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A perfect day for a Memorial Day Parade

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, above, proudly led the way in Glen Cove's Memorial Day Parade, honoring the fallen with dignity. At right, Vietnam War veteran Howard Stillwagon, commander of VFW Post 347, marched in Glen Cove's parade, accompanied by his service dog, Cruiser.



Glen Cove mourns its fallen heroes

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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A siren wailed for 50 seconds at noon in Monument Park as Glen Cove joined Nassau County in a solemn moment of silence on Memorial Day, pausing to remember the nation's fallen service members. The city's ceremony paid tribute to local hero Sgt. William (Billy) Joseph Morse, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1968, and honored Navy veteran Anthony (Tony) Jimenez as grand marshal of this year's parade.

"We in Glen Cove commemorate those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms," said City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who co-chaired the Memorial Day Committee and served as master of ceremonies. "Each year, this committee selects two honorees. The grand marshal of the parade, who is a Glen Cove veteran, who continues to give back and serve the community after their service to our country has ended. And, probably more importantly, each year

we select a parade honoree who is a Glen Cover who died in war, making the ultimate sacrifice for the rest of us."

John Morse, Billy Morse's younger brother, shared memories of growing up in Glen Cove and looking up to his brother. "John Morse was 9 years old when his cool big brother, Billie, used to let him jump in his car with his football buddies when they went to the 'Campus' Shop," the ceremony program read.

Our war
dead have
done their part.

FRED NIELSON
Retired major,
U.S. Marines

John recalled how Billy "always talked baseball stats and players" and played catch with fellow Glen Cover, famous Yankee pitcher Whitey Ford.

"John remembered how he responded to challenge, uncertainty, even danger," the program read. "So, at a time when many young men were poring over maps to Canada or talking with their dads about bone spurs and doctors, Billie knew he was going to answer his country's call."

Two years later, that connection was shattered when a

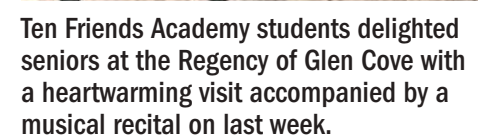
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Friends Academy students delight at Regency

–*Luke Feeney*

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Essay and memorial tour honor veterans

By ROKSANA AMID

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Morgan Memorial Park was lined with 91 banners on Sunday, May 25, each one honoring a Glen Cove veteran or active-duty service member. The Glen Cove Salutes Military Tribute Banner Program held its fourth annual ceremony on Memorial Day weekend, celebrating the lives and legacies of those who served while also shining a spotlight on the city's youth.

The event, co-sponsored by VFW Post 347 and the Tribute and Honor Foundation, included the announcement of the winner of this year's "Echoes of Freedom" essay contest: Glen Cove High School junior Michael Renga.

"Today, the veterans represented throughout the park reflect military service in conflicts and wars spanning from the Boxer Rebellion in 1900, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the war in Afghanistan, to the war in Iraq," said Lydia Wen Rogers, co-director of the Glen Cove Salutes program. "Through the years, we have honored men and women from five of the six military branches. We look forward to one day honoring a veteran from the Space Force."

Rogers added that all veterans featured on the banners once called Glen Cove home. "Many were born and raised here. As you meander through the park, you'll notice many pairs sharing the same surnames—fathers and sons, brothers, cousins, classmates, neighbors, and friends."

Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, president of the Tribute and Honor Foundation, reflected on the grassroots beginnings of the project. "To be here today and to be in partnership with VFW Post 347 is such a great privilege," he said. "At the end of the day, it is the people of Glen Cove and it is the people of Long Island who make any of these initiatives successful."

Renga's essay focused on the founding principles of the United States—justice, equality, the rule of law, popular sovereignty, and liberty—and called on his generation to renew the promise of democracy.

"Our founding principles were not perfect at their inception," he wrote. "Perfect? No. But powerful? Yes. Democracy is not a finished project. It is a living and growing promise, one that each of us is responsible for renewing."

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck presented Renga with a certificate of recognition. "Michael, you never cease to amaze me," she said. "Through vivid words and deep reflection, Michael honored the memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country."

The banners will remain on display throughout the summer as Glen Cove continues to remember and honor its heroes.

Following the banner unveiling ceremony and recognition of essay contest winner Michael Renga, community members continued their Memorial Day tribute by laying wreaths and pay-



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Glen Cove High School junior Michael Renga is the winner of this year's "Echoes of Freedom" essay contest.



Michael Renga received a citation and high praise for his writing from Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck.

ing respects at several veteran monuments across Glen Cove. The solemn procession began at Morgan Memorial Park, home to the Veterans Memorial Monument, where many gathered to reflect. The group then visited the Glen Cove Public Library, where the War Memorial Monument honors residents lost in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. At the intersection of Ford Street and Forest Avenue, they paused at the Vietnam War Memorial, a bronze plaque dedicated to Glen Cove's fallen from that conflict. On Elm Avenue, they visited the Korean War Monument, a quiet granite marker listing names of local service members. At Calvary Cemetery, mourners honored the World War II Memorial, which rec-



A site visited on Memorial Day weekend was the Calvary African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, where African Americans were recognized for their service.



Courtesy Peter M. Budraitis Photography

ognizes Glen Cove veterans interred there. The tribute concluded at St. Rocco's Church, where the St. Rocco's Memorial Plaque commemorates parishioners who made the ultimate

sacrifice. Each stop was marked by wreath-laying, prayers, and moments of silence, ensuring that the city's heroes were remembered with dignity and gratitude.

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton visited the monument outside of the Glen Cove Library with Evelyn Kandel, a former United States Marine Corps Sergeant.

Memorial Day tribute salutes Sgt. Morse

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13-year-old John and his mother learned of Billy's death. A military sedan out of which stepped the Army Casualty Officer and the Chaplain presented a grief from which Mrs. Morse never recovered — one that scared a vulnerable John with a pain that has punctuated his whole life.

Retired U.S. Marine Major Fred Nielson spoke of the deeper meaning of the day's observances. "Picnics, barbecues, parades, car-selling promotions — every retailer telling us how much they honor our war dead by offering the living price cuts," he said. "How fitting that might be for Veterans Day. I will not rail against it today because it has become ingrained in our culture. Mine, however, is a deeper message, one that calls upon each of us to consider, at a spiritual level, how we might hearken to a meaning that abides in all of us as a community, as heads of families, and most profoundly as individuals."

He urged those in attendance to remember the cost of freedom. "A sacrifice of their hopes for the future. Their dreams of loving and being loved. Their imaginings of holding their newborn. How do we equate the significance of what happiness they sacrificed forever to the happiness that we know daily? Our war dead have done their part. Your weapon in this democracy is ... your vote."

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck added that Memorial Day is not just another day on the calendar. She noted it is a time for remembrance, reflection and gratitude.

"Today we pause in our very busy lives to say we remember, we honor, we will never forget," Panzenbeck added. "To the families carrying the weight of loss every day, we may never fully grasp your grief, but we see you, we thank you and we remember alongside you."



Photos courtesy Marsha Silverman

Family, veterans and local officials gather at Monument Park in Glen Cove on Memorial Day to honor Sgt. William (Billy) Joseph Morse, who was killed in action during the Vietnam War in 1968. Morse's brother, John, seated center, holding plaque, accepted the posthumous award on behalf of his family during the city's annual ceremony.

Glen Cove High School junior Benjamin Napolitano gave the city's first-ever Rho Kappa Memorial Day address, reflecting on how "our everyday privileges and indulgences, our existence is protected by the actions of our soldiers." Napolitano said, "It is just respecting and acknowledging the valiant service of those who gave. The purpose of Memorial Day is to honor the ultimate sacrifice given by our veterans. The sacrifice made in the moments of their solemn oath to defend and preserve our Constitution."

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi echoed those sentiments by reminding the audience that soldiers who died in battle are just like the loved ones they left behind.

"Men and women who didn't come back to the dinner table. Who didn't have their first love, or their marriage, or their business, or their children. Because they gave it up for us," Suozzi said.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman summed it up simply: "Say a prayer for them," he said of the war dead. "For their souls, for their families."



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Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT) v. Life Estate Deed

Clients often ask whether the home should be deeded to the client's adult children, while retaining a life estate in the parent or whether the Medicaid Asset Protection Trust should be used to protect the asset.

