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Courtesy Irwin Huberman

Cantor Gustavo Gitlin, left, and Rabbi Irwin Huberman led a song at Congregation Tifereth Israel, where they have served together for 18 years. Their partnership has helped transform the Glen Cove synagogue into a vibrant, growing community.

Celebrating 18 years at Congregation Tifereth Israel

By ROKSANA AMID

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For 18 years, a journalist-turned-rabbi from Canada and a warm-voiced cantor from Argentina have shared the bima at Glen Cove's Congregation Tifereth Israel. And what began as a professional pairing has grown into something much deeper — a sacred partnership built on trust, shared values, and an abiding love of people.

Rabbi Irwin Huberman, 72, and Cantor Gustavo Gitlin, 57, have become a spiritual anchor for their congregation — which has tripled in size under their leadership. At a time when nearby synagogues have strug-

gled to maintain continuity, CTI's enduring clerical duo offers a rare model of stability, creativity and mutual respect.

"We often joke that this is a second marriage," Huberman said. "It's sacred — just without the fringe benefits."

Gitlin's journey to Glen Cove was a complicated one. Twenty-three years ago, he served as cantor at Congregación Israelita de Santa Fe in Argentina, but dreamed of taking his cantorial voice and community spirit to America. For a while the search proved difficult. A friend at the time advised him not to apply to places in New York state or City. "I sent over 400 emails to congrega-

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'Best feast in the East' at St. Rocco Church

By ROKSANA AMID

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What started as a small parish celebration decades ago has grown into what many now call "the best feast in the East." This year marks the 50th anniversary of the revival of the Feast of St. Rocco in Glen Cove — an event that draws more than 150,000 people over four days to Third Street and St. Rocco Place for rides, shopping, live music and, most notably, homemade Italian food.

The feast, which will take place July 24 to 27, was brought back to life in 1975 after a period of inactivity, pays tribute to St. Rocco, a 14th-century saint known for healing the sick during a time of plague, while preserving the customs of the Italian American community that built the Church of St. Rocco.

"One of the things we're celebrating is that it's 50 years since the feast sort of got restarted back in 1975," Deacon John Fielding, who has served the church for 25 years, said.

"Apparently, many years earlier, maybe in the 1940s and the 1950s, the feast was active, but it did die down for a period of time."

For many residents, the event is more than a fundraiser for the church — it's a deeply rooted tradition that connects generations.

"This has been my church,"

said Antoinette Zabras, 89, who was born and raised in Glen Cove. She recalled how the feast became a central part of community life, bringing together families, neighbors and parishioners for decades.

Zabras remembers working in the beer stand as a young woman. "There was a beer stand across the street," she said. "It was like a long table — we used to pour from the pitcher. That's how it started for me, and after that, that was it. I never got out of here."

Now Zabras works in the church's dining room, helping to serve hundreds of meals nightly. She's one of 20 or so women who are known affec-

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Chicago tribute concert and stargazing

On Sunday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m., the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival will present an evening of classic rock and astronomy at Morgan Memorial Park. The event will feature a live performance by Beginnings, the ultimate tribute band to the legendary rock group Chicago, followed by a special stargazing experience hosted by Dr. Donald Lubovich of Hofstra University. Beginnings has been performing since 2002 and is widely recognized for its faithful recreations of Chicago's biggest hits, including Beginnings, Color My World, Saturday in the Park, and Hard to Say I'm Sorry. The seven-piece band delivers an authentic Chicago concert experience, known for its musicianship, energy, and attention to detail. Following the concert, audience members of all ages are invited to take part in an astronomy outreach session led by Dr. Lubovich. Using telescopes, attendees will have the chance to observe the stars and night sky over Morgan Park with expert guidance. The astronomy program returns this year after a well-received appearance last summer. The concert and stargazing event are free and open to the public. All per-

formances in the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival series are held at Morgan Memorial Park, located on Germaine Street between Landing Road and McLoughlin Street, overlooking Hempstead Harbor in Glen Cove. The Morgan Park Summer Music Festival is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization funded entirely through donations from individuals and local businesses. No taxpayer money is used to support the concerts. The Title Sponsor for the 2025 season is the Terian Family and Rallye Motor Company. In the event of inclement weather, updates will be posted on the festival's Facebook page. The festival is a summer favorite. Running through August the festival offers concerts every Sunday evening. Its longevity and success can be attributed to the unwavering dedication of the Suozzi family, team of volunteers and generous donors from individuals and donors. The festival was founded by Joseph Suozzi, the then mayor of Glen Cove and his wife Marguerite, who charied the festival for 56 years, overseeing the details of the festival until her death in 2017.

-Roksana Amid

Hearings for Propel NY project

The New York Public Service Commission will hold public hearings on July 22 and 23 to gather input on the proposed Propel NY Energy project, a \$3.2 billion plan to build nearly 90 miles of underground electrical transmission lines across Long Island and nearby counties. Propel NY aims to strengthen the state's power grid by constructing three new 345-kilovolt transmission connections. The project is designed to improve energy reliability and support New York's transition to clean energy. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2026 and could take up to four years to complete. Crews are projected to lay between 50 to 150 feet of cable per day. New York currently operates around 11,000 miles of transmission infrastructure, with only 241 miles located underground. Similar underground systems already operate in some areas of the state, and Propel NY would significantly expand that network. Two sets of hearings will be held each day—at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. The July 22 hearings will take place at the Knights of Columbus, located at 83 Sea Cliff Ave. in Glen Cove. On July 23, ses-

sions will be held at the Nassau County Legislature building. The project is still undergoing regulatory review and requires permits from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and approval under New York's Article VII process, which governs major utility infrastructure. Residents, environmental advocates, and local officials are encouraged to attend and share their views on the project, which represents one of the largest recent infrastructure investments in the region's power grid. The project remains in the midst of the Article VII review which includes detailed engineering environmental and construction evaluations. The next major regulatory milestone is securing a Certificate of Environmental compatibility and public need, a determination by the Public Service Commission that the project meets all legal and environmental standards. More information about the hearings and how to participate is available on the New York State Public Service Commission's website.

