a deep sense of responsibility. Before she heard that story in January at HMTC, when he spoke at a ceremony recognizing the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp, she remembers reading statistics from 2022 about the highest incidences of violence against Jews since World War II. Her approach is narrative-driven, weaving interviews with Furshpan into footage of him giving tours and speaking at the center.

"It's Bernie's story," Arbesu said. "We cut between Bernie and I having a conversation in the car, to Bernie at a middle school, and then Bernie at the museum, and then a sit-down interview.

They can hear a really powerful story of resilience."

One unexpected moment in the film came when Arbesu asked Furshpan if he had ever seen his father cry.

"She asked me questions that just blew me away," he said. "I did see him cry. The first time I saw him cry was when we graduated high school. It was all worth surviving the forest for three years as a little kid, because look at the outcome."

Furshpan also reflected on the lasting emotional weight carried by his mother, who died in 2010.

"My father died of a broken heart four years later," he said. "He cried every single day. She actually took on a maternal role. She raised my dad."

Furshpan said he often reflects on the work of his twin brother, Mark, a psychologist whose doctoral thesis introduced the now widely used term "inter-generational trauma."

"My dad passed on this (post-traumatic stress disorder) in a way, because I grew up with it," Furshpan explained. "And then my kids got a certain portion of it. It takes about seven generations to kind of, like, go away."

Despite the pain, Furshpan sees hope in telling stories like his. He sometimes becomes emotional when retelling his father's story, but he realizes the social and historic significance of doing so.

"I'm just trying to make a little

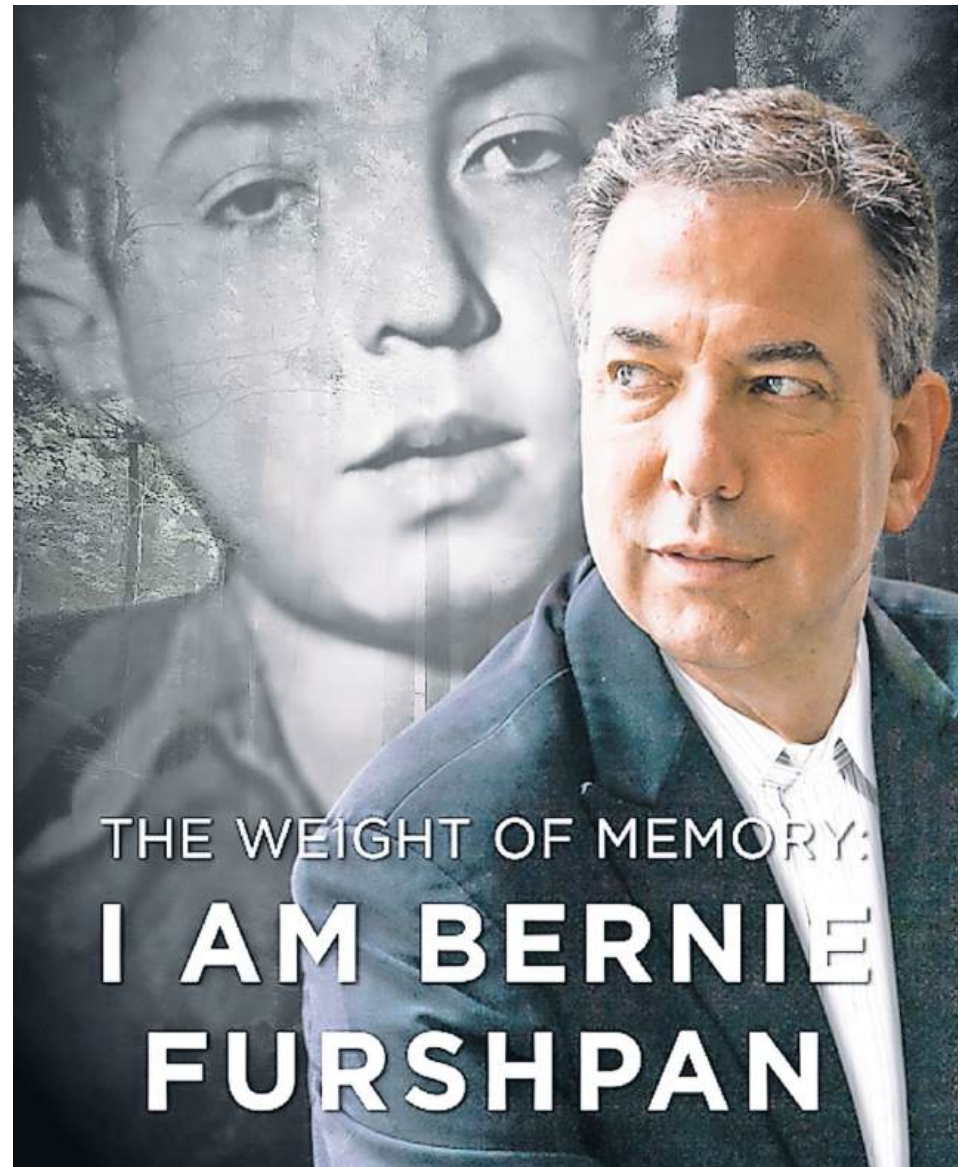
impact," he said. "Because a butterfly flapping its wings can eventually lead to a thunderstorm. So everybody contributes in a certain way."

To Furshpan, the documentary is more than a personal story — it's a reminder of what's at stake in today's world. He feels there's a sense of urgency, because hate "is alive and well and spreading like wildfire," he said. He added that antisemitism is the longest existing form of hate in the history of humankind. Still, his message ends

with resilience.

"The Jews that are still around and contributing to society are really part of a lineage of survivors," he said. "It says a lot about the resilience of the Jewish people, that they have hope. The national anthem for Israel is called Hatikvah. The word is hope."

"The Weight of Memory: I Am Bernie Furshpan" will screen on May 4, at 5 p.m., at Manhasset Cinemas, and on June 22, at 5 p.m., at the Triad Theater in Manhattan.



Courtesy Christiane Arbesu

At a time of rising antisemitism and fading firsthand Holocaust testimony, a new documentary seeks to bridge generations and confront intolerance with truth.



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'Hands off' rally draws 2,400 in Mineola

By SCOTT BRINTON & CHRISTINA ARLOTTA

Special to the Herald

An estimated 2,400 protesters gathered on the green outside the Nassau County Courthouse in Mineola Saturday afternoon to project a singular message for the Trump administration: "Hands off our democracy!" What precisely the slogan meant depended on with whom you spoke.

Protesters adorned the sidewalks with American flags and "Hands Off!" signs, chanting at passing cars on Old Country Road as they urged President Trump and Elon Musk to rescind funding cuts to the Social Security Administration, the Department of Health and Human Services (which oversees Medicare and Medicaid), cancer research, library services and public education. As well, they called on the administration to reverse its hardline stance on immigration.

Engage Long Island and Show Up Long Island organized the demonstration, one of roughly 1,200 such events that took place in all 50 states on Saturday in what is considered the largest mass protest against the second Trump administration's policy to date, according to The Associated Press. Other Long Island rallies happened in Patchogue, Port Jefferson Station and Sag Harbor.

"People are fired up and really angry about what's happening right now," Rachel Klein, an Engage Long Island organizer, said.

Marty Salzberg, of Oceanside, stood resolute with the crowd, despite the rain causing the ink on her sign to run. "People care about their rights, and we're here fighting for them," Salzberg said.

Many, like 70-year-old Franklin Square resident Susan Kaye, came to voice their anger over recent cuts to the Social Security Administration workforce, which has lost 7,000 employees at the direction of Musk's Department of Government Efficiency. Kaye said she worries Social Security benefits will be reduced, despite assurances from the Trump administration that they will not.

"This is money we worked for," Kaye said. "I don't ever get enough to survive for a month. This is money we put into a system. It's not an entitlement."

Kaye said she works part-time as a cashier at an entertainment concession to supplement her Social Security bene-



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A steady rain didn't dampen the demonstrators' spirit to support their issues.



An estimated 2,400 protesters turned out for a "Hands Off!" protest outside the Nassau County Courthouse in Mineola Saturday. Above, a portion of the crowd along Old Country Road.

fits, which she started receiving at age 62. After all bills are paid, she ends each month with less than \$100.

Joan Koenig, 66, of Valley Stream, had her adult children in mind while she protested. Koenig has two sons, ages 34 and 32. One is transgender and the other non-binary, meaning his sexual identity is not exclusively male or female.

"LGBTQ rights are being taken away left and right," Koenig said.

Suffolk County Republican Chairman Jesse Garcia told Newsday on Friday that the Hands Off! rallies were "the continuation of the far-left Democrats to protest, to yell, to scream, to dance, to sing without offering any solutions." The Trump administration, he said, was working to root out "waste, fraud and abuse."

Engage Long Island organizer Gail Limmer said, "We're regular, everyday

people standing up for our democracy."