While the deed with a life estate will be less costly to the client, in most cases it offers significant disadvantages when compared to the trust. First, if the home is sold prior to the death of the Medicaid recipient, the life estate value of the home will be required to be paid towards their care. If the house is rented, the net rents are payable to the nursing facility since they belong to the life tenant. Finally, the client loses a significant portion of their capital gains tax exclusion for the sale of their primary residence as they will only be entitled to a pro rata share based on the value of the life estate to the home as a whole. Nevertheless, a life estate deed makes sense for a vacation home that is intended to stay in the family.

All of the foregoing may lead to a situation where the family finds they must maintain a vacant home for many years. Conversely, a properly drafted MAPT preserves the full capital gains tax exclusion on the sale of the primary residence and the home may be sold by the trust without obligation to make payment of any of the principal towards the client's care, assuming we have passed the look-back period for facility care of five years.

It should be noted here that both the life estate and the MAPT will preserve the stepped-up basis in the property provided it is sold after the death of the parent who was the owner or grantor. Upon the death of the parent, the basis for calculating the capital gains tax is stepped up from what the parent paid, plus any improvements, to what it was worth on the parent's date of death. This effectively eliminates payment of capital gains taxes on the sale of appreciated property, such as the home, after the parent dies.

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Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman with Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, left, and retired U.S. Marine Major Fred Nielson during the city's Memorial Day ceremony. Held at Monument Park, the event honored the life and service of Sgt. William (Billy) Joseph Morse.

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Danger of Southern State is constant concern

'Blood Alley' stretch lives up to its name on roadway with grim total of over 3,000 crashes per year

By BRIAN NORMAN

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Third in a series on the Southern State Parkway.

The 23.5 miles of the Southern State Parkway, which stretches from the Queens-Nassau border to Heckscher State Park in East Islip, has daily traffic congestion and frequent accidents, so numerous that one portion is called "Blood Alley."

There have been over 3,000 accidents a year on the parkway since 2021, a majority of which occurred in Nassau County, according to New York State Police. Last year, 15 of those crashes were fatal, the highest number in recent years.

The section of parkway between exits 17 and 32 is widely referred to as Blood Alley due to its high accident rates, which include several fatalities. The road's narrow lanes, sharp turns and poor lighting have all contributed to its dubious distinction as one of the most dangerous roadways in the country.

Elmont resident Winston Waters said that he has lived in the area for 40 years, and has often found himself having to plan his day around the congestion of the parkway.

"I work around it as much as I can," Waters said. "There are times when I have to leave early to get to work — you know, I've got to deal with that — but I try to work around it. I try and leave very early, after rush hour, before rush hour, those kinds of things."

Waters said his backyard once resembled a national park, with thick trees that helped muffle the sound of the nearby parkway. But since the trees were removed because of their age, the noise has become a growing issue, and the constant congestion is beginning to spill into the community, disrupting daily life.

"I personally didn't want to see that much traffic in the area," he added, "because it (creates) a lot of congestion, particularly if there's an accident or there's in the morning, rush hour — you have a lot of people that come through, come off the exit and then they want to maneuver through the side streets, which decreases the quality of life."

Blood Alley lived up to its name in January, when a car overturned near Exit 29 in North Massapequa, killing two people and seriously injuring two others. The driver was speeding and weaving in and out of traffic before losing control and crashing into a tree, police reported.

South Park Drive, in North Massapequa, sits within sight of the parkway and Sharyn Kordulak can see vehicles whizzing by from the front of her house.

"You get used to all the noise, the drone of the traffic," Kordulak said, noting that some neighbors have blocked out portions of the cyclone fence on the opposite side of the street so they don't



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One of many makeshift memorials that dot the Southern State Parkway landscape memorializes Ciara Hare, who was one of three people killed in a 2022 crash near Exit 32, at the end of what is called "Blood Alley."

see the roadway.

And despite the noise, she is not a fan of the huge sound walls erected on other roadways, such as the Long Island Expressway. "The walls are kind of ugly," Kordulak said.

Valley Stream resident Patrick Goin, who has been an advocate for safer conditions along the highway, specifically near Exit 13 in Valley Stream, said that he is hopeful that the myriad complaints about the parkway complaints will be addressed.

"I'm the one who spoke with Carrié for something to be done about that intersection, because my uncle had a severe car accident where he almost died and his car was totaled," Goin said, referring to Nassau County Legislator Carrié Solages. "There's been a few accidents. My uncle wasn't the first, so that's being addressed."

Goin added that he lives right near Exit 13, and that speeding by motorists coming on and off of the parkway has become a recent issue for him and his neighbors when they try to leave their homes.

Exit 13, which serves both Central Avenue south and Linden Boulevard north in Valley Stream, is one of the more widely reviled entry and exit points along the highway, with residents calling for fixes for several years.

In 2018, Valley Stream resident Nayyer Zubair created a petition that documented residents' concerns about safety. The petition, which currently has 672 signatures, calls for the addition of left-turn lanes and signals on Central Avenue to facilitate safer turns onto Stuart Avenue; lighting upgrades to enhance



Osmar Vasquez was killed in 2023 when the driver of the car in which he was a passenger apparently lost control and crashed between exits 36 and 37.

pedestrian visibility and safety; and the addition of traffic cameras to deter red-light violations and other dangerous driving behaviors.

The state Department of Transportation unveiled a plan on May 8 to reconstruct eastbound Exit 13, with construction set to begin in the spring of 2027. The project aims to create safer conditions for drivers entering and exiting the parkway.

However, some residents questioned the need to reconstruct the entire exit.

Valley Stream resident Dayle Cohen said she recognized the issues that occur at the exit, but questioned how a massive project like this could affect the community even more.

"I drive this route often," Cohen said. "I know a lot of people run the stop sign when you're getting up (the ramp to) the highway. People coming from the Linden (Boulevard) side always struggle to make their right lane on Stuart. But I really haven't noticed any (bigger)

issues. I'm not an expert — I don't know the traffic patterns. I don't know the statistics, and my only concern was people run the stop sign, but then you wait a minute and it's no big deal. I'm not sure about the price tag and how it will affect people who actually live right here, but I personally didn't see a need for it."

In Islip Terrace, not far from the Southern State's eastern terminus, Jo Borda has lived off Spur Drive South, on Juniper Street, for 33 years, and though the parkway is wider there than in its western portion, accidents still occur.

"All times of the day, people are turning too fast off the exit and crashing on the turn," Borda said. "Once right into the corner house."

The former Franklin Square resident had advice for motorists. "People just need to slow down," Borda said.

Additional reporting by Jeffrey Bessen. Next installment: Engineering challenges, infrastructure needs.





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Along with Fleet Week festivities, there was also a WWII Armor Parade in the park in recognition of Memorial Day.

A U.S. Navy helicopter landed in Eisenhower Park on Saturday, part of Fleet Week celebrations.



Fleet Week celebrated in Nassau County

By JORDAN VALLONE

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There was no better weekend for Nassau County to celebrate Fleet Week 2025 than Memorial Day weekend. In Eisenhower Park's Field 2 on May 24, a combined team from the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard brought helicopters to the park. The event featured fast rope demonstrations, performances by the Navy Band Northeast and Navy Ceremonial Guard, military displays and much more.

Comfortable weather and clear skies made for a perfect day to celebrate the United States' military organizations. In the U.S., Fleet Week is a Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard tradition in which active military ships recently deployed in overseas operations dock in a variety of major cities for one week.

Events typically include ship tours, military demonstrations, parades and air shows featuring performances by the Blue Angels or other military flight demonstration teams. The purpose of Fleet Week is to celebrate the naval services and to allow the public to interact

with and learn more about the military.

The origins of the celebration date back to 1935, when it was first celebrated in San Diego. It's evolved in many ways over the years, and today it serves multiple purposes including public engagement, because it allows the public to interact with service members; recruitment, because the event showcases the opportunities and experiences available in participating military branches; and community relations, because it strengthens the relationship between the military and local communities.

The event in Eisenhower Park included all the things communities around the country have come to love about Fleet Week events. It also featured a WWII Armor parade — vehicles were set up at Eisenhower's Parking Field 5 for attendees to view prior to a parade which ran from the field to the park's administration building and back, much to the excitement of those viewing it.