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New leaders at Glen Cove city schools

By ROKSANA AMID

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The Glen Cove City School District began a new chapter in leadership during its annual Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, held on July 2 in the Glen Cove High School Auditorium. The meeting marked the official swearing-in of Alexa Doeschner as Superintendent of Schools, along with the induction of returning and newly elected board members and the appointment of several key administrators for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Doeschner, who had previously served in various administrative roles within the district, now officially takes the helm as superintendent. In her remarks, she emphasized her commitment to the district and its future. “I deeply value the trust and confidence you have placed in me and I do not take it for granted,” she said. “I remain fully committed to serving the students and staff of the Glen Cove City School District and I look forward to working with this board and with future boards to support the success and well-being of every student.”

The meeting also included the administration of the oath of office to Board President Angela Raimo, Vice President Anne Markoulis, incumbent Trustee Lia Leone, and newly elected Trustee Brett Miller, each of whom will serve a three-year term.

Miller, who won his first election to the board in May, acknowledged the significance of his new responsibilities. “I feel the weight of responsibility for representing our children and our community as a board member is now my responsibility,” he said. “That’s the reason I ran — because I felt that it’s an important time in the district that needs the attention that I am ready to give it.”

Leone, who was re-elected for a second term, thanked the community for its support and reiterated her commitment to improving educational outcomes for all students. “I’m honored that the community chose me once again to represent our school community,” she said. “I’m looking forward to continued collaboration with administrators and fellow trustees. I’m excited to welcome Brett Miller to the team.” She added, “I will continue to update facilities and enhance reading and math programs for struggling students.”

In addition to swearing in board members and the superintendent, the Board of Education appointed several key administrators who will play crucial roles in shaping the academic and support structures across the district. Among those appointed were Bryce Klatsky as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology; Victoria Franco as Assistant Principal at Glen Cove High School; Nicole Mardak as Assistant Director of Special Education; and Liza Carfora as Principal of Landing Elementary School. Ida Johnson was officially



Photos courtesy Glen Cove City School District
Brett Miller is officially sworn in as a member of the Glen Cove Board of Education by Chris Venator.



Alexa Doeschner is the district's new Superintendent of Schools. She was sworn in by Chris Venator.



Angela Raimo is officially sworn in as the President of the Glen Cove Board of Education by Chris Venator.

sworn in as District Clerk.

The 2025–2026 Board of Education will also include student representative Ryan Martino, a Glen Cove High School student who will provide insight and input on behalf of his peers throughout the academic year.

The board also approved its meeting calendar for the upcoming school year. Meetings will be held in the Glen Cove High School Auditorium at 150 Dosoris Lane at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. The full list of meeting dates is available on the district’s website. All community members are invited to attend, and families are especially encouraged to participate and share their voices in support of their children’s education.



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The Dalai Lama says “We should recognize our shared humanity, These are our human brothers and sisters, who have the same right and the same desire to have a happy life.” Brain research shows that we have a binary understanding of self. Our empathy circuits do not activate unless we see the other person as part of our group. When asked if he was a Hindu, Ghandi replied “Yes I am. I am also a Christian, a Muslim, a Buddhist and a Jew.”

A compelling example of extraordinary compassion is told in the story of a Tibetan monk who was captured by the Chinese and spent eighteen years of hard labor. He had no shoes despite bitter cold and was starved and tortured throughout the long ordeal. Of the one hundred and thirty monks that were arrested only twenty survived. After his rescue, he related that he faced serious dangers, which everyone thought were to his life. The Dalai Lama relates instead that “He told me he was in danger of losing...his compassion for his Chinese guards.”

“Too much self-centered thinking is the source of suffering. A compassionate concern for the well-being of others is the source of happiness”, says the Dalai Lama.

Evelyn Waugh offers the helpful advice, “To understand all is to forgive all.”

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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Family faultlines

Dear Great Book Guru,
I had so much fun this week at Sea Cliff’s very own Dining Alfresco! On a select few Wednesdays in July and August, Sea Cliff Avenue is closed from Main to Summit and Village restaurants take to the street. The spirit is great, with families and friends gathering outdoors to share delicious meals and sweet camaraderie. Someone that night mentioned a short novel with a young narrator and set in a dystopian future. It sounded interesting - thoughts?

Alfresco Dining Fan



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political magazine he is trying to sell to a Rhodesian billionaire; her stepmother is leading a movement to prevent passage of an amendment limiting voting rights; her young brother seems to have first place in her parents’ hearts...and – yes - her birth mother is missing.

Meanwhile, Vera is dealing with the childhood angst of learning how to fit into a system that does not esteem her intellectual prowess and is suspicious of her “otherness.” While often an unreliable narrator, Vera is an extraordinarily sensitive and empathic character and when she finally resolves the mystery surrounding her early childhood, she and the reader are greatly relieved.

A very moving yet frightening tale of what the future might hold - highly recommended.

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

- A 50-year-old Flushing woman was arrested on July 3 for unauthorized practice of a profession and prostitution on Glen Cove Avenue.
- A 55-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on July 3 for aggravated operation of a motor vehicle 2nd degree, circumventing an interlock device, unlicensed operation, and harassment, following outstanding arrest warrants on Landing Road.
- A 45-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on July 4 for assault 3rd degree and obstructing breathing on Dickson Street.
- A 45-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on July 5 for criminal trespass 3rd degree on Prospect Avenue.
- A 53-year-old Deer Park man was arrested on July 7 for suspended registration, no insurance, and tinted windows, following outstanding arrest warrants on Cedar Swamp Road.
- A 58-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on July 8 for possession of an open alcoholic beverage and littering on Sea Cliff Avenue.

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Left fielder River Town had a team-leading 69 hits in the first half of the season as well as 17 stolen bases.



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Jonah Dipoto is one of four righthanders in the Ducks' starting rotation.

Ducks build momentum for second half

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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Only time will tell if the Long Island Ducks can carry the momentum they built down the stretch of the first half of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball season when a 9-1 finish still left them four games behind the York Revolution in the North Division.

The Ducks, who went 35-28 and saw Ronaldo Flores lead the league in first-half batting with a .362 average, have shown second-year manager Lew Ford they're more than capable of qualifying for the playoffs and making a push for the franchise's fifth championship.

"We're doing a lot of good things and know we have a solid ballclub," said Ford, the Ducks' all-time hits leader with 1,036, good enough for third in league history. "Our pitching, hitting and fielding were all first or second in the league. If we keep that going we absolutely can make the playoffs."