Halle Brenner-Perles, a co-founder of Show Up Long Island, told the crowd through a microphone, "This is a moment in history that requires all people of good conscience to show up for each other. We don't want to wonder one day where we were and what we were doing when they came for Social Security and Medicaid and veterans' services and national parks. We don't want to wonder when they came for crucial medical research and disease prevention, or our immigrant neighbors or trans kids."

Mary Anne Trasciatti, of Long Beach, director of labor studies at Hofstra University in Hempstead, followed Harrison. "I'm a mom, I'm a grandma, I'm an educator, I'm an organizer, and I'm a pissed-off Long Islander!" she yelled into the microphone.

"Hands off our jobs!" Trasciatti continued to cheers.

"The U.S. Constitution," she said, "begins with three words: 'We the people.' Well, my friends, we are the people. Government is supposed to work for us, but this government has targeted us, the people, hard-working people, as the enemy."

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Chametz of the soul

Happy Passover, everyone. So let me ask you a question. “How is your quest for stray bread crumbs and rogue cheerios going?”

Indeed, this is the time of the year, when Jews traditionally scour their kitchens, scrub their shelves and look at “best before” dates, as they prepare their homes for the upcoming holiday of Passover – known in Hebrew as Pesach.

We are told in the Torah, that during the upcoming holiday, as we remember the fact that the fleeing Israelites had no time to let their bread rise, that we are to eat no chametz – leavened foods for seven days – eight days outside of Israel.

The festival feeds into our seasonal sense of renewal, as once again, we have endured and survived another “long cold lonely winter.”

Jewish people across the globe use this period to perform a type of spring cleaning,” as they prepare for the “festival of freedom.”

Matzah – the dry and flat bread we eat during Pesach is also called “lechem ani,” the poor person’s bread – and perhaps this provides a clue for us, according to our Sages, of Passover’s deeper meaning.

For, according to our ancient rabbis, not only is there chametz – leavened products, hiding in the cracks of our kitchen – also within our thoughts, and behaviors as well.

It is known as the “Chametz of the Soul.”

So, according to tradition, it is important that we rid our homes of leavened products, and restrict ourselves beginning Saturday from bagels, pizza, bread, muffins and other staples of our regular diet.

But perhaps as well, we need to delve into our souls and ask ourselves, “what leaven are we acquired in recent months, as we have spent more time indoors?”

These are difficult times we are living in. Passover begs us to consider – what spiritual bloat have we acquired during the winter months?

Are we a bit more pessimistic or

cynical than we were at the end of last summer?

Have we become a bit more stubborn, perhaps even more intolerant of others – and the world around us?

Are we carrying a bit more physical and spiritual weight?

The great Sage, Rabbi Alexandri is quoted in the Talmud, as saying, that what prevents us from meeting our full life potential is “the yeast in the dough.”

Later, esteemed Rabbi Yehudah Prero offered an interesting take on what that really means.

He said, chametz represents “all of our character flaws such as haughtiness, jealousy, and unbridled passion...”

And so, in our passion to rid ourselves of the physical chametz hidden within the cracks of our homes, let us also consider spiritual leaven which has, over the winter months, lodged itself in our souls.

For while physical preparations are important during this time of the year, let us also reflect upon, the chametz we are we hanging, as, like a piece of mat-

zah, we undertake to flatten our souls.

For true freedom is more than completing physical acts.

Rather, true freedom comes from within.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman has been serving as the congregation’s rabbi since 2006. He transitioned to this role after a successful career in journalism and political advising in Canada, entering rabbinical school in 2004. Huberman is a graduate of the Academy of Jewish Religion, a seminary embracing all Jewish denominations. He is also a writer and musician who believes in the Talmudic principle: “The Torah begins with kindness and ends with kindness.” This philosophy underpins his compassionate and pluralistic approach to Judaism, contributing to CTI’s growth since his arrival. Rabbi Huberman can be reached via email at rabbiiirwin@ctionline.org. Passover holiday services will be held on April 13 from 10 to 11 a.m. Congregation Tifereth Israel is located at 40 Hill Street, Glen Cove.



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EASTER MESSAGE

Would you like a new start?

The apostle Paul writes these words in 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (NIV): “For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also.” After Jesus rose from the dead, he was seen by Cephas (also known as Peter), James (who was Jesus’ brother), his closest followers known as the apostles of Jesus, Paul (who is actually writing this letter to the church in Corinth), and over 500 other people. These people all saw Jesus after he rose from the dead.

Can you imagine what this did to their lives? They were radically changed. As a result, they began to radically change the world. It is possible that James, Jesus’ own brother, did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God until after Jesus came back from the dead. However, in the book of Acts, which records what Jesus’ followers did after he came back from the dead and eventually ascended into heaven, James is seen as one of the leaders of the church that Jesus established. James’ life was radically changed.

In Acts 17:6 (NKJV), Luke (another follower of Jesus) tells us that the followers of Jesus, the church, had “turned the world upside down.” Their lives were so radically changed that they began to spread the love and gospel

of Jesus to so many people that they were turning the world upside down. They were changing the world for the better.

The apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:3 (NIV), “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” Because of the resurrection of Jesus, his followers were given new birth and hope. That is the reason they were so radically changed that they had to share this life-transforming truth with as many people as they possibly could. As a result, they turned the world upside down.

This is still true for you and me today. When you put your trust in Jesus, then you can receive new birth and hope. Could you use some hope and a new start? It is fitting that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in the spring. There is new life all around us. New blooms are coming to life, there are more activities taking place, wildlife becomes more active, and even those pesky insects find new life (I know, I guess we have to take the bad with the good). This can be true for you as well.

Regardless of what you have been through recently. There is new hope and new birth available. Because Jesus defeated death by physically coming back from the dead, he has the power to give you new birth and a new hope.

Will you take Jesus up on his offer? There is no time like this season of new life to experience new life and new hope for yourself...

Jesus can give you that.

Tommy Lanham, Pastor of Glen Cove Christian Church.



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NEWS BRIEF

Elks honor their lodge citizen of the year

At its annual Installation of Officers on April 6, the New Hyde Park-North Shore Elks Lodge No. 2107 honored Glen Cove resident Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews as its 2025 Citizen of the Year. The award recognizes Stevenson-Mathews’ extraordinary dedication to veterans and community service across Long Island.

Stevenson-Mathews is the founder and president of the Tribute and Honor Foundation, a nonprofit that supports veterans and their families. The Foundation raised nearly \$50,000 to help rebuild Glen Cove’s Veterans of Foreign

Wars post after a devastating fire. The organization also established a scholarship in memory of Korean War veteran Ben Farnan and hosts an annual awards ceremony that has honored nearly 40 veterans and veteran supporters to date.

He serves as Community Engagement Officer for the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. He is widely recognized for his service to civic and cultural organizations and has received numerous awards, including the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce’s Community Service Award.

—Roksana Amid



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The Glen Cove High School Masquers light up the stage with a show-stopping number from Chicago.

Masquers dazzle with Broadway-like show

Glen Cove High School's Masquers wowed the community with a dazzling performance of *Chicago* from March 27 to March 29, 2025. The production featured standout student talent, including Dakota Rios as Roxie Hart, Paloma Supica as Velma Kelly, Valentina Canales as Mama Morton, Andrew Ginez as Amos Hart, Aiden Van Ommeren as Fred Casely, Paige Jimenez as Mary Sunshine and Charlotte Dilgard as Clark Kitty.

Set in the roaring 1920s, *Chicago* tells the story of Roxie Hart, a

housewife and nightclub dancer who murders her lover and lands in jail. There, she meets Velma Kelly, a vaudeville star who's also facing trial for murder. With the help of smooth-talking lawyer Billy Flynn, both women fight to stay in the spotlight and manipulate the press, turning their trials into a media circus. The musical is known for its sharp satire, jazzy score, and iconic numbers like "All That Jazz" and "Cell Block Tango."

—Roksana Amid



This scene sizzled with 1920s jazz energy, captivating the audience with every step and kick. From left were Leo Goldstein, Dakota Rios and Aiden Van Ommeren.



The Glen Cove High School Masquers delivered a captivating scene from *Chicago*, as Roxie Hart basks in a whirlwind of media frenzy.



Andrew Ginez as Billy Flynn, Roxie Hart's slick-talking lawyer, prepares to spin the courtroom narrative in a tense and pivotal scene from *Chicago* with Michael Regna as Amos Hart.

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Steven Kent appointed LIA's chief economist

By MADISON GUSLER

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Steven Kent, an economist and financial expert with over 25 years of experience with Goldman Sachs, was recently named chief economist of the Long Island Association Research Institute.

The LIA is a nonprofit business organization advocating for the region's economic vitality and overall business community. In his role, Kent will provide real-time economic insights that will allow business across Long Island to forecast for operational success and growth.

"Our mission will be enhanced with the addition of Dr. Steven Kent to the LIA team as the new Chief Economist of the LIA Research Institute," Matt Cohen, president and CEO of the Long Island Association, stated in a press release. "The LIA will be well-served by his extensive private-sector experience and the valuable data and analyses he will provide to our members at this pivotal inflection point for the future of Long Island, and indeed the entire country, as we navigate uncertain economic conditions and the existential crisis of affordability."