On a weekend when the U.S. remembers and honors those who've died in the line of duty, Nassau County's Fleet Week activities drew a substantial crowd of residents.



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Stamp Out Hunger initiative hits the road

Powered by volunteers, Island Harvest's largest one-day food drive collects 335,000 pounds of food

By RENEE DeLORENZO

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Island Harvest hosted Long Island's largest one-day food drive of the year, Stamp Out Hunger, on May 10, collecting more than 335,000 pounds of food — and counting.

The donations will stock over 300 food pantries across Long Island, ensuring they have enough supplies to feed children who face food insecurity and lose access to meals once school is out for the summer.

The event, now in its 33rd year, is organized nationwide by the National Association of Letter Carriers, the union representing the U.S. Postal Service's letter carriers. Since its inception in 1993, the drive has collected more than 1.9 billion pounds of food across the country.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

According to Island Harvest, more than 240,000 Long Island residents — over 8 percent of the population — faced food insecurity in 2023, a 10 percent increase over the previous year.

Tom Siesto, executive vice president of NALC Branch 6000, said he has helped coordinate the local drive since it began in 1993. Based in New Hyde Park, Siesto organizes the delivery of more than 865,000 postcards each spring, notifying residents about the collection date, the second Saturday in May. On that day, letter carriers collect nonperishable food donations left on doorsteps.

"We take pride in this," Siesto said. "Our letter carriers take pride in picking up the food because they know it's helping their neighbors and communities."

He emphasized that many people in need on Long Island go unnoticed. "It's people living paycheck to paycheck," Siesto said. "It comes down to whether they're going to put food on the table, buy medication or buy clothing for their children."

Amanda Chirco, Island Harvest's director of development, said that donations are initially dropped off at the nonprofit's Islandia warehouse. Staff and volunteers then sort the food into large mixed bins. The food is later repacked into boxes that are placed on pallets for shipping.

Chirco said that Island Harvest relies heavily on volunteers, including drivers from companies like Amazon and College Hunks, to help transport the food. Three days are dedicated to sorting — Saturday, Monday and Tuesday — and this year, more than 500 pallets were filled and prepared for delivery.

Each pallet holds 550 to 700 pounds of food. Once packed, they are moved with forklifts to a weighing station, where volunteers record the weight in black marker before loading the bins onto trucks. Any remaining food is stored at Island Harvest's Melville warehouse for



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Flushing Bank staff members Raymond Ok, far left, Rob Albino, Michelle Posada and Rob Schepis volunteered for a three-hour shift to sort food during the Stamp Out Hunger event, hosted by Island Harvest in its Islandia warehouse.



Hundreds of pounds of donated nonperishables sat in large bins at Island Harvest's warehouse, waiting to be sorted and shipped to local food pantries.

later distribution.

Food pantries across the region are reporting an uptick in first-time visitors, Chirco said, which aligns with Feeding America's data showing a continued rise in food insecurity.

"These are people who are just one car accident, one flat tire or one medical emergency away from depleting their savings and needing support," she said. "They're doing OK until one major thing happens, and then they're not."

Federal funding cuts have also affected Island Harvest's operations. Millions of dollars in government aid were eliminated this year, Chirco said, resulting in over a million fewer meals for local fam-

ilies. Potential cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits could worsen the situation, she said.

Many Long Islanders in need don't qualify for those benefits, she said, because their income exceeds eligibility thresholds — even if it isn't nearly enough to cover Long Island's high cost of living.

The Economic Policy Institute estimates that a single adult must earn over \$68,000 annually to maintain a modest but adequate standard of living on Long Island. A family of four, with two incomes, needs to earn around \$161,000. In contrast, the minimum wage on Long Island is \$16.50 an hour — just over



Amanda Chirco, Island Harvest's director of development, took a final tally of the food collected at the completion of sorting on May 13.

\$34,000 annually for full-time work.

"Someone might not be considered in poverty because of their total income," Chirco said. "But they still can't afford to live on Long Island."

Despite the challenges, Island Harvest is on track to distribute more than 20 million pounds of food this year — nearly double its pre-pandemic output.

For Martin Feinstein, a longtime donor who now volunteers for the organization, the scale of need became clear when he visited a local food pantry.

"I couldn't even find parking," Feinstein recounted. "I just kind of scratched my head and said, 'I've never really seen that.'"

Now retired, Feinstein volunteers weekly with his wife, helping load food for seniors and pantries across Long Island.

"I want to help," Feinstein said. "I want to be part of it. I wasn't part of it for all these years even though I wanted to be, and this is the way to do it."

Rob Schepis, senior vice president at Flushing Bank, also volunteered at the event alongside three of his employees Rob Albino, Raymond Ok and Michelle Posada. It was the bank's second year of supporting Stamp Out Hunger through both service and donations.

"When I found out how many people were food insecure, I was shocked," Schepis said. "It wakes you up to recognizing how fortunate we are."

Chirco said that Island Harvest's most pressing need is funding, which supports its food programs, nutrition education and logistics. She encouraged more community partners — businesses, schools and local leaders — to get involved.

Volunteers can register for events at IslandHarvest.org, where they can find dates, instructions and contact information for each one. "Everybody can play a role in some way," Chirco said.

Bayville Blues

Dear Great Book Guru,
Last night my friends and I were at a cast party at our favorite restaurant, La Famiglia in Glen Cove, when someone mentioned a book she had just read that was set mostly in Bayville and had lots of references to North Shore towns and landmarks. I'm very interested – are you familiar with it?

Fan of the North Shore

Dear Fan of the North Shore,

“Johnny Careless” by Kevin Wade is a fascinating read. Jeep Mullane grew up in the small town of Bayville and has returned as head of police after a stellar career in the New York City Police Department. His father had been a local policeman also, so Jeep knew the difficulties of living and working in the same community especially one where class and money disparities are widespread.

His best friend from childhood, John-

ny Chambliss, was from a wealthy family and he appeared to live a charmed life with a charismatic personality, beautiful wife, and unlimited resources. When his body washes ashore on the opening

pages, Jeep is determined to solve the mystery of his life and death.

As he learns more and more about the people and places that featured in Johnny’s life, Jeep is troubled by the “carelessness” of his friend. Reminiscent at times of The Great Gatsby, this novel presents us with a cast of characters that seem intent on living lives not of quiet desperation, but of wanton disregard for those not of their class.

While there are many humorous moments, the underlying story is disturbing, but very compelling. Highly recommended.

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First responders march through downtown Glen Cove during the Memorial Day Parade, honoring the sacrifices of fallen service members with pride and respect.

Memorial Day in downtown Glen Cove

Glen Cove’s Memorial Day Parade on May 26 honored U.S. Navy veteran and Veterans Affairs Director Tony Jimenez as Grand Marshal and remembered U.S. Army Sergeant William Joseph Morse as the Parade Honoree. The parade began at Cottage Row and Forest Avenue and proceeded through downtown. Observed on the last Monday of May, Memorial Day is a federal holiday that honors and mourns the U.S. military personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

—Roksana Amid



Glen Cove High School students marched with pride in the Memorial Day Parade, honoring the nation’s fallen heroes with school spirit and patriotism.



The Girl Scouts of Glen Cove step out in unity during the Memorial Day Parade, paying tribute to America’s fallen heroes with flags and smiles.



Andrew Mozer of the GCPD with Serena, age 3, spend their afternoon watching the Memorial Day parade.



The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians walk in solidarity during Glen Cove’s Memorial Day Parade, honoring those who gave their lives in service to the nation.



Members of Glen Cove Junior Soccer proudly marched in the city’s Memorial Day Parade, honoring fallen service members with patriotic spirit.

Opa! Greek fest brings family fun to G.C. 11

By ROKSANA AMID

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The sounds of bouzouki, the scent of sizzling souvlaki, and the joyful shouts of children on carnival rides will once again fill the air at Garvies Point as the Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church hosts its annual Greek Festival from June 5 through June 8.