Including Flores, the Ducks had nine players appear in at least 45 of the first half's 63 games. The 23-year-old catcher, who began the second half on the dis-

abled list, had 59 hits in 163 at-bats with 7 homers and 30 RBIs.

The franchise typically leads the Atlantic League in annual player departures to either Major League Baseball contracts or overseas, but the Ducks entered the second half with as much stability as they've had in quite some time.

Another example of how the Atlantic League is an outstanding option for those looking to reach or return to the next level is pitcher Zach Plesac, who made seven starts for the Ducks, winning four with a 2.84 ERA before inking a deal with the St. Louis' Cardinals organization June 5 and reporting to Triple-A affiliate Memphis. Plesac has six seasons of MLB experience and Ford is now working with a starting rotation consisting of four righthanders (Tim Melville, David Griffin, Ryan Sandberg and Jonah Dipoto) and southpaw Juan Hillman,

"Our pitchers are throwing well and keeping us in every game," Ford said.

Melville's tenure with the Ducks dates back to 2017 and he's currently in his third stint in Central Islip. In

between he's had his contract purchased by the Minnesota Twins and Colorado Rockies. He threw just 26 innings in the first half this season, mostly in relief, and earned three wins with a 4.15 ERA.

"He's a veteran leader who's been in the big leagues more than once," Ford said.

Griffin made 10 starts in the first half, going 5-1 with a 3.90 ERA and 63 strikeouts in 60 innings. "He took a no-hitter into the eighth inning a couple of starts back," Ford said of Griffin, who joined the Ducks in August of last season.

Sandberg, from Island Park and a 2016 graduate of West Hempstead High School, is in his first season with the Ducks after spending two years with Quebec in the Frontier League. He made six starts in the first half and produced an impressive 3.16 ERA with a record of 3-2. "Ryan's been doing a great job and has become a big part of the rotation," Ford said.

With closer Peyton Williams currently on the injured list, Ford is using a committee to seal the deal. "We're hop-

ing to get him back before the season ends," Ford said of Williams.

The offense produced six runs per game through the first 63 and was aggressive on the bases with 109 steals. Leadoff hitter and star defensive centerfielder Chris Roller (19) and left fielder River Town (17) are the stolen base leaders, and the latter had a team-best 69 hits in the first half.

"We've got a nice core group and closing the first half on a hot streak boosted confidence and showed what we can do," Town said. "Our pitchers have been lights-out and offensively we're having fun and playing hard-nosed baseball."

In the power department, third baseman Troy Viola belted 11 homers and knocked in 44 runs to lead the team in both categories, and outfielder Cody Thomas had 10 dingers and 39 RBIs. Other mainstays in the lineup are outfielders Taylor Kohlwey and JC Encarnacion, shortstop Kole Kaler, and catcher Justin O'Conner.

We're too good of a team to not build off how we finished the first half," Town said.

Gail Saul is Bar Association's new president ⁷

By RENEE DeLORENZO

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Gail Saul, co-founder of Saul Law Firm, LLP, in Uniondale, was installed as president of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association on June 17.

In her new role, she will oversee the association's board of directors, lead meetings, organize events, and continue efforts to recruit new members.

The NCWBA promotes the advancement of women in society and the legal profession through mentorship, education, fundraising, networking and pro bono legal services for women and children.

Saul has been practicing law for 30 years. She focuses on matrimonial and family law at the firm she manages with her husband, Richard Saul, who handles personal injury cases.

Gail graduated from SUNY Binghamton in 1991 with a degree in law and society, and earned a law degree from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University in 1994, where she was a member of the Hofstra Law Review. She was admitted to the New York State Bar on March 15, 1995, and also practices in United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York and United States Tax Court.

Saul opened the Law Office of Gail B. Saul, Esq., in 2007. In 2012, she and her husband launched the Saul Law Firm.

The Sauls each manage about 30 active cases at a time. A legal assistant, Julie Monderine, helps Gail manage her caseload, but otherwise, she said, "After so many years, you kind of get used to it. You just keep going."

Her appointment to the association's presidency, she explained, was the result of years of service on the organization's board of directors. She served two terms as a trustee from 2017 to 2021, was treasurer from 2021 to 2022, was an alternate delegate to the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York from 2022 to 2023, and then returned to the NCWBA board as recording secretary the following year.

She was approached to serve as president-elect in June 2024, under then President Tammy Smiley, leading up to her installation last month.

"It's a process, but it's exciting," Gail said. "I was very proud to be honored with this appointment because there's a lot of women — very successful women — that were in this position prior to me."

Richard described his wife as a talented lawyer and a wonderful partner both in and out of the office. "She's an

absolutely fantastic lawyer," he said. "She's very patient with clients, compassionate, but at the same time strong in court and the law."

When he learned she would become president of the association, he was thrilled. Watching her rise through the ranks, he said, has been inspiring.

"Her future is open to anything she wants it to be," Richard said. "She will continue to fight for the families and children she represents in whatever situation they might be in."

Gail credited Smiley, her predecessor, for preparing her for the role. Smiley, who has known Saul since she joined the board of directors eight years ago, said she has thoroughly enjoyed working with her and is confident in a smooth transition.

"She's not afraid to take on responsibility," Smiley said. "She will hopefully continue to move the mark a little bit closer to equality with the work that we do."

Smiley praised Saul's work ethic and her willingness to take on additional roles to support the legal profession. Saul has served as president of Yashar Group of Nassau County since 2021, and is a member of the National Association of Professional Women, the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of



Courtesy Gail Saul

Gail Saul, co-founder of Saul Law Firm, LLP, was installed as president of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association on June 17.

Court, and the New York Family Law American Inn of Court.

"I want to assist the organization so it continues to thrive and succeed," she said.



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Area officials crack down on animal abusers

By CHARLES SHAW

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Nassau County officials are taking a tougher stance against animal abusers with a new law that bans them from owning pets and keeps their names on a public registry for up to 20 years. On July 10, the same day the bill was signed, Town of Hempstead officials gathered in Wantagh to promote a pair of pet adoption initiatives at the municipal animal shelter.