Kent is a lifelong Long Island resident, having grown up in Islip before

attending Stony Brook University, where he became fascinated with economics and received a B.A. in the subject.

"I walked into SUNY Stony Brook and took a class with one of the best professors on campus, intro to economics, and it basically changed my life," said Kent. "I like the analytic part, the mathematical part, and the social science part."

Kent joined Goldman Sachs as a junior analyst after graduating, before leaving for another firm and pursuing an MBA at NYU's Stern School of Business. Then he returned to Goldman Sachs, where he researched and oversaw investments in the global hospitality and leisure sector before he retired as managing director in 2016. Kent was named "best stock picker" eight times by the Wall Street Journal.

"I learned you had to know the companies, you had to understand the stocks, but I started to look at what was going on in the broader economy," he said.

After retiring, Kent wanted to share what he learned in the industry. "I always wanted to help the next generation of business leaders," he said. "My whole career, both academic and business, I have had lots and lots of mentors

who guided me, focused me, and helped me out along the way. I wanted to do the same."

Kent, a Baldwin resident, guest lectured at several universities before becoming a professor of economics and finance at Molloy University. He also received a Ph.D. in hospitality management.

Being named LIA's chief economist was "a little bit of a surprise," he said.

Kent will continue teaching at Molloy while serving the LIA. As chief economist, he will share data-informed insights and explanations of the Island's economy, helping business owners make informed decisions about their businesses.

Kent will be releasing a newsletter broadly reporting on the U.S., New York, and Long Island economies. He will focus on specific topics and develop special projects to uplift the local economy.

According to Kent, Long Island's current economy is vibrant. "Our unemployment rate is lower than the rest of the country. Our economic activity continues to expand," he said. "One of the advantages Long Island has is where we're located, so we have access to transportation and access to great universities, and that facilitates a lot of



Courtesy Steven Kent

Steven Kent grew up in Islip, earned an economics degree at Stony Brook, and then joined Goldman Sachs.

growth."

He said he wants to "help to allow the Long Island economy to continue its robust trajectory."



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Propel NY aims to update L.I. connectivity

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By KEPHERD DANIEL

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The Propel NY Energy project is a \$3.26 billion initiative aimed at modernizing Long Island's aging electric transmission system.

Why the project is needed

New York's electric transmission infrastructure is largely outdated — roughly 80 percent of it was built before 1980, at a time when energy needs were vastly different. With electric vehicles, heat pumps, data centers, and advanced digital technologies there will be a projected 50 to 90 percent increase in electricity demand over the next 20 years. Long Island's grid, currently connected to the statewide network through only two points, is vulnerable to congestion and outages.

The existing grid faces significant congestion, akin to a crowded highway, which leads to inefficiencies and increased costs. Propel NY Energy is designed to add new transmission pathways that facilitate bidirectional power flow, enhancing both the reliability and resilience of the grid. This project prepares the region for a more robust and future-ready energy infrastructure.

Project scope and technical details

At the heart of the project is the construction of 90 miles of new underground transmission lines, including 66 miles in Nassau County. Additional segments will extend into Suffolk County, the Bronx and Westchester. Unlike surface lines, these cables will be installed underground using conventional trenching methods — typically 5 to 7 feet deep. In logistically challenging areas, advanced trenchless technologies such as horizontal directional drilling will be used.

Propel NY Energy will add three new intercon-



Courtesy Propel NY Energy

Propel NY Energy plans to spend billions of dollars to bury 90 miles of electrical transmission.

tion points. This enhancement will enable power to flow in multiple directions, relieving congestion and providing critical redundancy.

Propel NY Energy is exclusively focused on upgrading electric transmission infrastructure. It is not associated with battery storage systems or offshore wind projects, though the upgraded grid will support future renewable energy integration. Selected through a competitive solicitation process by the New York Independent System Operator from among 19 proposals by four developers, the project was chosen for its cost-effectiveness and technical merits.

Environmental and community considerations

To reduce new environmental disruptions, most of

the project's new lines will follow existing road corridors and disturbed areas. For segments crossing environmentally sensitive zones, such as the Long Island Sound, the team is applying sediment transport modeling and best management practices. When unavoidable impacts occur — particularly in wetlands — compensatory measures will be implemented by creating two to three acres of new wetlands for every acre affected.

The project is undergoing a review under New York's Article Seven permitting process. This comprehensive environmental and socio-economic evaluation involves multiple state agencies. Anticipated approval is around July 2026.

Regular open houses and public meetings are planned to keep local communities informed and dispel misconceptions. The project prioritizes local union labor and contractors, ensuring that Nassau County and surrounding areas benefit from job opportunities. Any temporary disruptions will be addressed through detailed restoration plans.

Cost, funding and timeline

The total investment for Propel NY Energy is capped at \$3.26 billion, and is funded by ratepayers across the state. For the average residential customer, the project is expected to add roughly 6 cents per day to utility bills. Projected costs are expected to be offset by long-term savings, with enhanced grid efficiency estimated to save nearly \$3.3 billion in congestion-related costs over time.

Construction is slated to begin in mid-2026 and will continue for up to four years, with project completion anticipated by mid-2030. During construction, crews are expected to progress between 50 and 150 feet per day per.

For more on Propel, go to PropelNyEnergy.com.

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Cancer & Blood Specialists
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WAXING

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DINING

ALL-AROUND RESTAURANT

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Chadwick's American Table & Cocktails
LB Social

ASIAN FUSION

Asian Moon
Dirty Taco - Tequila
Wild Ginger

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Bagel Boss
Long Island Bagel Cafe
Rockville Cafe

BAKERY

Nagahama Bakery Co.
Front Street Bakery
Mario's Bakery

BBQ

Firehouse BBQ
Smokin' A's
Swingbellys BBQ

BREAKFAST

Brownstones Coffee
CJ's Coffee Shop
Pantano's Gourmet

BRUNCH

Brixx & Barley
The Cabana Mexican American Restaurant
Whiskey Down Diner

BUFFET

AG Steakhouse
Flaming Grill & Supreme Buffet
Snowflake Ice Cream Shoppe

BURGER

All American Hamburger Drive In
American Burgers
Brixx & Barley

BUSINESS LUNCH

Azerbaijan Grill
Foster Restaurant
Frank's Steaks

BUTCHER SHOP

Charlie's Butchers
Seven Brother Gourmet Food Market

CATERING COMPANY

Bagel Boss
Firehouse BBQ
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CHILI

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Moo Burger
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CHILI CHEESE DOG

Chiddy's Cheesesteaks of Farmingdale
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CHINESE FOOD

Hunan Taste
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COCKTAILS

Radigan's Pub And Casual Dining
Salumi

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DELI/SANDWICH SHOP

Lido Kosher Delicatessen
South Shore Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

DESSERT

Dolce Confections
Foster Restaurant
The International Delight Cafe

DINER

Colony Diner
Laurel Diner

PIZZA

Charred Brick Oven
Friendlier 76 Pizzeria & Restaurant
Grimaldi's Pizzeria

PRETZEL

Auntie Anne's
Centre Station
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DINING EXPERIENCE

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Off The Brook, Bistro & Cocktails

DOUGHNUTS

Doughology
Duck Donuts
North Fork Doughnut Co.

FARM STAND

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FINE DINING

Aura Coastal Mediterranean
Brixx & Barley
Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen

FISH MARKET

Hewlett Fish Market Inc.
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Two Cousins Fish Market

FRENCH FRIES

American Burgers
Centre Station
Paddy Power Pub

FRIED CHICKEN

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Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen
Zorn's of Bethpage

GELATO

Dolce Bella
Dolce Confections
The International Delight Cafe

GERMAN FOOD

Oak Chalet
Plattduetsche Park
The Village Lanterne

GREEK FOOD

Athens Greek Restaurant
Creek Cove
Greek Town

HAPPY HOUR

Radigan's Pub And Casual Dining
Salumi
Taco Room

ICE CREAM

Marvel Frozen Dairy
Scoops & Cones
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INDIAN FOOD

Color of Spices
Diwan Indian Restaurant and Bar
Raagini

ITALIAN FOOD

Bacaro Italian Tavern
Friendlier 76 Pizzeria & Restaurant
Piccolo Ristorante

JAPANESE FOOD

Nagahama Japanese Restaurant
Tai Show Sushi
Yori Japanese Cuisine

LATIN FOOD

Pollos El Paisa
Puerto Mexicana
Tucula Cantina, Garden City

LOCAL COFFEE SHOP

Cafe Bella of Massapequa Park
East Rock Coffee
Vida Coffee Shop New York

MEAL PREP

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Redefine Meals

MEDITERRANEAN FOOD

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Azerbaijan Grill
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The Cabana Mexican American Restaurant

NEW RESTAURANT

AG Steakhouse
Centre Station
Foster Restaurant

ORGANIC/NATURAL FOOD

Empire Nutrition
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Organic Krush

OUTDOOR DINING

Foster Restaurant
The Cabana Mexican American Restaurant
The Crescent Beach Club

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Centre Station
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RAMEN

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Kiko Ramen
Spoonsticks

ROMANTIC RESTAURANT

Azerbaijan Grill
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Roc & Olive

SEAFOOD

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Lindenhurst's Pat Benatar rocks and writes

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By CHRISTIE LEIGH BABIRAD

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Singing and writing for over four decades, Pat Benatar has been inspiring her fans with hits including “We Belong” and “Love Is a Battlefield,” and new songs as well, performing alongside her husband and partner, Neil Giraldo. A multi-platinum artist who has had 15 U.S. Billboard Top 40 singles and a four-time Grammy Award winner, Benatar is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as well as the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame, and even received the Key to Babylon from then Town Supervisor Steve Bellone. Benatar spoke with the Herald about what Lindenhurst still means to her, what continues to inspire her, and some exciting news.