Now in its fourth year at Garvies Point and its 45th overall, the festival is a staple of summer on the North Shore. Glen Cove City Councilman Michael Ktistakis, whose parents were among the charter members of the church, reflected on the event's deep roots in the community. "My mother and father are charter members of the Resurrection Church that opened its doors in 1976 to a group of probably 30 families in the North Shore area," Ktistakis said. "And we've grown basically through fellowship, faith and love. It brought us to this point where the Resurrection is a very rare place of worship... because it has that special, unique love between God and doing the work through our ministries to support such amazing events."

The festival kicks off with an opening and blessing by Father Pan-teleimon. Dancing performances continue through the weekend, with appearances by the GOYA Youth Ministry, Greek school students, the Anemos



Roni Chastain/Herald

Lucky winners tested the odds at the festival's raffle table. Prizes included Greek food and items from local businesses.

Dance Troupe, and the Greek American Folklore Society.

"It's going to be fun for the entire family, full of rides, amazing Greek food, delicacies," Ktistakis said. "My personal favorite is the souvlaki truck... but nothing beats a nice gyro with a little bit of tzatziki sauce." He added, "I will be volunteering and helping regulating the lines by the souvlaki line...

even though we're still having three trucks available, it still backs up."

Festival co-chair Ellen Pantazakos, who began volunteering at the festival as a child, said this year's attractions will once again include Reithoffer Shows, a national amusement company known for major state fairs and events across the country. "They came last year for the first time... They fell in love

with Glen Cove. They fell in love with Garvies Point. They fell in love with the residents of Glen Cove," she said. "So we're excited to have them back."

Vendors will offer handmade and imported goods from all over, including Greek jewelry, T-shirts, candles, luxury pocketbooks, and gourmet cookies. "We have one lady actually coming all the way from Cape Cod," Pantazakos said. "She heard about us down in Florida... and she reached out to me. She goes, 'I was told in Florida that I have to do your festival.'"

The festivities culminate in the Grand Raffle Drawing on Sunday, where participants have the chance to win prizes including smart TVs, a trip for four to Greece, or the grand prize—a new car or \$25,000. Only 2,000 raffle tickets will be sold.

The festival hours are Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m. Free parking is available in both the Pulaski Street and Brewster Street municipal garages, with continuous shuttle buses transporting guests to and from the festival.

"It gives us the opportunity to celebrate together as a family of our faith," Ktistakis said, "and to show the community what we're all about."

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Dems push to reduce ‘unfair’ licensing fees

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By MOHAMMAD RAFIQ

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At All American Cleaners in Bellmore on May 22, Nassau County Legislator Seth Koslow, accompanied by Democratic colleagues Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Olena Nicks, unveiled legislation aimed at reducing business licensing fees across Nassau County.

“The fees that people are paying in Nassau County are multiple times higher than Suffolk County, and it’s just not fair,” Koslow, the Democratic candidate for county executive, said at a news conference. “These small businesses drive our economy, and they have to pay \$650 a year just to get their license, when in Suffolk County they’re paying \$110.”

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Nassau is home to over 200,000 small businesses, which employ the majority of the county’s workforce. The proposed legislation targets more than 30 categories of business licenses, including dry cleaners, locksmiths, dog-groomers, second-hand gem dealers, appliance replacement services and more.

Asked why there was a difference between the license fees in Suffolk and Nassau counties, Koslow laid responsibility at the feet of County Executive Bruce Blakeman, saying, “Blakeman just keeps raising fees to pay for all his celebrations and his photo ops, and he’s not really worried about taking care of the people here that drive our business.”

“I, unfortunately, don’t anticipate it’ll get much traction because of Bruce Blakeman and the Republican majority,” Koslow added of the legislative proposal. “But this is one of those things that is important to our community, and we should do on a bipartisan level.”

DeRiggi-Whitton echoed Koslow’s sentiments.



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Nassau County Democrats decried high business licensing fees and announced legislation to cut fees for small businesses on May 22. In Bellmore, from far left, were County Legislators Olena Nicks and Seth Koslow; Marc Tolchinsky, owner of All American Cleaners; and Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton.

“Many of these fees came in under the Mangano administration,” she said, referring to former County Executive Edward Mangano. “And many of them, at that point, we thought, were completely ridiculous, and our caucus voted against them. However, the Republican majority passed them.”

“They are arduous,” DeRiggi-Whitton added. “They are something that would make someone decide whether or not they want to come to Nassau County, and that’s the last thing we need.”

Marc Tolchinsky, owner of All American Cleaners, was asked about the impact that licensing fees have on businesses’ ability to stay afloat, and the difference

that the proposed cuts would make.

“We’ve already been hurt so badly by Covid and the working from home, so all these things that they’re coming up now with, it impacts us,” Tolchinsky said. “You know, we’re running on less revenue, less volume, and anything will help.”

In statement to the Herald, Blakeman rejected the claim that he was responsible for the fees. “These fees were sustained and supported by a Democrat administration with acquiescence from Democrat legislators,” the statement read. “I am happy to cut the fees provided Democrats come up with matching cuts to spending.”



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Holding the facsimile check were, from left, Herald publisher and CEO Stuart Richner; RichnerLive Executive Director Amy Amato; Dean Riskin, CEO and co-founder of Hair We Share; and RichnerLive's Lori Pedone.

RichnerLive, Herald donate \$2,000 to Hair We Share at women's celebration

The Herald and RichnerLIVE hosted the Premier Business Women of Long Island Awards at the Heritage Club in Bethpage on March 19.

Hair We Share, a Jericho-based non-profit that was created by Dean Riskin

and Suzanne Chimera, provides free wigs to people experiencing hair loss brought on by medical treatments. It was the evening's charity beneficiary, and received a \$2,000 donation in support of its mission.

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'Now she's Legally Blonde'

Go to Harvard University with everyone's favorite blonde law student

By Danielle Schwab

What you want is right in front of you — on the Madison Theatre stage at Molloy University. The iconic, pop-infused musical "Legally Blonde" serves up a jump-roping, cheerleading, bend-and-snapping performance — that is as fun as it is inspiring.

"Legally Blonde is an empowerment piece for a young woman whom everyone sees as one thing, and she's so much more," says Angelo Fraboni, Madison Theatre's artistic director, who's also doing double duty as the show's director. "She discovers her power and strength through friendships and knowledge."

Billed as a Madison Theatre Production, it runs May 30 through June 8.

This is story that doesn't get old — no matter how many times it's told.

Elle Woods (Adelaine Mollo) enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend, Warner (Cade Eller). Her journey defies expectations as she becomes entangled in a high-profile murder trial, guided by new-found confidence and a passion for justice.

"She comes from a different world. People don't understand her. They are doubting her all along, and she stamps out the stereotypes of who people perceive she is," Fraboni adds.

Beginning as a novel by Amanda Brown, Elle Wood's story became a hit sensation with the 2001 film starring Reese Witherspoon. The sorority-girl-turned-law-student was later re-imagined with musical flair, earning the Broadway adaptation seven Tony nominations.

Audiences can feel the infectious energy of Woods and the Delta Nus as they bring their all to every high-energy sequence. Choreographer and Assistant Director Bethany Moore infuses the show with dynamic movement — from the cinematic college admission essay "What you Want" to the adrenaline-fueled exercise "Whipped into Shape."

"One thing I love about the show is that most of the songs carry the plot forward. They're not just songs to be songs. It's a fast and furious time," Fraboni says.

Scenes blend seamlessly into the next with the cast moving through the settings with the audience.

"I want to make it look magical. I want people to just all of a sudden be someplace different," he explains.

Some special actors will be taking their paws to the



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- Tickets range from \$45-\$65; available at madisontheatre.org or call the box office at (516) 323-4444
- Madison Theatre, Molloy University campus, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre

stage. Elle Wood's iconic dog companion, Bruiser, is played by Gizmo, who is trained by Moore, his owner, while Sadie, Fraboni's boxer, is takes on the role of Paulette's Rufus.

And while there are many larger-than-life performances, there are also many "little gems" to find, according to Fraboni. "Each character creates these little nuggets to play up and bring to the audience. They're finding how their nuanced characters can be together, but different. Those are the things that are going to make people laugh and have fun."

Baldwin Harbor's Jaylin Thomas, who plays Carlos, and is part of the ensemble, is equally enthusiastic.

"This is such a big show, and I feel like every character has their own little piece, but it's a big moment for everyone," he says. "Carlos only appears in Act Two for one moment, but it's such a big moment."