County Executive Bruce Blakeman signed the bill into law at a news conference at the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola. The measure is co-sponsored by County Legislator John Ferretti, a Levittown native who is running for Town of Hempstead supervisor in November as a Republican.

Blakeman said that the bill, which took effect immediately, ensures that people with a record of animal abuse in Nassau County will not be allowed to own animals.

"If they have an animal and they're abusive, this takes away their right," Blakeman said.

Joining Blakeman and Ferretti at the signing were County Legislator Rose Walker, District Attorney Anne Donnelly and Comptroller Elaine Phillips, as well as Gary Rogers, board president of the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, a nonprofit headquartered in Bethpage.

According to Ferretti, people convicted of animal abuse are placed on a registry maintained by the SPCA and available on its website. The new law extends the amount of time an animal abuser remains on the registry from five years to 10 years for a first offense, and from 10 years to 20 for subsequent offenses.

Those on the registry are prohibited from owning an animal for the duration of their time on the list.



Courtesy Town of Hempstead

Town Supervisor Don Clavin announced a new pet adoption initiative at the town animal shelter in Wantagh on July 10.

According to the new law, anyone on the registry who is found in possession of an animal will be charged with a misdemeanor and could face a \$1,000 fine and up to one year in jail.

"No longer will people who have abused animals be able to own an animal or to possess an animal," Ferretti said. "If you want to abuse an animal in Nassau County, you lose the right to have one in your possession."

Donnelly thanked Ferretti and Walker for working on the bill, and for providing prosecutors with another tool to hold animal abusers accountable.

"The more tools a prosecutor has in their toolbox, the better we are in our job," Donnelly said, "and this just gives us more tools to work with when we have animal abuse cases, and it's unbelievable the number of abuse cases we get a year."

Candy Udell, president of the Glen Cove-based London Jewelers and a guest at the news conference, has worked with roughly 20 animal shelters across Long Island, including Bideawee Animal Rescue, in Wantagh. Udell also launched the Rescue Paw Foundation in 2011, a nonprofit that supports humane, no-kill shelters.

She thanked county officials for creating the law, calling it "a dream come true" for pets.

"The abuse and horrors that I see every day from what people do to animals is now hopefully going to be erased in Nassau County," Udell said, "and I commend all these wonderful people around me for helping make this true."

Also on July 10, officials gathered at the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter, in Wantagh, to announce a pair of adoption initiatives. In honor of National Kitten Day, the town partnered with Peter's Clam Bar, in Island Park, to offer free gift cards to anyone who adopted a cat at the Wantagh facility between July 11 and 18. Town Supervisor Don Clavin was joined by Deputy Supervisor Dorothy Goosby, Councilman Thomas Muscarella, Town Clerk Kate Murray and Butch Yamali, the owner of Peter's Clam Bar.

Town officials also highlighted the ongoing "Summer of Love" Pet Adoption Program, in which all adoption fees — excluding license fees — are waived through Aug. 31. The initiative aims to help more shelter pets find permanent homes during the busy summer season.

"I encourage everyone to come on down to the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter and remember to adopt, not shop, when looking for a family pet," Clavin said.

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Detail of *Girl in White*, c.1910
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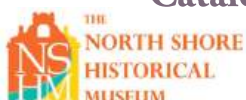
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Worshippers at the Church of St. Rocco adorn the statue of their patron saint with money and trinkets.

Annual Feast of St. Rocco is full of old-world charm

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tionately as the “nonnas,” who prepare food twice a week in the weeks leading up to the feast.

“We come every Monday and Thursday and we prep,” Zabras said. “We sit down, and we have boys that do the carrying and stuff. And we do all the prepping just to get the food ready for the chef.”

Under the leadership of head chef Arturo Gomes, of Glen Cove, the nonnas prepare traditional dishes like pasta with broccoli rabe and sausage, rice balls, fried shrimp, baked clams and the ever-popular Nonnas’ Sunday Dinner — a hearty plate of pasta, sausage and meatballs.”

“We made over 5,700 (meatballs), I think I heard, in one day,” Zabras recalled. “We prepped and did, like, 900 pounds of chicken cutlets.”

Tripe, a delicacy among many Italian families, is one of the feast’s most sought-after dishes. “Some came from Connecticut for the tripe,” she said. “People have called up on the phone to make sure we’re going to have the tripe.”

Doreen Reali, who has been a feast volunteer for 15 years, said she got involved after she retired from her job as a paralegal. “It was overwhelming, a little intimidating because these ladies have been here and cooking and doing it for 50-plus years,” Reali said. “But they were very welcoming, and I just enjoyed it. Every year I came back.”

Reali described the experience as a blend of nostalgia and camaraderie. “You see the same people coming night after night,” she said. “They include this in their vacation plans, to come to

this every year. It’s almost like meeting family again.”

Beyond the food, attendees enjoy traditional Italian music, carnival rides, arcade games, shopping booths and other family-friendly entertainment. The bustling streets are lined with lights, and the smells are of garlic, fried dough, and sausage and peppers.

For many, the most emotional moment is the Sunday procession following the church’s 10:15 a.m. Mass. The statue of St. Rocco, weighing nearly 200 pounds, is carried by 75 to 100 parishioners through the surrounding neighborhood, down Wolfle Street, Bella Vista and other nearby roads.

“Seeing that statue come down — I get chills even talking about it,” Zabras said. “It’s just beautiful. That’s my best time of the feast, is the Sunday.”

The statue’s cape is kept in a vault for safekeeping. Some parishioners even walk barefoot in the procession, following Italian tradition as a form of penance.

As much as the feast is about honoring the past, its organizers are looking to the future. “We’re looking for the next generation to come help us,” Reali said. “You sit with people that you’ve never met before ... and you end up becoming friends with these people.”