■ **Herald:** What are your thoughts on having been inducted into the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame?

Benatar: It's great. I'm still very attached to Lindenhurst. I'm still close friends with all of the girls I went to elementary school, junior high and high school with. We still see each other all the time. Every time we go back, I always try to go to Patsy's to get a cannoli cookie and Italian Ice. I'm still attached to where I grew up. It was such a wonderful childhood, so being inducted into the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame was important and sweet.

■ **Herald:** You are not only a singer but a songwriter as well. What has inspired your writing over the years?

Benatar: It's pretty organic. We don't begin songs together, my husband and I. He'll come up with a line or a melody and I'll come up with a poem. I write all day, that's all I do. So I'll come up with a poem, which will become a chorus. Once we do begin the songs, we come together and write the songs together. Inspiration comes from everywhere, which is so fascinating to me, and probably the most seductive thing about what we do. Everything is still interesting, a mystery and exciting, because the world is just an amazing place — crazy and beautiful.

■ **Herald:** What has given you strength over the years to truly give your all at your live shows?

Benatar: I just love it. It has never changed for Neil or me. Live performance is still my favorite thing to do. The joy of actually being in a shared experience of performing is still the thing I love the most, that keeps me going, and it's never old.

■ **Herald:** I'm sure you've had many career highlights. Are there a couple of moments that have stood out?

Benatar: There are so many moments. Sometimes they're very small



Travis Shinn

Pat Benatar with her husband and creative partner, Neil Giraldo.

— a little child will come up to the front of the stage and they hand you a flower. You're always in awe of being blessed with something like this. I feel like my only job is to be a good steward of what I have.

The thing that stopped me in my tracks, though, I would have to say, was 9/11. We had to perform that night. The promoter begged us to perform. We begged him to please cancel the concert. We were just as distraught as everyone

else. The promoter said that people wanted to come, they wanted to be together. So we went out there and I just said to the audience that before we do this, I need to talk to you all first, because I don't know how I'm going to do this and I may have to stop songs.

The audience was sobbing. It was amazing. It was awful. They had bed sheets with God Bless America on them. This was one of the moments where you understand how important it is what you're giving to each other in a performance. What they gave to me and what I hope I gave back to them at that moment is healing, it's an embrace. That's what it felt like. I felt like they were embracing us and we were embracing them. And songs like “Invincible,” were so powerful that night, it became like a rallying cry. I sang that song a billion times, but that night it was different.

■ **Herald:** Do you have any advice regarding resilience, overcoming odds and pursuing a dream, that you would like to share with our women readers in particular?

Benatar: Much has changed, and then much hasn't changed, and someone is always ready to take it all back away from us. Everyone will push that limit, and you have to stand there like a warrior. Don't think that you're safe and everything is going to be OK, because every single day there's someone challenging the position, trying to take away any strides we have made. I have two daughters, two granddaughters, and my whole thing is, you are unique and at the same time you are part of a collective, you are part of every female that went before you and every female that will go after you. Make it count!

■ **Herald:** And what do you have coming up in regard to new music, touring and projects?

Benatar: We're going out on a spring tour and hitting all the places we didn't hit last year. We're looking forward to it. We'll be pulling out a lot of new songs that haven't been recorded yet. Neil and I also have a children's book coming out, “My Grandma and Grandpa Rock.” It's such unbelievable fun.

The one thing about art is it has so many forms. We have these three darling grandbabies. They are very precocious, and have seen us perform a few times, and they ask us all kinds of questions, so we thought it would be really fun to write them a book about why we do what we do and that people do all different kinds of things for jobs — some people are teachers and doctors, and these are people's grandpas and grandmas too. It was joyous and fun, and it's a very inclusive book. I really believe diversity is a superpower.

To learn more about “My Grandma and Grandpa Rock” or to pre-order a copy, visit read.sourcebooks.com/my-grandma-and-grandpa-rock-by-pat-benatar-and-neil-giraldo. To find out more about Benatar and her upcoming tour, visit benatargiraldo.com.

STEPPING OUT

Where the audience always comes first

Long Island Children's Museum Theater Director Jim Packard says goodbye to his role of a lifetime

By Danielle Schwab

There are 140 seats at the theater at Long Island Children's Museum and Jim Packard has sat in almost every single one.

"There's not a bad seat in the theater. Wherever you sit, you can see the whole stage, and you're no more than five, six rows away from the stage, which is pretty special," he says.

Packard has been instrumental in the growth of the museum's theatrical programming from inception, since the theater's construction in 2001. It all began with a committee he didn't know he was on, when he was asked to consult on the museum's theater then in development.

Prior to joining the museum, Packard was involved with theater and event management in Manhattan, and has taught stage technology and design.

"I was asked by a friend on the LICM theater committee to look at the plans the architect had drawn up. Then that spring, they had listed me as 'not present' at a theater committee meeting," Packard recalls.

"I said: 'I didn't know I was on this committee, but I'm happy to serve on it and to help out the museum in whatever way I can.' They said: 'That's all right. The committee has dissolved at this point.'

"I asked: 'Who's watching out for the theater?' And that's when I got hired."

From his first position — as Theater Coordinator to his final role as Director of Theater Programs — Packard has made his mark over these past 24 years.

His philosophy, in keeping with the museum's mission, is to put the audience first.

"It always boils down to making sure that the audience is the one that you're paying attention to, because there's no point in doing theater without an audience," he explains.

The productions are carefully chosen with a strong focus on audience interaction, with many tying into exhibits and related events.

"Our dressing room door has a big sheet of brown paper on it, and every time the actors hear something fun or interesting coming from the audience, they will write it on that board, just to remind them to pay attention to what the audience is saying," he adds.

There is sure to be plenty of audience response to the upcoming production of "Elephant and Piggie's We are in a Play!" The beloved show, opening April 14, which involves the audience as a character in the story, is always popular with visitors. Adapted from Mo Willems' best-selling children's series, the hilarious duo of Elephant and Piggie gets tangled in all sorts of antics, learning the meaning of friendship along the way.

"Elephant and Piggie realize there's an audience watching them, and then they talk and interact with the audience, invite them to sing along and be a part of the show," Packard says.

With Packard's retirement this month, the production



- Performances April 14-19, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- View the LICM events calendar at licm.org for additional information or call (516) 224-5800 for tickets
- Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City

acts as a passing of the baton to new hands. Taking on the assignment are not one but two folks: Lisa Rudin as artistic director and Austin Costello as technical director.

It's a full circle moment for both Rudin and Costello, who appeared as Elephant and Piggie in previous stagings of the production.

Costello, a distinguished puppeteer in his own right, has worked with the museum's theater since 2015.

His love of puppetry started back as a kid in '90s, when he visited the museum and saw a puppet on display. His career led him to roles in children's theater, including Sesame Street.

"The little lessons that we find along the way in our shows are the major takeaways that we get to share with families

and especially with kids who might be having problems. It's such an important thing to me to bring children up in a good way, and to help them understand the world around them," Costello says.

"It's wonderful to be able to carry on the legacy of Jim, who's worked so hard for so many people, and who has taken a lot of time to take me under his wing and train me," he adds.

Rudin also has a personal history with the museum.

"The first time I came to the theater here was when I brought my children in 2019. I was like, 'what a beautiful theater this is.' This is just perfect," she says.

She has worn many theatrical hats throughout her career, including as an actor on Sesame Street Live and an education director for a children's theater school.

Rudin and Costello will surely continue the theater's aim to connect with children through imaginative and creative storytelling.

"Children learn empathy from watching characters on stage. They understand content and what happens in the story more from seeing it live," Rudin says.

While Packard may be waving goodbye as director, his legacy remains rooted to the museum's very foundation.

"When I was 19-years-old, walking across my college theater's auditorium, I thought I could do this every day for the rest of my life — and I got that opportunity," he shares.

"It's been one of the more wonderful experiences in life, in terms of just getting to do so much that makes so many people happy."

Photos courtesy LICM

Top photo: Outgoing Director Jim Packard, center, and cast and crew of "Interstellar Cinderella" gather at the final performance.