"Legally Blonde" marks Thomas's first production as a graduate of Molloy's renowned CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory. For him, the show serves as a reminder of the importance of discovering your own identity.

"I think everyone has a moment in their life that they feel like they're not beautiful, or they feel like they're not worthy, or not talented," he says. It just resonates with everyone — seeing yourself as a person."

Another cast member, East Rockaway's Grace McNally, also an ensemble member, relates that it's an all-time favorite musical.

"This is a show that I will want to be in every single year of my life, if I could," she says.

McNally's time with Madison Theatre goes back to when she was 10-years-old, participating in the Madison's Musical Theatre Summer Intensive camp. She's continued to focus on her love for theater, now a recent graduate of LIU Post.

McNally, as do many fans, consider the Elle Woods character as a role model — in that you can "find your way" even through adversity. Throughout the show, very few characters have faith in Elle, with the exception of her aesthetician Paulette (Sharon Lita), but she manages to surprise them when she defies expectations while staying true to herself.

"It shows that you truly can have a sisterhood. You can find your people, no matter who they are. She finds her people in the Delta Nus and when she comes to Harvard, she does eventually end up finding people as well," McNally says.

"I hope that any young girls watching feel inspired. They don't have to go to law school, but if it even just inspires them to do something that they've been scared to do, that is the message and the theme of this show," she adds.

Choreographer Bethany Moore, left, puts Grace McNally and Jaylin Thomas through their paces during rehearsal.

Drop-in photo: Grace McNally and Jaylin Thomas review the script.

Photos courtesy Madison Theatre



'Cool at Camp'

Gather your camp friends, put on your favorite camp swag, and revisit your summers at the Landmark's staged reading of the new musical "Cool at Camp." Creator-writer-composer Dani Tapper's raunchy meshuga musical about kids, camp, and coming of age is based on her own summer experiences as a camper then counselor at Camp Green Lane in the Pocono mountains the foothills. "Cool at Camp" follows four teenagers in their final years as campers at Camp Huron Lake where they must navigate the pressures of trying to be cool. Who will be color war captain? Who will get kissed first? Most importantly, will they all learn what it means to be cool at camp? Set in the world of a typical Northeast Jewish summer camp, this is a heartwarming coming of age story that doesn't skip on the timeless humor the experience provides. Camp letters to and from neurotic mothers, rants from a disgruntled camp director, bunk talks about puberty all come together to create this nostalgic new musical.

Friday, May 30, 8 p.m. \$46 and \$36. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Tickets available at coolatcampmusical.com or email [danibtapper@gmail.com](mailto:dانيتapper@gmail.com).



Asi Wind's 'More Than Magic'

After his sold-out run Off-Broadway, "Inner Circle," and his London's West End six-month long run, "Incredibly Human," Asi Wind returns to the U.S. with a new show, featuring his greatest magic hits. Those familiar with Wind's performances know to expect jaw-dropping feats of magic, inexplicable mind-reading and an utterly captivating night out. He now presents his favorite magic from his dazzling lifelong repertoire. This visually stunning performance showcases Wind's artistic talents while exploring the human spirit. He believes that true magic can only happen if you bring people together and make them feel like they are a part of the show. "More Than Magic" is a profound reminder that we all possess some magic within us.

Sunday, June 1, 7 p.m. \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$29.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.

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MAY 29

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) that 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. On view through June 15.

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MAY 30

'Elephant & Piggie's We Are in a Play!'
The beloved musical adventure, ripped from the pages of Mo Willems' beloved award-winning, best-selling children's books, is back on stage at Long Island Children's Museum. Willems' classic characters Elephant and Piggie storm the stage in a rollicking musical romp filled with plenty of pachydermal peril and swiney suspense perfect for young audiences.

- **Where:** Museum Row, Garden City
- **Time:** Also May 31 and June 3-5, times vary
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- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave.
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JUNE 6

Chris Botti
The world's top-selling jazz instrumentalist, Grammy-winning trumpeter Chris Botti has been one of the most popular instrumentalists in the world for nearly three decades. A trumpeter with a sumptuous, enveloping tone, fluent phrasing, and sense of space, Botti became a masterly musician equally at home in the realms of jazz and pop. He honed his craft performing and recording with stars like Frank Sinatra, Buddy Rich, Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell, Herbie Hancock, Yo-Yo Ma, and Sting, who featured him on his Brand New Day tour and who was one the stellar artists on Botti's chart-topping 2009 album "Live in Boston." Botti's 2012 CD "Impressions" won the Grammy for Best Pop Instrumental Album, and he made his Blue Note Records debut in 2023 with Vol. 1, his first new recording in over a decade. In short, Chris Botti really needs no introduction. Yet with his Blue Note Records debut, he's offering one anyway. Vol.1 is in many ways a fresh start for the trumpeter. Having successfully crossed over from jazz renown to pop stardom, Botti's first album in more than a decade finds him crossing back, with a small group project focused on acoustic jazz and classic standards. From the way he sings the yearning melody of "Danny Boy" to the keening, airy melancholy of his Harmon mute playing on Miles Davis' "Blue In Green"; the hushed tenderness he brings to Coldplay's "Fix You" or his shimmering flurries on "Someday My Prince Will Come;" Botti leaves no doubt of his mastery or his ability to speak directly from the soul of the instrument. \$99.50, \$89.50, \$69.50, \$64.50, \$59.50, \$39.50.

- **Where:** The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.
- **Time:** 8 p.m.
- **Contact:** ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com

MAY 31

Movie matinee
Visit Glen Cove Public Library for a fun, family-friendly movie screening of "Dog Man," based on Dav Pilkey's bestselling graphic novel series. In this animated adventure, a daring surgery fuses a police officer and his loyal dog into a half-man, half-dog superhero. The film is rated PG and runs 93 minutes. Registration is required.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave.
- **Time:** 2 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencovelibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

Contrast In Colors
Visit Old Westbury Gardens for an evening of rich harmonies and expressive tones when Poetica Musica presents a captivating program of chamber music and vocal works. The program includes music by Beethoven, Grieg, Loeillet and Ravel, performed cellist Eugene Moye, violinist Erik Wyrick, pianist Yasmin Alami, and mezzo-soprano Eleanor Valkenburg. Highlights include Beethoven's Piano Trio in B-flat Major, Op. 97 "Archduke", Jean-Baptiste Loeillet de Gant's Trio Sonata in B minor, Grieg's Violin Sonata No. 3 in C minor,

Op. 45, and Ravel's Cinq Mélodies Populaires Grecques. Beethoven's iconic Archduke Trio, composed in 1811 and dedicated to his friend and patron Archduke Rudolf of Austria, remains a cornerstone of the piano trio repertoire and is performed worldwide. This marks the first time Poetica Musica performs this celebrated trio at Old Westbury Gardens. With pre-concert talk at 7:30 p.m. and a reception following the performance. \$30, general admission, \$25 members, seniors (62+) and students.

- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- **Time:** 8-10:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** oldwestburygardens.org or (516) 333-0048

Wellness Day
Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District hosts a morning of free health and wellness classes in Village Square. Attendees can participate in fitness, yoga, Pilates, meditation, and more. Health and wellness vendors will also be on site with products and information.

- **Where:** Village Square, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-noon
- **Contact:** (516) 759-6970

JUNE 1

Storybook Stroll
Bring the kids to Old Westbury Gardens for a storybook adventure. Stroll the gardens and listen Gabriel Alborozo's modern tale "Let's Paint." Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Storybook Strolls start at the Beech Tree (next to Westbury House), and end at the Thatched Cottage.

- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- **Time:** 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **Contact:** oldwestburygardens.org or call (516) 333-0048

JUNE 3

Planning Board Meeting
City of Glen Cove Planning Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting to review development applications, zoning matters, and other planning issues. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the public process.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** For more details or to view the agenda, visit glencoveny.gov or call City Hall at (516) 676-2000

Glen Cove High School Booster Club meets
Parents, guardians and supporters of Glen Cove High School athletics are invited to attend the monthly Booster Club meeting. Topics include upcoming events, fundraising efforts, and team support initiatives. All are welcome to participate.