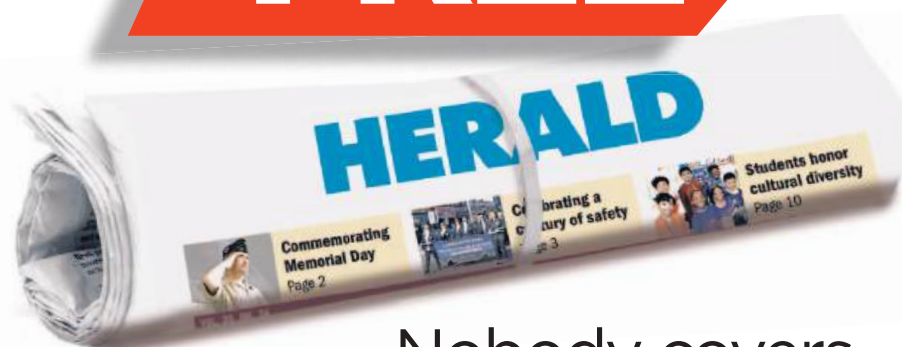
Fielding summed it up simply: “If you came here, you would think you were in Naples.”

The festivities will kick off at 6 p.m. next Thursday and Friday, and continue until 11 p.m. On Saturday, the feast opens at 3 p.m. and runs until 11, and Sunday’s post-procession hours are 3 to 9 p.m.

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Thousands gathered in Village Square for the first show of the downtown concert series.

A nostalgic evening at Downtown Sounds

Downtown Glen Cove came alive once again as the beloved Downtown Sounds concert series returned for its 28th season on July 11, running for eight consecutive Fridays through Aug. 29. The free event transformed Village Square into an open-air stage, drawing a crowd of 2,000 people for a live music and family-friendly festivities. This year’s lineup will feature a blend of returning acts and new talent, including Dr. K’s Motown Revue, JD Leonard’s Decades of Country, and the debut of The ‘80s vs. ‘90s Show, led by James Lollo. To make the series more inclusive for families, the Glen Cove Downtown BID brought back Joanie Baloney for free kids’ face painting on select nights, and local youth theater groups performed before headliners. Streets were closed for the events, and attendees brought chairs to enjoy the music-filled summer evenings.

—Roksana Amid



The Glen Cove High School Masquers preformed the music of “Chicago.”



Perla Queliza and Anthony Queliza were excited for the premier of the Downtown Sounds concert series.



Joseph Borgese, Dave Wilson, Becky Maas, James Lollo, Justin Goldat, members of the The ‘80s vs. ‘90s Show, played the top songs of the decades.



Kaylee Rios, 15, Paula Valle, 14 and Nahla Gomez-, 15, volunteer their summer evenings with the Downtown Sounds summer concert series.

Their 18 years are ‘a celebration of a lifetime’¹¹

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tions all across the United States from Argentina,” Gitlin recalled. “I got crickets. Then, out of the blue, I got an email from the president of this congregation” — Bill Friedlieb — “saying, ‘Unfortunately, we don’t need a part-time cantor. We need a full-time one.’”

It wasn’t the response the husband and father of two young children expected, but it changed his life. After a brief email exchange, Friedlieb bought Gitlin a plane ticket so he could interview him in person. “They didn’t just hire a cantor,” Gitlin said. “They adopted me and my family.”

When he landed at Kennedy Airport, Gitlin was greeted by Friedlieb who drove him around to visit schools and shops in Glen Cove. “I thought I was coming for an interview,” Gitlin said. “But by the time we got onto the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, he looked at me and said, ‘Let’s talk about your contract.’”

Gitlin, whose grandfather was a cantor and whose mother always encouraged his musical gifts, hadn’t always seen this path for himself. “Before this, I was in the shmote business,” he said. “Shmote in Yiddish means ‘rags.’ I was working in the baby clothing business with my mother. She was the strongest person in the family. She insisted I go to cantorial school.”

He enrolled at Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano in Buenos Aires, and eventually led services. But it wasn’t until he reached Glen Cove, the place he almost didn’t apply, that he found what he calls his beshert, Yiddish for “destiny” or “meant to be.”

“I didn’t find this place. This place found me,” he said.

Three years later, in 2006, Huberman arrived. Originally from Montreal, he had spent much of his life working in journalism and politics in Canada. But after serving as a newspaper editor and later as press secre-



Courtesy Congregation Tifereth Israel
Cantor Gustavo Gitlin, left, and Rabbi Irwin Huberman have served the congregation since the early 2000s.

tary to Alberta’s minister of the environment, Guy Boutilier, Huberman decided to shift careers in his 50s.

His wife, Patte, had returned from a Jewish women’s conference with a message. “She said, ‘Sometimes the politician you work for thinks he’s God — maybe it’s time you upgrade who you work for,’” he recounted.

Huberman enrolled at the Academy of Jewish Religion in New York, a pluralistic rabbinical school, and was soon connected with CTI. “They were looking for someone to go alongside their Argentinian cantor,” he said. “‘And by the way,’ they asked, ‘do you play guitar?’”

Since Gitlin and Huberman struck up a partnership, CTI has grown from 139 member families to more than 350, thanks in large part to the duo’s shared philosophy: meeting people where they are in their Jewish journey.

“We place the individual ways of practicing Judaism first,” Huberman explained. “Some of our congregants connect through prayer, others through learning or social action.”

In Jewish tradition, the number 18 — chai — means life. In Hebrew, letters have numerical values, and the letters that spell chai — chet and yud — add up to 18. For many Jews, the number represents vitality and blessings. For Huberman and Gitlin, then, marking 18 years together has deep spiritual resonance.

“Eighteen years together is a celebration of a lifetime,” Huberman said.

Under their leadership, CTI has embraced creative forms of worship, including Havdalah services on kayaks in Long Island Sound, backyard bonfires, musical Shabbat evenings, and services inspired by the Broadway hit “Wicked.”

“Sometimes we say, if it’s not broken, break it,” Huberman said. “We’re redefining what a synagogue can be.”

But what binds the community even more than innovation is care. “The cantor will show up at your home, hold your hand and sing,” Huberman said. “He’s built an amazing reputation for simply being there when someone needs him.”

Their close friendship has shaped the spirit of the congregation. “We check in with each other,” Gitlin said. “He can just look at me and I know what’s going to happen next.”

“We’re both in front of people all the time,” Huberman added. “It’s never been about ego — it’s about listening, supporting each other and putting people first.”

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Robbie's Law brings AEDs to county

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Nassau County legislators are hoping to better protect youth athletes with Robbie's Law — legislation that would make it mandatory for all county fields to be equipped with an automated external defibrillator to help victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

Legislator Seth Koslow, a Democrat who represents parts of Merrick, Bellmore and Freeport, introduced the initiative for the portable electronic AED last week at Eisenhower Park's ball fields. There is currently no requirement for county fields to have an AED, although park offices, such as the one in Eisenhower Park, are normally equipped with one.