Bottom photo: Elephant (Finn MacDevitt) and Piggie (Anneka Shepherd) return to the museum's stage in a production helmed by new Artistic Director Lisa Rudin.



Joan Osborne sings Dylan

The seven-time Grammy nominee brings her extraordinary voice and artistic depth to the timeless music of Bob Dylan. The recent biopic "A Complete Unknown" brings Dylan to the forefront once again. Meanwhile 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 journey with Dylan's catalog began in 2016 with a series of "Dylanology" concerts. Her critically-acclaimed 2018 album, "Songs of Bob Dylan," and her live performances showcase her ability to reimagine Dylan's iconic works, highlighting the emotional resonance and poetic brilliance of his music. Osborne turns back the clock with her soulful reinterpretations that exude passion, emotion and energy.

Friday, April 11, 8 p.m. \$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.



Rick Wakeman

Experience the magic of progressive rock legend Rick Wakeman when he brings his "Final Solo Tour" to Long Island. Renowned for his keyboard wizardry and captivating stage presence, Wakeman invites you on a journey through iconic Yes classics, unforgettable solo compositions and personal favorites. With a career spanning over five decades and album sales exceeding 50 million, Rick's extraordinary contributions to music have earned him accolades, including a CBE from Queen Elizabeth II. This tour is a heartfelt farewell to his legendary one-man shows in the U.S., but his music will continue to inspire fans worldwide. Rick's career is a testament to his versatility and enduring artistry. His live performances seamlessly blend masterful musicianship with humor and storytelling, creating an intimate and unforgettable experience.

Wednesday, April 16, 8 p.m. \$75, \$65, \$55, \$45, \$35, \$29.50. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.

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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

THE SCENE

April 10, 2025 – GLEN COVE HERALD

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‘Cold Beer on a Saturday Night’

Spring blooms with Jimmy Kenny and the Pirate Beach Band. Before you know back on the beach, but Jimmy Kenny and his band come to the rescue, on the Paramount stage, Saturday, **April 19**, 8 p.m. Join in their “Ultimate Beach Party Tribute” to Kenny Chesney, Jimmy Buffett and Zac Brown Band. Parrotheads, No Shoes Nation and the Zamily: it’s 5 o’clock somewhere so let’s ‘raise ‘em up and sing along.

The Long Island-based band — guided by Paul C. Cuthbert (aka Jimmy Kenny) on lead vocals/ acoustic guitar, with Linn DeMilta (aka Lovely Linn), lead and backing vocals, Luis Rios, lead guitar/ backing vocals, Frank Stainkamp, keyboard/backing vocals, Dan Prine, bass, and drummer Mike Vecchione, have been celebrating the beach country sounds of Buffett, Chesney and Zac Brown Band for over a decade, spreading their vibe up and down the Northeast coast. Everyone has a great time grooving to their lively mix of their popular sing-along hits and feel good, easy living flair. If you like your toes in the sand, wasting away with a margarita or a cold beer, then you’ll surely have a great time with the Jimmy Kenny Band. \$35, \$25, \$20, \$15. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or [paramountny.com](https://www.paramountny.com).



Jazz it up

Jazz at Lincoln Center brings its Webop Family Jazz Party’s “Swingin’ Nursery Rhymes and Lullabies” to the Long Island Children’s Museum theater, Sunday, **April 13**, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Get ready to hear classic nursery rhymes and lullabies like “Old McDonald,” “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” and “Wheels on the Bus” with a jazzy twist! Led by talented musicians and educators, little ones will be introduced to the magic of jazz while singing, dancing, and joining in on the fun.

This family-friendly performance is sure to inspire future jazz lovers, so be sure to bring the whole crew for a toe-tapping, finger-snapping good time! \$5 with museum admission (\$4 members), \$10 theater only. Long Island Children’s Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. Go to licm.org or call (516) 224-5800 for more 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.

Little Learners’ Earth Day

Planting Fields Little Learners series continues with an Earth Day celebration, Friday, **April 18**, 10-11 a.m. Families will enjoy a heartwarming and fun-filled experience, with a reading of “Gifts from the Garbage Truck” by Andrew Larsen. Together, explore the importance of reusing, reducing, and recycling in a way that’s perfect for young minds. With an Earth-inspired craft project. For ages 2-5. \$15 per child. 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay. Visit plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210 to register and for information.

Glen Cove Pre-Council Meeting

The Glen Cove Pre-Council Meeting takes place Tuesday **April 15**, 6:30 p.m., at Glen Cove City Hall. This brief meeting serves as a preliminary discussion ahead of the regular City Council session. 9 Glen St., Glen Cove.

Get crafty

Back by popular demand, join Jessica Alexandrakis from Life Under Quilts, and craft a hand-stitched decorative mat in this hands-on workshop, Thursdays, **April 10** and 17, 7-8:30 p.m., at Glen Cove Public Library. Registration required and class size limited. Register at glencovelibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130 for more information. 4 Glen Cove Ave.

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Glen Cove Senior Center Monthly Birthday Celebration

Glen Cove Senior Center hosts its monthly birthday celebration, Friday, **April 18**, 12:45 p.m. This cheerful event recognizes and honors all senior center members with birthdays in April. 130 Glen St., Glen Cove.

Art explorations

Converse, collaborate and create at Family Saturday, **April 19**, noon-3 p.m., at Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Education Center. The drop-in program continues, Saturday, 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.

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 dog-friendly vendors offering unique products and services, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 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**. With 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.



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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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Great Homes

Great Homes is a large, full-color photo section featuring current listings, local realtors, and businesses related to real estate. Its broadsheet design makes ads 75% larger than traditional tabloid ads. Distributed with Herald Community Newspapers and mailed to local subscribers, it allows targeted community outreach. Don't miss this opportunity to boost your business and make your season a success!



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Welcome to Your Health: Senior Healthy Living, a dedicated section designed to help older adults embrace a vibrant, active, and fulfilling lifestyle. Here, you'll find expert advice on nutrition, fitness, mental well-being, and preventative care tailored specifically for seniors.



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Kids, Camp and School

Welcome to Kids, Camp, and School, your go-to section for everything related to children's learning, growth, and fun! Whether you're preparing for the school year, exploring exciting camp opportunities, or looking for tips on child development, we've got you covered. From educational resources and parenting advice to creative activities and back-to-school essentials, this section is packed with helpful insights to support kids in every stage of their journey.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

AVISO DE UNA REUNION ESPECIAL DE LA BIBLIOTECA DEL DISTRITO EL 25 DE MARZO 2025, DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE GLEN COVE PARA VOTAR EN EL PRESUPUESTO DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA Y PARA ELEGIR A UN JUNTA DE FIDEICOISARIO DE LA BIBLIOTECA POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevara a cabo una reunion especial de los votantes calificados de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion de Estado de Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el 22 de Abril 2025 entra las 9am y las 9pm Dicha reunion sera de ayunda para los siguientes fines:

Para votar sobre las siguientes prosiciones: SE HA RESUELTO que el presupuesto propuesto de la Bilioteca Publica de Glen Cove, Deistro Escolar de la Ciudad de Glen Cove segun lo preparado por los Fideicomisarios de dicha Biblioteca publica para el ano 2025/2026, y segun se haya modificado, se apruebe por la presente; y que la cantidad de los mismos, menos los recibos, se aumenta mediante la recaudacion de un impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles gravables en dicho Distrito Escolar.

Con el fin de elegir; un (1) Fideicomisario de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove por un (5) mandato de cinco anos.

La votacion sobre los asuntos mencionados se emitira mediante urnas.

POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA que la junta de la Biblioteca, en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion, convoca dicha reunion Especial de Distrito.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones que nominan al candidato para el cargo de administrador de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove deben presentarse al secretario entre las horas de 9am y las 9pm., a mas tardar el 24 de marzo de 2025, el trigésimo día anterior a la eleccion, momento en el cual sera elegido el candidato asi

nominado. Cada peticion de nominacion debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, debe ondicar la residencia de cada firmante y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato.

Los formularios de muestra las peticiones se pueden obtener del Secretario de Distrito en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que una copia de los gastos estimados propuestos para ser votados estara disponible en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, entra las 9am y 5pm todos los dias, except los sabados, domingos o festivos durante los catorce dias anteriores a dicha reunion.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que la Junta de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove realizara una audiencia especial sobre el presupuesto el 18 de Marzo 2025 en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. a las 7pm

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes calificados del Distrito pueden inscribirse entre las 9am y 4 pm. La fecha final para inscribirse en la reunion que se celebrara el 18 de marzo es el 5 de marzo. Si un votante ha votado en alguna eleccion en los ultimos 4 anos (2020) o si es elegible para votar conforme al Articulo 5 de la Ley Electoral, el o ella es elegible para votar en este eleccion.