- **Where:** 150 Dosoris Lane
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 801-7600

JUNE 4

Board of Education meeting
Glen Cove City School District Board of Education holds its regular public meeting to discuss district matters, policy updates, and upcoming initiatives. The community is encouraged to attend and participate.

- **Where:** 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 801-7001

Soccer Shootout Challenge Scholarship Fundraiser
The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce hosts Soccer Shootout Challenge, a fun-filled fundraiser supporting scholarships for Glen Cove and North Shore High School students. All tickets include food and beverages. Space is limited, so register early.

- **Where:** Cove Sports Academy, 27 Cedar Swamp Road
- **Time:** 8 p.m.
- **Contact:** Connie Pinilla at (516) 521-8274

Having an event?
Items on the Calendar 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 kbloom@liherald.com.



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GBBGC Torch Club members arrived at St. Rocco's Food Pantry after shopping at Stop and Shop for their donation. Members were proud they had the opportunity to give back to the community.

GBBGC Torch club holds fundraiser

At the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club's, the Torch Club, a middle school community and leadership group, hosted a successful fundraiser, a staff vs. staff basketball game to support their local food pantry. In preparation, the Torch Club members recruited staff and sold snacks. Their hard work paid off, raising \$150. With the funds, the torch club members carefully planned a trip to Stop & Shop, making a list of essential food items to donate. While shopping one student managed the cart,

another tracked the budget while the rest selected items from the list. After checking out, they delivered five big bags of groceries to the food pantry at St. Rocco's Church. The Torch Club members were all smiles, proud of their impact and already planning ideas for their next fundraiser.

To learn more about Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club GBBGC.org

—Roksana Amid

NEWS BRIEF

Hispanic chamber kicks off fundraiser

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is hosting its inaugural Soccer Shootout Challenge on Tuesday, June 4, from 8 to 10 p.m. at Cove Sports Academy, 27 Cedar Swamp Road in Glen Cove. The event will raise funds to provide summer camp scholarships for students from Glen Cove and North Shore High Schools.

Open to the public, the shootout challenge encourages friendly competition while supporting a good cause. Entrance tickets are \$30 in advance or \$40 at the door, while participation tickets—which make guests eligible for raffle prizes—are \$50 per person or \$100 per family (up to two parents and three children). All tickets include food and beverages. The registration deadline is May 26, and winners will receive a variety of prizes.

To support the event, the Chamber has launched a four-tiered sponsorship program for local businesses. The Diamond Sponsor level (\$1,500 for non-members, \$1,200 for members) includes logo placement at six future events, website promotion, social media callouts, and an invitation to present services. The Platinum level (\$1,000 for non-members, \$750 for members) includes promotion at three events, while Gold sponsors (\$650 non-members, \$500 members)

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The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, founded in 2019, supports Hispanic-owned businesses across Long Island's North Shore. Based in Sea Cliff, the Chamber fosters economic empowerment through networking events, educational programs, and community initiatives. The chamber celebrates Hispanic heritage and promotes inclusivity. Signature events include the annual gala, Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, and back-to-school drives. Membership offers business exposure, mentorship, and a strong support network. Learn more at nshchamber.org.

"This is a great way to uplift our youth, support education, and involve the local business community," said Chamber President Connie Pinilla.

The Chamber encourages businesses and families alike to participate in this fun, community-building event. For tickets or sponsorship details, contact Connie Pinilla at 516-521-8274 or Roberto Hernandez at roberto@nshchamber.org.

Space is limited, and early registration is strongly recommended.

—Roksana Amid

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This Ordinance shall take effect 3 days after publication.
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& Glen Cove School District
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Bid Receipt Day & Time: June 17th, 2025 at 11.00am
Bids will be received until the above-stated hour of prevailing time and date to the attention of John Hall, Director of Facilities at the Business Office of North Shore Central School District located at 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579. Promptly at 11:00am prevailing time on June 17th, 2025. Bids will be opened and read aloud.
OBTAINING DOCUMENTS:
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By: Elizabeth Ciampi, District Clerk
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the City of Glen Cove has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll of Real Property for the year 2025. A copy of said assessment roll will be available on June 1st, 2025, where it can be viewed on-line at <https://glencoveny.gov/>

assessment-department/ and in person at the City of Glen Cove Assessor's Office.
On Grievance Day, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, the Board of Assessment Review will meet during the following times: 10am-12pm; 2-4pm; 7-9pm. to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments. The Board of Assessment Review will convene at the City of Glen Cove, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. Grievances must be filed by end of day at 9pm on Grievance Day. Property owners are not required to be present during the Board of Assessment Review hearings. The Grievance application (RP-524) and instructions are available at <https://glencoveny.gov/assessment-department/> and in person at the Assessment Office during normal office hours.
Dated: May 29th, 2025
Thomas Donato, IAO, CSA-G
City Assessor
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City of Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 7:30 p.m., at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York, when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views. The hearing will be on the application of Cove Supermarket Corp. which seeks a special use permit and site plan approval for the expansion of La Placita Bravo, an existing 6,355 sf grocery store, into the adjacent 1,095 sf vacant unit of a 34,790 sf one story building within the shopping center located at 210 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY, designated on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 21, Block B, Lot 537 and located in the City's B-1 Central Commercial District. The above application is on file at the city offices located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY where it may be

seen during regular business hours of the usual business days until the time of the hearing.
Dated:
May 12, 2025
ANDREW KAUFMAN
Chairman
GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD
153815
LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NASSAU
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, -against- ELIZABETH MARTINO AS PROPOSED RESIDUARY BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARIE M. MCCAULEY, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on April 4, 2025, wherein MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC is the Plaintiff and ELIZABETH MARTINO AS PROPOSED RESIDUARY BENEFICIARY UNDER THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARIE M. MCCAULEY, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction RAIN OR SHINE at the NASSAU COUNTY SUPREME COURT, NORTH SIDE STEPS, 100 SUPREME COURT DRIVE, MINEOLA, NY 11501, on June 30, 2025 at 2:00PM, premises known as 6 STANCO STREET, GLEN COVE, NY 11542; and the following tax map identification: 0021 - 0000H-00 - 00278. ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, COUNTY OF NASSAU, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 009261/2013. Keith A. Lavallee, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social

ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Unsung Hero Takeout Awards

When someone asks what I think of the food in a new eatery, I always mention the entrees or main dishes. But what about the sauces, dressings, toppings or side dishes that make those meals stand out? Why do I ignore them? Shame on me. It will end here. This month, I enjoyed delicious meals in two restaurants that have reopened for the season, and new dishes I found on two new spring menus. I will give full credit to all ingredients that deserve to be recognized.

Sunset Club at Tappen Beach (494 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff)

Hurray. This outdoor beachside café has reopened for the season. I love that we can sit directly beside the beach on comfy lounge chairs, or under a beach umbrella at a table, or under a covered, shady section. I'm also thrilled that my favorite dish, the Mediterranean Grain Bowl, is back. Quinoa, salad greens, sundried tomatoes, chickpeas, artichoke hearts and kalamata olives have the best time sitting together in their bowl. Yet, I must give a well-deserved shoutout to the lemon herb feta vinaigrette. Though I usually order dressing on the side, I smothered my bowl with this vinaigrette. It pulls all the ingredients together perfectly. Other menu favorites have also returned, including the blackened fish tacos with crema guacamole and Gooseberry Grove Artisan Scooped Ice Cream.

Ocean (333 Bayville Ave., Bayville)

No matter where you sit in this indoor/outdoor restaurant that has reopened for the season, you'll have a panoramic water view. I welcome back the incredible dishes on the menu including the Scottish salmon with wild rice, edamame, roasted corn, red pep-

pers and scallions; and the Ocean Pasta with lobster tail, bay scallops, mussels, little neck clams, linguine and lobster cream. My loudest shoutout goes to the apple slaw. It supports its fellow flavors in the duck tacos and the grilled butter-nut squash and zucchini dish with style and grace.

2 Spring (2 Spring St., Oyster Bay)

Sit inside or outside in this classy eatery. I give full credit to the supporting ingredients that have made it possible for many of the entrees to have spring makeovers. The black bass is now joined by haricot vert, andouille, pepper, shrimp and paprika. Salsa Verde, ramp and morel English peas accompany the Scottish salmon entrée, which is my favorite. The pork chops are escorted by spring onion puree, fava beans, green strawberries and jus. My

loudest shoutout goes to the new charred broccoli salad with chili, sesame, hummus and almonds. The ingredients create a mysterious, slightly smokey flavor. I'm going back and ordering it again.