The legislation is named in honor of Robbie Levine, a 9-year-old Merrick boy who died from sudden cardiac arrest in 2005 while playing baseball. His parents, Jill and Craig Levine, founded Forever 9-The Robbie Levine Foundation, a nonprofit that provides AEDs and CPR training to youth athletic organizations and other community groups.

"Not only am I a legislator, but I'm also a dad and a Little League coach," Koslow said at a July 7 news conference. "I've spent countless hours on

fields, watching kids play — and just the thought of that one moment where a kid falls and they need help because they're suffering a cardiac emergency, and the fact that there's a chance they won't get the help they need because there's no defibrillator nearby, could mean a tragedy."

Also attending the news conference were members of the legislature's minority caucus and Jill Levine to advocate for the legislation, emphasizing that equipping county fields with AEDs could enhance safety for everyone — especially youth athletes.

"Twenty years ago, Jill Levine lived that tragedy," Koslow said, in reference to her son's death. "We're here to make sure that no parent has to suffer the tragedy that Jill suffered."

Most portable devices cost around \$500, Koslow said, and Nassau County maintains roughly 200 fields, bringing the total cost of the initiative to around \$100,000 — a small dent in the county's \$4.2 billion budget.

Other municipalities on Long Island, like Suffolk County, have AED legisla-

tion in place, Koslow explained, and a state law requires athletic leagues with five or more teams to have an emergency plan to respond to victims of cardiac arrest.

During the news conference, an adult softball game was taking place on one of the fields — and Koslow said there's no way to know if they're associated with a league, or if its participants are members of the public.

"These parks are open to the public," he said. "If you don't have a five-team league, you have no requirement to have an AED here."

During a cardiac emergency, accessing an AED in a Nassau County park's office could be difficult — and the time it takes to call for help could mean the difference between life and death, he stressed. Robbie's Law aims to eliminate that uncertainty, ensuring that no parent, athlete or member of the public has to worry about getting hold of the lifesaving device.

More than 350,000 people suffer sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospitals every year in the United States, and sur-

vival rates plummet if defibrillation isn't administered within the first few minutes, according to the minority caucus.

Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton emphasized the importance of having an AED in public locations.

"Let's be the county that stops talking about safety, and actually delivers it," Legislative DeRiggi-Whitton, said. "One life saved will be worth it all. But we shouldn't wait until a life is lost to do what's right."

Over the foundation's 20-year history, Levine said her organization has donated AEDs to every state in the country. Now they're designed so that even a young child can administer care as the machine speaks to users and walks them through the steps needed to save a life.

"Robbie didn't get a second chance," she said. "This bill makes sure another child will."

Robbie's Law has been formally introduced in the Nassau County Legislature, and the Republican majority now has to bring it to vote, Koslow said. The legislature's next meeting is slated for July 28 at 1 p.m. at the county's headquarters in Mineola.

For more on the Robbie Levine Foundation and its work, as well as the importance of AEDs, visit RobbieLevineFoundation.org.

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THINGS TO KNOW GEORGE SANTOS' PRISON SENTENCE

What's next for George Santos?

By LUKE FEENEY

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Disgraced former U.S. Rep. George Santos, who lied about his past and swindled donors, is set to surrender to the courts at the end of July to begin his seven year sentence after a tumultuous chapter marked by political ascension, scandal, and legal battles. Here's three things to know about his sentence.

1

■ What Santos did

Elected in 2022 to represent New York's 3rd Congressional District, encompassing parts of Queens and Long Island, Santos quickly gained attention for flipping a traditionally Democratic seat. However, his tenure was short-lived. Investigations revealed that Santos had fabricated significant portions of his biography, including his education, employment history, and personal background. Further scrutiny uncovered financial misconduct, leading to his expulsion from the House of Representatives in December 2023, making him only the sixth member in U.S. history to be expelled. Santos pleaded guilty to aggravated identity theft and wire fraud in August 2024. During the hearing, Santos admitted to his role in orchestrating a scheme to defraud campaign donors and lying about his finances.

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■ How long he will serve

Santos is set to surrender to the courts on July 25 for his 87-month sentence. After serving his time in prison, he will be under supervised release for two years. From 2020 to 2022, Santos stole donors' identities to make unauthorized credit card charges, funneling funds to his campaign, other candidates, and his own accounts. He masked the source by falsely listing relatives and associates as contributors in FEC filings. In 2022, Santos used a shell company to solicit \$50,000 from two donors under false claims about campaign advertising, then spent the money on luxury items, debt payments and cash withdrawals. He also fraudulently collected more than \$24,000 in unemployment benefits while employed and campaigning. In financial disclosures to the House, Santos overstated his income and assets.

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■ How much he owes

The disgraced former representative was also fined heavily as part of his sentencing. In addition to prison time, Santos was ordered to pay restitution totaling more than \$373,000, reflecting the amount he stole through various fraud schemes. According to prosecutors, \$200 of that amount was repaid on April 25, the day of his sentencing. Santos was also ordered to forfeit more than \$200,000, which will be distributed to victims named in the case. Combined, the restitution and forfeiture total approximately \$578,752. Prosecutors said the financial penalties reflect the seriousness of Santos' repeated deception involving campaign donors, unemployment insurance, and fraudulent financial disclosures. The court emphasized that Santos used his position and influence for personal gain while betraying the public trust.

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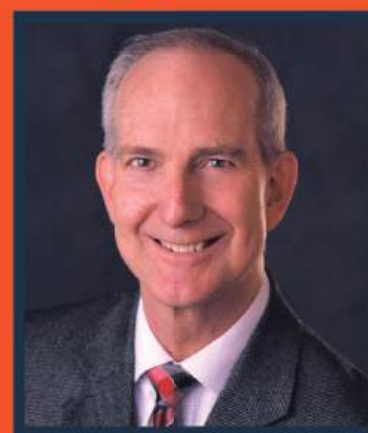
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U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi joined County Executive Bruce Blakeman at the unveiling of a new police training village at Nassau Community College on July 13.