Todos las demas personas que deseen votar registrarse. La lista de registro preparade por la Junta de Elecciones de Condado de Nassau se Archivan en la oficina del secretario de Distrito de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estara abierta a inpeccion por cualquier votante calificado Del Distrito entre las horas de 9am y 4pm hora vigente cualquier, dia despues del martes 18 de Marzo de 2025 y cada uno de los dias anteriores a la fecha establecidas para la Eleccion de la

Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto, except los sabados, domingos o dias festivos, incluida la fecha establecida para la reunion.

BOLETAS AUSENTES POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA, que las solicitudes de boletas de votacion en ausencia. Para la Eleccion de la Bibliotecs y la Votacion de Presupuesto se puede solicitar en las oficinas del Secretario del Distrito, de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, Nueva York. Tales solicitudes deben recibirse al menos (7) siete dias antes de las elecciones si se va a enviar la boleta al votante. Ninguna boleta de votante ausente sera votada a menos que haya sido recibida en la oficina de Secretario de Distrito, en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York a mas tardar a las 5:00 pm hora del dia, en el Fecha de la eleccion.

Gina Rant
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT MEETING ON APRIL 22, 2025 OF GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET AND ELECT ONE TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, in said District on April 22, 2025 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

To vote on the following proposition: RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove City School District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said Public Library, for the year 2025/2026, and as the same may have been amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount

thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District.

For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee for the Glen Cove Public Library. For a (5) five-year term

The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law hereby calls said Special District Meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the Clerk of the District between hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., no later than March 24, 2025 the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected.

Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library will hold a special budget hearing on Tuesday April 15, 2025 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York at 7:00 p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Glen Cove Public



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Tuesday, March 31, 2025, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, including the date set for the meeting.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that an application for an absentee ballot for the Library election and budget vote may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, of Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. Such application must be received at least (7) 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. No absentee voter ballot shall be

canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office of the District Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York, not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

Gina Rant
Clerk
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ASSESSOR'S NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL THE ASSESSOR OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that he has completed the 2025/2026 final assessment roll, which will be used for the 2026 levy of Town and County Taxes in the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, and the City of Glen Cove and the City of Long Beach,

and for the 2025/2026 levy of school taxes in such Towns and in the City of Long Beach. A certified electronic copy of the roll was filed with the Department of Assessment on April 1, 2024. The electronic roll may be examined on public terminals located in the offices of:

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OPINIONS

Democrats put Nassau at risk by not passing Capital Plan

Nassau County has enjoyed a lot of success during my time as county executive. Our residents have benefited from a no-tax-increase budget for three years straight, and I plan to deliver them a fourth. My administration cut \$150 million in taxes planned by the previous administration. I hired over 300 new police and correctional officers to protect our streets. And the county was named the most desirable place to live in all of New York state by Niche magazine.



**BRUCE
BLAKEMAN**

But our county now faces a crisis that threatens to halt our growth and impede our progress. I am deeply disappointed and frustrated that the 2025 Capital Plan was not passed by the County Legislature. The plan, which is vital for the continued development and safety of all of Nassau, has been blocked by Democratic legislators who have refused to give it their bipartisan support. It is disturbing to witness such a politically motivated decision when it directly jeopardizes the welfare of our residents.

The implications of not passing the Capital Plan extend far beyond politics. I am very concerned about delaying funding for important public-safety ini-

tiatives. I am proud to say that Nassau County holds the title as the safest county in America, but we risk throwing that away and undermining the systems designed to protect our families and neighborhoods without the funding and resources guaranteed by the plan.

Under the negotiated proposal blocked by Democratic legislators, the plan would provide tens of millions of dollars in funding to secure essential tools for police officers who put their lives on the line to protect us. Those investments include:

- \$1.14 million for bullet-proof vests
- \$1.1 million for tasers
- \$105,000 for upgraded firearms
- \$1.5 million for body cameras.

Support for our firefighters and emergency responders is also jeopardized while the Capital Plan stalls in the Legislature. For 2025 alone, we have millions of dollars budgeted for key items that include:

- \$3 million for new ambulances
- \$550,000 for new firefighting equipment and high-axle vehicles to save residents during floods
- \$500,000 to upgrade fire department communications system
- \$600,000 for a new hazardous-materi-

als vehicle.

We also negotiated a six-figure investment in the Fire Service Academy Master Plan so that our volunteer firefighters get the best training available. Setting back that training by not passing

the Capital Plan would be an egregious mistake by our Democratic legislators.

On top of spending on public safety, the Capital Plan also includes important initiatives aimed at improving the county's infrastructure, including improvements that will improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety. The hamlet of Elmont, for example, was scheduled to receive \$2.7 million in traffic and

pedestrian safety improvements that are now being blocked.

Another \$1.5 million in similar improvements was slated for the Village of Lynbrook, at the five-way intersection at Hempstead Avenue.

Blocked.

We planned to spend \$250,000 on traffic safety and pedestrian improvements for Merrick Road in Freeport.

Blocked.

You can see just how quickly the money adds up. Failing to secure this funding will hurt communities across the county if we don't act now. We cannot afford indecision or crass political posturing when our taxpayers are relying on us. I am calling on our Democrat-

ic legislators to put aside politics and prioritize the well-being of Nassau County residents by passing the Capital Plan. It is time to focus on what truly matters — the safety and quality of life of our citizens.

I also urge county residents to make their voices heard. Contact your legislators, express your concerns, and advocate for the passage of the Capital Plan. Here is the contact information for the Democratic legislators who blocked the plan and put you at risk.

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Bruce Blakeman is Nassau County executive.

Why I still cheer like a kid for my teams

I am 64 years old. I have lived a full life, raised a family, built a career and seen the world change in ways I never imagined. But when one of my favorite sports teams takes the field, I'm still a 12-year-old boy, heart pound-



**JEFFREY
BESSEN**

The baseball season just started, and I moaned about the Mets' slow start in a sports text thread. One of my friends texted, "They've faced strong pitching." I responded, "Aren't they supposed to have a strong lineup and that Soto guy?" The same friend wrote: "It's one week, calm down."

When you're a fan, calm isn't your default state of mind. This isn't a hobby — it's a lifelong relationship. And like any deep, long-term commitment, it started early.

I still remember my first baseball game. I was 7, holding my father's hand as we made our way through the crowded concourse of Yankee Stadium. Though I was a Mets fan, we went with family friends. The air smelled of hot dogs, beer and cigars.

Two years later, I went to my first football game, also in Yankee Stadium. I'm a Giants fan, and on that October Sunday my dad and I watched Big Blue defeat the then St. Louis Cardinals. Sitting around us were football fans who held transistor radios to their ears so they'd know what penalty had been called and exactly where the ball was on the field. At the time, no planet-sized TV screen showed the previous play seconds after it ended.

Sports fandom isn't just about watching games — it's about the rituals, the

superstitions, the little things we do that make us feel like we're part of something bigger. For me, it started with

where I sat to watch at home. Every time my team was in the playoffs, I had to be in the same spot on the couch. Not just the same couch — the same spot on that couch.

Before the most recent two Super Bowls that the Giants played in (and won), I had to watch the movie "Friday Night Lights" two hours before game time. Was there any logical reason to believe that watching a film about high

school football would influence the outcome of a Super Bowl? Of course not. But did I dare test my illogical theory by not watching it? Absolutely not.

If you ask any true sports fan why they put themselves through the emotional rollercoaster of fandom, they'll tell you the highs are worth the lows. And it's true — when my team wins, when they pull off an improbable comeback or dominate their opponent, it's

pure joy. The kind of joy that makes you jump up and down like a kid on his birthday.

But the lows? Oh, the lows hurt. A blown lead, a boneheaded play that costs the game, a gut-wrenching loss — they stay with you. You replay them in your head and commiserate about them with friends.

People who don't follow sports don't get it. They ask why I let a game played by people I've never met affect me so deeply. Or they ask whether I have a big bet on the game.

But it's not just a game. It's a connection — to my childhood, to my father, who took me to those first games, to my friends who have shared in the victories and defeats. It's a constant in a world that constantly changes.

At 64, I'm not the same person I was at 12. But when my team takes the field, that kid inside me comes roaring back across the decades, full of hope, excitement and the unshakable belief that this time, maybe this time, we'll win it all.

Jeffrey Bessen is the managing editor of Herald Community Media.

OPINIONS

No more excuses on county opioid funding

Three years into Nassau County Executive Bruce A. Blakeman's administration, nearly \$100 million in opioid settlement funds sits mostly untouched. Meanwhile, lives are being lost. The money is stuck in limbo — apparently with no urgency, no transparency and no plan emerging from his administration.



**DELIA
DeRIGGI-WHITTON**

This is unacceptable. While families mourn and communities struggle, Blakeman's inaction has left these critical funds collecting dust. It's time for outside experts to step in and fix this mess.

The county's opioid settlement funds came from lawsuits initiated by former County Executive Laura Curran against the distributors, manufacturers and retailers of addictive drugs. The funds were intended to support agencies providing treatment, prevention and recovery services on the front lines of this crisis. The most recent funds accepted by the County Legislature — \$1.185 million in total — came from set-

tlements with ShopRite supermarkets, Target and Henry Schein Inc.