Bonanza's (25 Shore Ave., Oyster Bay)

Whenever I pass this 122-year-old family food stand, there's a line of folks waiting to pick up five different kinds of hot dogs, fries, chicken tenders, chili, hot pretzels, ice cream and store made ice from a long list of amazing flavors. On the spring menu, the two new ice flavors are sour apple and root beer. Two ice cream newbies are cannoli and cotton candy. The cotton candy ice cream, with lavender, bright blue and pink swirls, is the best I've ever tasted. Special credit goes to the whipped cream and sprinkles. All together, they create a unique spring treat.

See you next month.



CATHI TUROW



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OPINIONS

Remember those who gave their lives every day

This week America celebrated Memorial Day. I've always considered Memorial Day to be unique among American holidays. It is a celebration — and a commemoration — that extends beyond holiday bargain sales and backyard barbecues, as enjoyable and as much a part of Americana as they may be.



PETER KING

Amid the bargain-hunting and festivities there should be time devoted to sober reflection on the true meaning of this holiday — remembering the men and women in uniform who made the ultimate sacrifice,

who lost their lives defending our great nation.

I realize, of course, that how we celebrate Memorial Day, and how we acknowledge the courage of those who lost their lives in military service, is truly personal to each us. Parades and marching bands are wonderful tributes to the spirit and solemnity of the day, giving us the opportunity to personally

thank the veterans who march in those parades as representatives of those who never made it home from war.

Memorial Day should remind all of us that freedom isn't free. That without those who fought and died on violent battlefields, we would not be able to espouse and advocate for issues and causes that matter to us. Those heroes preserved our freedom to speak out for or against our elected officials and their policies without fear of government retaliation. Too many people, as they criticize government policies, don't realize how similar behavior would threaten their liberty — and lives — in so many countries around the world.

Among my outstanding experiences during my years in Congress was meeting and talking with people from so many countries where they had been denied rights we take for granted or don't take full advantage of. There were people, for instance, who would risk everything to have the right to engage politically and enjoy free elections. Yet there are tens of millions of Americans who can't be bothered to

vote, many of them often among the loudest criticizing government policies.

There are also rights that we all assume as a matter of course, such as the freedom of movement and travel from town to town, city to city and state to state without having to get government approval or give any explanation.

Perhaps the greatest tribute we can give to the memory of those who gave their lives is to do all we can to enhance the lives of veterans who survived the horrors of war, by ensuring that they receive the care and benefits they have earned and deserve. Veterans hospitals must be first-rate and readily accessible. Their health care must include the full range of *mental* health care, especially the encouragement of treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and programs for suicide prevention without fear of shame or embarrassment.

Similarly, no veteran should ever be homeless, and every effort must be made to provide specialized housing for disabled veterans, such as by supporting organizations like Tunnel to

Towers.

Americans from all political persuasions should be proud of our nation and its history and heritage. We should be unabashedly patriotic. There is no country in the world that has done more for its own people, and the world's, than the United States. And that is very much attributable to the men and women of our armed forces who have fought so bravely in our own Revolution and Civil War, in two world wars, in Cold War struggles like the Korean "police action" and Vietnam, in fierce Middle East struggles in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in numerous smaller but still deadly conflicts.

All veterans who have served in the military, as well as their families, have sacrificed; those who were in the caldron of combat, more so. But for those who never came home, who never lived to enjoy the fullness of life that their sacrifice made possible for the rest of us, theirs truly was the ultimate sacrifice. We must remember these brave Americans every day, but especially so during this week of Memorial Day. God bless America!

Peter King is a former congressman, and a former chair of the House Committee on Homeland Security. Comments? pking@liherald.com.

In Congress I met people who had been denied rights Americans take for granted.

Say goodbye to Joe and focus on the future

Somehow, all of the recent negative publicity about former President Joe Biden has brought to mind another Joe.

Back in the 1920s, one of the best-known baseball players in the business was Shoeless Joe Jackson. Jackson was an outfielder who had the fourth-highest batting average in baseball history. He got entangled in the infamous Black Sox Scandal in 1919, in which players on the Chicago White Sox threw the World Series.



JERRY KREMER

Jackson eventually traveled around the country on a rehabilitation tour, but wherever he went, someone in the crowd would yell out, "Say it isn't so, Joe!"

Having been a friend and a longtime admirer of Joe Biden, the more I read about his final years in office, the more I want to say to him, "Say it isn't so, Joe."

Biden took office in 2020 on the crest of a wave of voters who didn't want to

give President Trump a second term. They admired Biden's 40-plus years as a successful and admired public official. At the outset of his presidency, Biden was a strong and feisty leader, promising dozens of reforms that sounded very much like those of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. His predecessor had proposed that America rebuild its infrastructure, but somehow that promise never became a reality. But Biden kept it.

He kept many of his other promises, too, but the record now shows that he forgot one big one. At his inauguration, he pledged to be a "bridge to the future," but as his days in office wound down, he wasn't much of a bridge to anywhere. As a former elected official, I understand some of the hoopla that follows you when you hold any office. But a president gets to hear "Hail to the Chief" every time he enters a room and gets to use Air Force One, a gigantic flying White House. Being an American president is a very big deal.

These days, it seems that everyone in the national media is busy making a

fast buck by reciting Biden's psychological lapses and the lies of his staff members. Just like the president and his family got caught up in the experience of being the big boss,

so did the staff, all of whom wanted to stay close to the center of world power. If there is anyone to blame for the Biden fiasco, there are countless people who qualify for that selfish dishonesty.

If you listen to all the talking heads on television, you'd be forgiven for believing that Biden was the first president who wasn't playing with a full deck. Few ever mention President Woodrow Wilson, who had a stroke while in office and turned over the running of the country to his wife. I loved Ronald Reagan, but it was no secret that his wife, Nancy, wouldn't let him take any serious official action unless his horoscope permitted it. Most of his physical failings occurred after he left office, but watching his final days was at times a painful experience.

In recent days, anyone with a political opinion has been bashing the Democratic Party and predicting its doom. It

may be the case that many of the party's current leaders failed us, but the real Democratic Party is alive and well, and its leaders are looking forward to the midterm elections next year.

I still remember listening to my close Republican friends after President Richard Nixon resigned in disgrace. They went into a state of mourning, but after a relatively short period of time they elected two members of the Bush family to sit in the Oval Office.

I enjoy watching politics for so many different reasons. One of them is that the average voter has a very short memory and holds a grudge for a very short time. The coming of every new year is a time when voters are capable of making a 360-degree turn, and if you're the incumbent party, you'd better be prepared for not only the unexpected, but the unimaginable. So I wish Joe Biden the best possible recovery, and urge all the partisans to hold off on their predictions for at least the next six months.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. Comments about this column? jkremer@liherald.com.

Biden kept many promises, but the record now shows he forgot one big one.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Prioritize water safety this summer

As summer approaches on Long Island, our communities eagerly embrace the joys of swimming, boating and waterfront leisure. From serene backyard pools to the vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean, aquatic activities are integral to our seasonal traditions.

With their pleasures, however, comes a paramount responsibility: ensuring water safety for all.

Effective Jan. 1, New York state mandated that all operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, possess a valid boating safety certificate. The requirement, established under Brianna's Law — named in memory of 11-year-old Brianna Lieneck, who lost her life in a 2005 boating accident in the Great South Bay — is intended to make our waterways safer.

To comply, boaters can enroll in approved safety courses, available both online and in-person. The BoatUS Foundation offers a free, state-approved online course, allowing participants to print a temporary certificate as soon as they complete it.

Additionally, the New York State Parks Adventure License program enables boaters to have an anchor icon added to their driver's license, signifying the completion of the course and eliminating the need to carry a separate certificate.

Water safety obviously extends to backyard and public swimming pools and to Long Island's many miles of beaches. Drowning remains a leading

cause of accidental death among children.

To mitigate risks:

Always watch children closely when they're in or near water. Avoid distractions, even if lifeguards are present.