Attorney General lauds new police facility

By KELSIE RADZISKI

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At a landmark ribbon-cutting event in Nassau County, U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi joined County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder and other dignitaries to celebrate the opening of a state-of-the-art police training facility at Nassau Community College. The new training village, near the David S. Mack Center for Training and Intelligence, was constructed with real-world buildings to simulate authentic law enforcement scenarios and is designed to enhance training for federal, state and local officers.

Bondi praised the vision and cooperation that brought the facility to life, particularly highlighting the role of public-private partnerships in funding the project. Drawing on her experience as a longtime felony prosecutor, Bondi emphasized the life-saving importance of rigorous, real-world police training.

"I was there for 18 years [as] a felony bureau chief trying hundreds of cases, but I lost a lot of friends who are police officers," she said at the July 13 ribbon-cutting ceremony. "This facility behind us today will save the lives of police officers, and that's why we're doing this."

The training village includes model houses, storefronts and even a train for officers to practice handling a variety of scenarios.

Blakeman credited Commissioner Ryder and numerous community donors for helping complete the project on time and on budget. Among those recognized for their contributions were the Blumenkranz family, the Hagedorn family, Sean Acosta, Harry Singh, David Mack and Shalom Maidenbaum. Singh, who immigrated to the U.S. with only \$300 and built a successful business empire, was honored for his generosity and commitment to public service and the facility will be named in his honor.

"When I became county executive,

the first thing I did was I declared Nassau County is not a sanctuary County," Blakeman said. "I said we would back the blue and we have hired 300 new police officers and over 200 new correctional officers, all of our major crimes are way down, rapes, murders, robberies down 15 percent just in the last year."

Ryder emphasized that the training village was built for and by the residents of Nassau County and will benefit the 1.5 million people living in the county.

"We built the training village that we've invited every one of our federal and state and local partners, they will come here to cross train with us," Ryder said. "We have partnered up with the Nassau Community College. We have started an internship program with them where they will receive college credits."

Bondi also used the occasion to reaffirm the Trump administration's support for law enforcement and denounce anti-police rhetoric.

"The attacks on our police officers, we will not stand for any longer. But know this, Donald Trump and our entire administration will never tolerate any attacks on our police officers," she stated. "If you spit on a police officer, it's a crime. If you loot a building, it's a crime. If you assault a police officer, it's a crime."

She noted that the Department of Justice has offered \$157 million in grants to help hire 1,200 new officers nationwide and is committed to removing federal overreach that undermines police.

The event closed with a strong message of unity and appreciation. "Every day all of you go out and risk your lives for us. We stand with you. We thank you. Our entire administration, starting with President Trump, is 100 percent committed to you," Bondi said. "You are our heroes today, tomorrow and for every day to come."



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By Karen Bloom

Following last year's popular debut, Tilles Jazz Fest returns to the beautiful and historic Long Island University Post campus, on Saturday, offering an immersive day of world-class jazz, family-friendly fun and community celebration across four stages.

Presented in collaboration with Jazz at Lincoln Center, this second annual festival brings together both legendary artists and rising stars on the jazz scene. Complemented by top LIU student and alumni ensembles, it's a full indoor/outdoor experience — from lawn picnics and Second Line parades during the day to Grammy-winning headliners Arturo Sandoval and John Pizzarelli with his Big Band at the evening's Concert Hall show.

Recently added to the lineup are rising soulful Brazilian-born vocal powerhouse Jamile and acclaimed young trio New Jazz Underground. They join previously announced artists including Afro-Cuban percussionist Pedrito Martínez; trailblazing trumpeter Summer Camargo with her quintet; dynamic brass band The Gotham Kings, led by Wynton Marsalis protégé Alphonso Horne; vocalist/composer Vanisha Gould, and many more.

This is a festival where legends meet the future.

"It's a joyful celebration of jazz in all its forms — on a campus built for discovery, creativity and community," Tilles Center's Executive and Artistic Director Tom Dunn says.

The festival proudly showcases the creativity of future talents who will surely take their place in the professional musical landscape.

LIU Jazz Combo (current LIU students) and Long Island Rising Stars (featuring LIU alumni and others) will welcome guests as they enter at festival entrances,

The LIU Post Jazz Ensemble (LIU students and faculty) takes the University Arches Stage with a set of Afro-Cuban Jazz, echoing the festival's global spirit, at 2 p.m. LIU Marching Band members add energy to the festival's New Orleans-style Second Line parade, closing the daytime festivities at 5:45 p.m..

This festival is truly where the young superstars of tomorrow are given their due, alongside the acclaimed jazz greats. Of course, the spotlight shines on Arturo Sandoval and John Pizzarelli with his Big Band, in Dear Mr. Sinatra.



- July 19, starting at noon
- Adult day pass: \$55; ages 11-18, \$15; 10 and under free
- All-event pass (includes evening concert): \$100 adults, \$75 18 and under
- LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville
- Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or [tillescenter.org](https://www.tillescenter.org) or (516) 299-3100

Pizzarelli, the renowned jazz guitarist and singer, has been hailed by the Boston Globe for "reinvigorating the Great American Songbook and re-popularizing jazz." Established as one of the prime contemporary interpreters of the Great American Songbook, Pizzarelli continues to expand that repertoire. For this concert, he's joined by trumpet superstar Sandoval for what is sure to be a swinging tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes.

Another trumpeter forging a path to greatness is one of the few females to enter what might be considered a "boy's club." At all of 23, Juillard-trained Summer Camargo is fast on her way to arriving at the top of the jazz scene. Besides performing on the festival circuit and in notable Manhattan jazz venues such as Dizzy's Club and Birdland, she's quite at home on some renowned stages.

Camargo appears on your TV screen weekly as part of Saturday Night Live's house band, in her third year with SNL. And now she finds herself sharing the stage with the one-and-only Jonathan Groff. She's thrilled to be bringing her talents to his accomplished band as second trumpet in Broadway's buzzy hit, "Just In Time," the jukebox musical celebrating the life and times of Bobby Darin.

"I'm very grateful to be here [in New York City]," the Florida native says. "I feel like I'm living the dream. I'm doing stuff I never imagined for myself. I'm so grateful for the opportunity and family and friends and all those who have helped me along the way."