Yet out of nearly \$100 million, only \$4.8 million has been spent. That is a shocking failure.

While Blakeman and his administration claim that \$36 million is "encumbered" to various agencies, that's just a fancy way of saying they've promised the money but haven't delivered it. Worse yet, they blame the service providers for failing to submit reimbursement claims quickly enough.

That's an insult to families fighting to save loved ones in the grip of addiction. "Help is on the way" means nothing when that help never arrives.

Under intense questioning by Legislator Scott Davis and me during the Feb. 24 meeting of the Legislature, Department of Human Services officials finally admitted that only \$4.8 million has been spent to date — even though we had selected many of the intended recipients because of the county's familiarity with their programs and trust in their leadership.

Their testimony and lack of results to date made it clear that DHS doesn't

have the ability to handle the distribution of these funds under its current leadership — and that agencies entrusted with distributing these funds should at least be consulting with experts in the field as they formulate a strategy.

After years of delays, the Legislature in February created a method for providers to submit applications, and authorized a maximum allocation of \$1 million to bring in an outside firm to fix this disaster. I joined my fellow legislators in supporting the measure because we need professionals to cut through the confusion and get these lifesaving resources to where they belong. Had we known of the level of disorganization three years ago, we could have acted much sooner — but the administration would not admit that it was unable to adequately manage this critical task. Its failure to come clean — a recurring problem with the administration — will have real-life consequences.

I have attended far too many funerals for young overdose victims, and know the heartbreak this crisis inflicts. Addiction doesn't discriminate — it

devastates families of all backgrounds, regardless of age, race, religion, sex or economic status. The catastrophic danger posed by the increasing presence of deadly fentanyl makes the stakes higher than ever before.

I regularly hear from families pleading for help, desperate for action. While we cannot undo the pain already inflicted, we can demand accountability. Nassau's opioid settlement funds must reach those in need without further delay, and it is my hope that hiring a qualified firm will help us fulfill this mandate.

Every life we lose to opioid addiction is one too many. I will continue to meet my responsibility as a fiduciary of the county by continuing to closely monitor the distribution of these funds, which are intended to be used in an efficient, impactful and serious manner. In memory of everyone we have lost and with the hope of reaching our neighbors who are struggling right now, I am committed to doing everything in my power to ensure that we maximize the positive impact of these resources as expeditiously as possible.

Delia DeRiggi-Whitton represents Nassau County's 11th Legislative District and is the Legislature's Democratic minority leader.

We need pros to get these resources to where they belong.

A holiday homily: the family that ate its pets

Thus it came to pass, in the Land of Brooklyn, that Morris Brownstein knew Anna Brownstein, his second cousin, and they begat Hilda, Murray, Pearl and Zelda. Pearl, third in the family order, was my mother, and the only one who seemed to have entirely escaped the questionable legacy of having parents who were also blood relatives.



**RANDI
KREISS**

In the warm bosom of my mother's nuclear family, accent on nuclear, Passover was a sacred time. Sacred not in a religious way, but in a culinary way. Grandma Annie and Grandpa Morris spared no effort in bringing to their four children an authentic holiday experience.

Perhaps the most cherished Brownstein family tradition was dining on homemade gefilte fish for the holiday.

Let me digress. Gefilte fish (from the Yiddish word for "stuffed") is an acquired taste. A cement-colored composite of various scaled fish, such as carp and pike and whitefish, mixed with

ground vegetables and matzo meal, it tastes like a fishy matzo ball. People eat it cold, with mouth-scorching horseradish to kill the taste.

When I say it is an acquired taste, I mean you had to be there at the beginning. Let's see, it's 5785 on the Hebrew calendar, so if you started eating gefilte fish two or three thousand years ago, you probably look forward to having it on the Seder table this year. You can't just munch gefilte with no prior experience.

For her gefilte fish, Grandma Annie believed in going to the source, so she would buy a large, live carp and keep it in the bathtub for a week or two until it was time to ease it from its comfortable aquatic home into a grinder.

This was fish farming in its most primitive form. The business possibilities were not lost on young Murray, who was blessed with an entrepreneurial spirit. When he was 19, he considered buying up tens of thousands of bathtubs to raise carp. Unfortunately, at the time all his funds were tied up in a machine that made shoes out of sweet potatoes, and he didn't want to spread

himself too thin.

Anyway, keeping the carp in the tub wasn't without consequences for the Family Brownstein. First, since the carp was in the tub for some time, and there was only one bathtub, well, draw your own conclusions.

The second consequence of growing their own, so to speak, was that my mother, the most tenderhearted of the lot, immediately bonded with the carp. She had always longed for a kitten or a puppy, but her parents weren't about to indulge her, so once a year she had what you might call a transitory experience in nurturing an animal. Granted, a carp isn't much of a pet, but young Pearl had little else to call her own.

This was not what you would call a psychologically enlightened family. Since "Sesame Street" had not yet been created, Grandma would entertain her kids by taking them to the Canarsie slaughterhouse, where they would watch the chickens being killed. You can see why they didn't worry much about young Pearl playing with the carp in the tub.

When the day came, a few days before Passover, Grandma was the designated

executioner. This was an interesting division of labor, since Grandpa Morris displayed distinct homicidal potential, having once chased a woman around a butcher shop with a knife after she insulted President Roosevelt. He was also enlisted in a civilian patrol, looking for submarines in Brooklyn, when he fell into a sidewalk hole and wasn't found for days. But that's another story.

Anyway, Grandma Annie, ignoring all pleas for clemency for the fish, would drain the tub and dispatch the carp with her cleaver. A day later, they set a beautiful table, and after a few prayers, devoured the fish, which lived on in its new incarnation — homemade gefilte fish swimming in its own aspic.

For dessert, Grandma made what came to be known as the Cake of Affliction, a 12-egg, foot-high sponge cake that, year after year, stuck to the pan, fell like a pancake instead of rising like a soufflé and broke our hearts.

Times pass, and so do people. Rituals change. This Passover, my husband is the only one at the table who will eat gefilte fish. The Cake of Affliction isn't on the menu. At today's egg prices, the family sponge cake has become a high-risk investment.

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Spring into the new season by volunteering

As the winter chill fades and the warmth of spring sets in, April presents us with the perfect opportunity to step out of our homes and into our communities. It is National Volunteer Month, a time to recognize the vital contributions of volunteers and encourage others to take part in acts of service. With the season's longer days, there's no better moment to embrace the spirit of giving, and making a difference.

Volunteering is more than just a noble act — it's a powerful way to foster change, make personal connections and enhance our well-being. Whether you're helping clean up a local park, mentoring a young student or lending a hand at a food bank, your contributions have a lasting impact. This month, let's not only celebrate those who dedicate their time to service, but also join them in strengthening our communities.

National Volunteer Month highlights the invaluable role that volunteers play in shaping society. The best, most selfless volunteering isn't confined to a single day or week; it's an ongoing effort that promotes social responsibility, empathy and collective progress.

It also benefits the volunteer. Studies show that devoting time to helping others can reduce stress, combat loneliness and engender a sense of purpose. It helps people acquire new skills and build professional as well as social networks, and often opens doors to new career opportunities.

One of the best aspects of volunteering is its flexibility — there's something for everyone. Whether you have a few hours to spare each month or can commit to a regular schedule, there are countless ways to contribute. Here are just a few examples:

■ Community cleanups: Help beautify

Great places to lend a hand

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(516) 747-3500
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100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove
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126 Spagnoli Road, Melville
(516) 294-8528
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IslandHarvest.org

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and Rehabilitation
3300 Beltagh Ave., Wantagh
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Long Island Cares
10 Davids Drive, Hauppauge
(631) 582-3663
LiCares.org

United Way of Long Island
819 Grand Blvd., Deer Park
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UnitedWayLi.org

your local parks, streets and other community spaces by picking up litter, power-washing sidewalks or planting flowers.

■ Animal welfare: Volunteer at an animal shelter or foster a rescue pet. The need for volunteers at these facilities has

never been greater.

■ Educational support: Tutor a student, chaperone a school field trip or help out in your local library.

■ Food assistance: Work at a food pantry or take part in a meal delivery program. Lots of community members lend a hand during the holiday season, but here, too, volunteers can find plenty to do all year round.

■ Health care and support services: Visit a nursing home, assist hospital staff, or support a mental health initiative.

■ Environmental advocacy: Take part in a tree-planting effort, a recycling program or a sustainability project.

April is also *Global* Volunteer Month, celebrating the many ways people and organizations support their neighbors and strengthen their communities around the world. Volunteer Recognition Day, April 20, will kick off National Volunteer Week, April 20-26, a weeklong celebration of the efforts of volunteers.

There are numerous opportunities this month to take part in events, campaigns and initiatives that need and will welcome your help. It's a time to take action, and inspire others to do the same. And by getting children and young adults involved, we can help instill a life-long commitment to service and civic responsibility. Whether through school programs or community projects, we can encourage the next generation to embrace the values of kindness, empathy, and community involvement.