Install fences with self-latching gates around pools to prevent unsupervised access. State law requires fences to be at least 4 feet high, and they must completely surround a pool and obstruct any access. The bottom of the fence cannot be more than 2 inches off the ground, and openings in the fence cannot exceed 4 inches.

Teach children to swim, learn yourself if you never have, and understand water safety rules.

Ensure that supervising adults are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to respond effectively in emergencies.

State law stipulates that children under 12 must wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets on boats smaller than 21 feet. While adults on larger vessels can use their discretion, having accessible life jackets for all passengers is essential.

At public pools as well as at the ocean, pay attention to lifeguards, those sentinels of the water who are trained to keep swimmers safe from danger. They identify hazards such as the Atlantic's rip currents — narrow, fast-moving channels of water moving directly away

from the beach that can form in a matter of seconds and carry even the strongest swimmers out with them.

When you arrive at the beach, ask the guards about areas where rips are likely to appear, and swim between the green flags; red flags mark the areas where swimming is prohibited.

If you get caught in a rip, stay calm and swim parallel to the shore, and in the short time it will take you to work your way out of it, a fast-stroking lifeguard will likely greet you with a rescue buoy, having seen your struggle begin from his or her perch on the beach.

Another danger is after-hours swimming. When lifeguards aren't on duty, people who may be inebriated, or under the influence, or simply not good swimmers go un-monitored, and that's when, predictably, most drownings happen.

Finally, keep in mind that it will be weeks before the ocean warms up enough for comfortable swimming. In the meantime, cold water quickly saps energy, which creates another early-season hazard for swimmers. Know your limits as a swimmer, and keep the same in mind for your children.

Water safety is a shared duty. Whether you're supervising a pool party, enjoying a day at the beach or navigating a motorboat, adherence to safety protocols protects lives. Let's ensure that Long Island waters remain a source of joy, and not tragedy, and make this summer safe and enjoyable for everyone.

LETTERS

It doesn't sound like local voices really do matter

To the Editor:

Re Rory Christian's op-ed, "Local voices matter, and the RAPID Act listens," in the May 15-21 issue: The irony is hard to ignore. Indeed, local voices do matter — but clearly not to Mr. Christian. The proper channel for those voices is through local elected representatives at the county, town and village levels, yet his actions and advocacy say otherwise.

As chairman of the New York State Public Service Commission, Mr. Christian oversees the electric, gas, water and telecommunications sectors, with a staggering annual budget of \$117.5 million and a staff of 528. Despite this immense responsibility, he chose to chastise town supervisors for voicing legitimate concerns about the Renewable Action through Project Interconnection and Deployment Act — a law that warrants scrutiny, not silence.

Contrary to Mr. Christian's endorsement, the RAPID Act undermines the authority of



OPINIONS

Albany politicians had *one* job: protecting taxpayers

There's a fun internet meme that we've all seen online: "You had *one* job." It's usually slapped onto a photo of some absurd blunder: a misspelled road sign, a pizza with no cheese, crooked lane lines painted on a



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highway. It's funny because, as a simple truth, when you have a single responsibility, you're expected to get it right.

Unfortunately, it isn't funny when it happens in our government. In New York State, our government also had one job: to serve the taxpay-

ers. Like the meme, it failed spectacularly.

I wish my colleagues across the aisle had been able to do their *one* job during the state's most recent budget process: pass a fiscally responsible, on-time budget that protects our hardworking resi-

dents. This most fundamental annual task becomes a bigger dumpster fire each passing year, with our most recent spending plan quite possibly the worst I've ever seen. More than a month late and authorizing \$15 billion more in year-over-year spending, it includes too many dubious line items to list here. Yet I must share one particularly egregious one with you.

Tucked away in the state's \$254.4 billion budget is something that should concern all of us: a \$10 million fund earmarked to "defend" state employees. Now, this may sound like a reasonable provision to many. After all, shouldn't we protect public employees for actions they take while performing official duties?

But take a closer look. This new fund, requested by Gov. Kathy Hochul, is entirely different, and was snuck in at the 11th hour without any public explanation or debate. The language is purposefully so broad that it covers both

civil and criminal federal investigations, and the fund uses public money to defend state officials for actions they've taken in their personal lives — beyond the scope of their official duties!

So instead of shoring up institutional integrity with transparency, open debate and accountability, Albany has officially set aside public money to defend employees who engage in any manner of wrongdoing, even criminal wrongdoing.

How's that for giving away the taxpayer store?

Even more troubling, the budget specifically states that the fund is available only for proceedings started after January 1, 2025. So any employee investigated before that arbitrary timeline is on their own, but anyone after that date is inexplicably covered.

The timing is no accident. This fund isn't for everyday employees. It was blatantly designed to defend certain key figures and political allies from person-

al legal proceedings brought by federal prosecutors or federal agencies.

In a year when New York is facing a major affordability crisis and losing residents to other states at an alarming rate, Albany has created a slush fund that puts taxpayers on the hook for private attorney's fees. Forcing us to foot the bill for this type of defense is the worst form of political cronyism, and it undermines public trust in government. And while some of my colleagues across the aisle quietly confessed their unease with this policy, none broke rank. They all fell into line and voted like the governor told them to.

This is why the state budget process never gets any better. It seems Albany is incapable of buckling down and mastering even the basics of budgeting: Produce it on time, don't overspend, and don't abuse the process by packing it with burdensome pork.

It's the ultimate "You had *one* job" moment, and all New Yorkers should be paying attention.

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local governments by stripping them of the ability to conduct rigorous planning and environmental reviews of energy storage projects, including battery energy storage systems. While the state regulates major energy infrastructure through the Article VII process, the RAPID Act creates a back door: If a BESS project is collocated with an existing transmission facility or renewable energy installation, it can bypass local oversight entirely.

This fast-tracking mechanism denies communities any meaningful environmental review — ignoring cumulative impacts and serious risks. Local governments are on the front lines, assessing how these projects affect neighborhoods, schools, sole-source aquifers, waterways, and public health and safety. Their role is indispensable.

In Oyster Bay, several stand-alone BESS projects have been proposed. Fortunately, they're currently on hold due to the town's prudent decision to enact a moratorium. But it wouldn't surprise anyone if those proposals are quietly withdrawn, repackaged and collocated with projects like Propel or offshore wind facilities — effectively circumventing local review by exploiting the RAPID Act.

Energy storage systems come with serious risks — long-term and cumulative. Fires involving lithium battery units are notoriously difficult to extinguish. High-voltage underground cables from projects like Propel emit electromagnetic fields and carve through residential neighborhoods. These are not abstract concerns. They are real and pressing, and local governments are best

positioned to evaluate them thoroughly and responsibly.

Mr. Christian accuses town supervisors of undermining progress. In reality, they are fulfilling their duty: protecting their communities. It's the PSC that has consistently failed to listen — to local officials, to residents, and even to members of the State Legislature. Mr. Christian's invitation to "sit down and talk" rings hollow, because his agency has repeatedly ignored local input.

Worse still, the PSC makes it prohibitively difficult for communities to participate. Take the current Propel application: Intervenor funding under Article VII is woefully inadequate, failing to cover the expert analyses necessary for proper review. If that project opts into RAPID, there will be no intervenor funding at all — just an accelerated timeline with even fewer opportunities for public engagement.

At a February PSC hearing, an administrative law judge stated that the RAPID Act is designed to "simplify and accelerate" renewable energy development. But speed must not come at the expense of safety, transparency and sound planning. Convenience for developers cannot outweigh community well-being.

Mr. Christian claims that the PSC values transparency and community input. But the agency's history — especially regarding LIPA, PSEG-LI, American Water and Liberty Water — tells a very different story. Long Island may indeed need to diversify its energy sources, but how and where that happens must be decided locally, by the people and their elected representatives. That's what

FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



At the Porchfest kickoff party — Long Beach

democracy demands.

The RAPID Act is nothing less than an end-run around local government. It invites the state to override zoning laws, environmental protections and planning procedures. And the ripple effect won't stop at energy — it opens the door to growth-inducing developments of every kind, from commercial sprawl to high-density housing, all at

the expense of the very communities the law purports to serve.

Local voices do matter. But actions speak louder than headlines.

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