If you've been looking for a way to give back, let the month that symbolizes renewal and growth be the time you take that first step. Whether you join a one-day event or dedicate a few hours a week, your contribution matters. Step outside, lend a hand and experience the joy of making a difference.

LETTERS

Thanks for a young woman's perspective

To the Editor:

I very much appreciated Jordan Vallone's recent op-ed, "Some thoughts on books, privilege and girlhood." As a life-long reader, I think life is so much more enjoyable having a good book to read. Books are, in many ways, our teachers.

Vallone's emphasis on the importance of books for young women dealing with this complex and stressful world is so relevant. As I look back on my teaching career, I think we should have had more literature from a woman's point of view, focusing on the situations and problems they had to face.

And thanks to Jordan for her book suggestions. I feel I should read some literature from the perspective of young



OPINIONS

Strengthening public safety and honoring first responders

Since I took office, my focus has been on making Glen Cove a safer, stronger and more vibrant community — one where families can thrive, businesses can grow, and our first responders have the tools and support they need to excel. Our police officers, firefighters, EMS personnel, Harbor Patrol and auxiliary forces are the backbone of our city, dedi-



PAMELA D. PANZENBECK

cating themselves daily to protecting and serving every resident. It is our collective responsibility to ensure they receive the training, resources and recognition their invaluable contributions deserve.

Over the past year, we've taken bold steps to rein-

force public safety. Since I became mayor, the Glen Cove Police Department has welcomed 13 new officers, strengthening our force with skilled professionals committed to our community's well-being. We've also recognized the leadership of existing members through well-deserved promotions. Beyond recruitment, we're investing in advanced training and state-of-the-art equipment to keep our first responders at their best.

The city recently equipped the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department with

two new fire trucks, providing the latest technology for effective emergency responses. The department exemplifies our commitment to service, both locally and across the region. Members took part in a significant effort to put out the Jennings Creek wildfire upstate last November, which burned more than 5,300 acres. While helicopters dropped water from above, they spent eight hours digging into flaming ground to put out subsurface burns. They demonstrated flexibility and commitment in this mutual-aid mission, which is among the most extensive our department has ever conducted.

Closer to home, city firefighters were prepared to help during the recent brush fires that swept through Suffolk County, even though their assistance was ultimately unnecessary. Regardless of whether the call originates from inside or outside of our city, our firefighters always meet the task with expertise and determination.

Our Harbor Patrol, essential to safeguarding our waterfront, continues to receive support with all of critical equipment and upgrades necessary, a reflection of our unwavering dedication to keeping Glen Cove waterways secure.

Our EMS personnel are a cornerstone of this safety net, with ambulanc-

es on duty and on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, ensuring rapid response to emergencies. This availability means that residents receive immediate care when it matters most, whether it's a medical crisis or a late-night accident. And we're enhancing EMS capabilities by increasing staffing levels, upgrading equipment and refining response times to maintain this critical service.

Our goal is to provide our EMS teams with everything they need to continue their lifesaving work. Soon they will receive two new ambulances and all equipment necessary to protect our residents in life-threatening emergency.

My dedication to public safety was recognized in a humbling way this year. At National Night Out, the Glen Cove Police Department and PBA honored me as Person of the Year, a tribute that reaffirmed the strong bond between our administration and those who serve. Chief William Whitton remarked, "She's had her foot on the gas pedal and hasn't taken it off. She's truly selfless." I believe leadership is about action, and I stand firmly behind our law enforcement and first responders, to ensure that they receive both the recognition they've earned and the resources they need to protect our community.

The safety and sense of community of Glen Cove are greatly enhanced by our auxiliary police. They assist regularly at local religious institutions by directing people to services, oversee crowd management for our St. Patrick's Day procession, and ensure that street closures go smoothly. They also manage duties including putting up No Parking signs, directing traffic at funerals, and take part in citywide festivities of holidays, sports parades and events like Downtown Sounds in the summer.

Auxiliary police demonstrate their commitment when they respond to weather-related emergencies and other call-outs. Their efforts, which improve public safety and the vitality of our town, are much appreciated by the city. Wherever there's a public event, they are present.

Momentum is on our side, and we'll keep building on these successes. Glen Cove is a city that values service, embraces progress, and stands by those who dedicate their lives to protecting others. By investing in our emergency services, we reaffirm our commitment to safety, community and the enduring spirit that makes the city a place we're proud to call home. Together we're ensuring that it remains a safe haven where families flourish, businesses prosper, and our first responders receive the respect and support they deserve.

Pamela D. Panzenbeck is mayor of Glen Cove.

LETTERS

people growing up in 2025.

More power to her pride in being a woman, her seeing the importance of literature for young women and her having the talent to bring attention to women's stories that deserve to be told and heard.

JIM HAWKINS
Baldwin

Why so much opposition to the president?

To the Editor:

Spreading propaganda is an evil tool used to create anger, hysteria, rage and jealousy among unthinking people. This method was successfully used in Nazi Germany in the 1930s. It encouraged book burning and Kristallnacht. It appears very similar to Tesla burning and mob protesting against Jewish students at Columbia University.

When children are young, they are taught to obey their parents, because they are the adults. In a mob mentality, people behave very similar to children, because they are also told what to do, and encouraged to engage in destructive, harmful, irrational behavior. When those who attack our American citizens are released and defended by judges, whose civil

rights are violated? Can judges overrule the president of the United States?

We need strong leadership to prevent civil disobedience and violence, and more credit must be given to President Trump, who was given this arduous task by a clear majority. Why is there so much opposition?

PAT KING
Merrick

The Senate should not confirm D'Esposito

To the Editor:

Just how much confidence can we have in a failed congressman, Anthony D'Esposito, whose brief tenure was marked by slavish obeisance to the grossly unqualified President Trump (before he returned to office), and who now, ironically, Trump has appointed inspector general for the Labor Department, which the administration is eviscerating, after Trump has dismissed independent inspectors-general in more than a dozen such agencies?

The answer is a resounding, Not a scintilla of trust!

More likely, like the multi-failed Kari Lake in Arizona, who lost races for both

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governor and senator but became Trump's nemesis of the hugely successful Voice of America, D'Esposito is keeping a political profile for a return run for elective office.

They, along with the current administration, belong not to a (Pete) Hegseth "meritocracy," but together

form the gang that couldn't shoot straight: incompetent, ignorant, intolerant and dangerous to our liberal democratic republic.

D'Esposito should be denied Senate confirmation.

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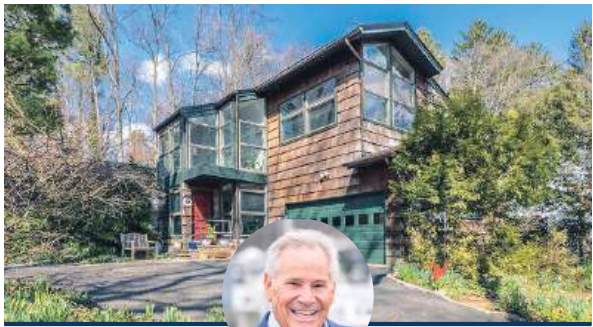


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Barbara Sinenberg, c.516.650.2758



Price Improvement | Bayside, NY
27-11 206th St | MLS# 815724 | \$1,289,000
Myla Borucke, c.516.641.7743



Wonderful 2 Bedroom Ranch | Glen Head, NY
50 Sylvia St | MLS# 839380 | \$798,000
John Langone, c.516.901.9116



Charming Bungalow | Sea Cliff, NY
121 15th Ave | MLS# 845047 | \$599,000
Vivian Parisi, c.516.236.0537



Pending | Updated Split Level | Glen Cove, NY
5 Sandra Ct | MLS# 827142 | LP: \$1,100,000
DayAnn McManus, c.516.641.1977
Kayla McManus, c.516.532.4474



Sold | Fully Renovated Cape | Glen Head, NY
20 Darby Pl | MLS# L3589352 | LP: \$1,080,000
DayAnn McManus, c.516.641.1977
Kayla McManus, c.516.532.4474



Sold | Classic Dutch Colonial | Glen Cove, NY
49 Franklin Ave | MLS# L3562048 | LP: \$750,000
Linda Brown, c.516.650.9145
Laura Algios, c.516.578.6750



Listed & Sold | Private Ranch | Glen Cove, NY
4 Clinton St | MLS# L3588356 | LP: \$699,000
Kathy Wallach, c.516.353.4318



Listed & Sold | Bungalow | Sea Cliff, NY
91 Altamont Ave | MLS# 805700 | LP: \$600,000
Eileen Heimer, c.516.606.6077



Rented | Cottage | Glenwood Landing, NY
39 Hillside Ave | MLS# 803937 | LP: \$3,800/mo
DayAnn McManus, c.516.641.1977
Kayla McManus, c.516.532.4474



Rented | Barn Space | Glenwood Landing, NY
111 Glenwood Rd #2 | MLS# 834282 | LP: \$3,600/mo
DayAnn McManus, c.516.641.1977
Kayla McManus, c.516.532.4474