Camargo was bitten by the jazz bug early on. Her parents, although not musicians themselves, had affinity to jazz and exposed her to old Hollywood films and all things jazz from a young age. She took up violin at age 8 and by fifth grade became enthralled with the trumpet. From there, it quickly became apparent that she and the trumpet were meant to be.

"It's a glamorous sound," she says. Recalling the fiery intensity of Louis Armstrong, she describes the trumpet's appeal as "a shimmery, brilliant quality."

Surely attributes that one can ascribe to Camargo. Check her out on the afternoon stage, when she does a 45-minute set with her quintet.

From jazz lovers to families looking for a summer outing, there's something for everyone here. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for a day of relaxed listening and discovery. Youngsters will enjoy the Kids Zone, with an instrument "petting zoo," crafts and face painting. When everyone is ready for a bite, check out the food trucks and artisan purveyors with their tempting wares. Or bring your own picnic!



Daryl Hall

Rock Hall of Fame inductee Daryl Hall brings his current tour to Long Island, featuring opening act Glenn Tilbrook of Squeeze. It's of particular significance as it marks a reunion for Hall and Tilbrook, who have shared the stage in previous performances, most notably in Hall's acclaimed web series "Live from Daryl's House." The format is the same, with Tilbrook performing a solo set to open, then joining Hall on stage to close the show. Beyond the music, the tour holds sentimental value, as it coincides with significant milestones in Hall's career. In 2024, Hall celebrated the 10th anniversary of his venue, Daryl's House, in Pawling, N.Y., where he offered a free concert to acknowledge the support of his fans. Hall's shared the stage with icons such as Elvis Costello and Howard Jones, emphasizing his prowess in delighting audiences with diverse musical experiences. This tour solidifies his commitment to keeping his music fresh and engaging.

Wednesday, July 23, 7:30 p.m.
\$226.75, \$186.75, \$118.75 (GA), \$108.75. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at [ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com) or [paramountny.com](https://www.paramountny.com).



Comic showcase

Laugh the night away at Mom's Night Out, presented Long Island Comedy Festival. Are you a Mom? Do you have a Mom? Do you know a Mom? Then this is the show for you! You'll enjoy witty standup delivered by four clever comics. The lineup includes Seaford's Marla Schultz (pictured), a comedian, speaker and actress. An advocate for mental health awareness, Marla's motto blends comedy and therapy; "Saving lives one punchline at a time." She's joined by Brooklyn-based Meghan Hanley, known for her quick wit and upbeat persona. Also, Kendra Cunningham surely does it all: writer, actress and award-winning screenwriter. She's known for "Last Comic Standing" and her latest work "Meatball Therapy," in addition to the comedy circuit. Finally, Peaches Rodriguez wows audiences with her twisted perspective and edgy humor, a regular in Atlantic City and Las Vegas.

Thursday, July 24, 8 p.m. \$45-\$50. Madison Theatre, Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Tickets available at [madisontheatreny.org](https://www.madisontheatreny.org) or call (516) 323-4444.

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CALENDAR

JULY 17 Island Vibes Celebration

Enjoy an evening of tropical fun at the waterfront! Presented by the Glen Cove Special Events Committee, this free, family-friendly party features live music by the Bobby Bahama Band, a festive tropical atmosphere, food trucks, games and raffles. Attendees are encouraged to wear island-themed attire. Beer and wine available for purchase (21+) via Meritage Wine Bar.

- **Where:** Glen Cove Ferry Terminal, 73 Garvies Point Road
- **Time:** 6- 9 p.m.
- **Contact:** Roni.Jenkins@glencoveny.gov

On Exhibit

Nassau County Museum of Art's unveils its new exhibition, "At Play," a survey of artists' perennial fascination with entertainment in all forms. Framing this topic between the nineteenth century Belle Époque and today, the exhibit includes works by Pablo Picasso, Reginald Marsh, Everett Shinn, and Max Beckmann among many others. The works are gathered to represent a wide range of expressions, from entertainment-related activities to the fascinating personalities involved. It encompasses dance, music, theater, movies, circus, boating, and beach scenes, along with horseracing and various sports, both active and passive. Also featured are archival items from The Metropolitan Opera and the New York Philharmonic, including costumes by Marc Chagall for Die Zauberflöte, vintage fashion items by such designers as Alfred Shaheen, and iconic costumes from the Folies-Bergère in Paris. On view until Nov. 9.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** Ongoing
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

JULY 18 Ecotherapy Walk

Sands Point Preserve's reserve's historic mansions and waterfront grounds are the backdrop for a calming stroll with certified guide Linda. Ecotherapy, also known as Forest Therapy or Forest Bathing, is not simply hiking in the woods, or a walk on a beach. The focus of Ecotherapy is on connection and relationship, allowing the heart to open to the beauty of the natural world, and at the same time, understand our belonging in that world. Registration required. \$49 per session, \$135 for series of 3; \$44 per session, \$120 for series of 3, members.



JULY 26 Best of Broadway

Sounds of the Great White Way return to Eisenhower Park with Neil Berg's "100 Years of Broadway." Back for its annual crowd thrilling celebration of Broadway's greatest songs from its finest shows, the acclaimed touring Broadway concert never disappoints. The lively musical revue, hosted by Neil Berg, on piano, shares those dynamic showstopping tunes performed by a cast of Broadway actors and actresses. Backed by Neil Berg and a small combo, these amazing Broadway talents light up the stage with songs from the hit shows in which they starred. Berg presents creatively revived arrangements of Broadway classics as well as thrilling numbers from some of the newest hits, along with his fascinating commentary and historical notes in between songs. This gorgeous, guided tour of the American art form that is musical theater, a production both hypnotic and historical. The dazzling new edition appeals to all ages and will have everyone humming along. Berg, an award-winning composer-lyricist-producer, and his cast of vocal powerhouses combine the century's greatest hits into a performance that brings everyone to their feet.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 6-8 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

Bubble Magic

Check out Long Island Children's Museum's Bubbles exhibit for some extra sudsy fun. Through playful, hands-on experiments explore what makes a bubble form, what makes them pop and discover new creative ways to make bubbles. Stop by anytime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to participate.

- **Where:** Museum Row, Garden City
- **Time:** 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** licm.org or call (516) 224-5800

JULY 19 Movie time

Cool off at Glen Cove Public Library with a family-friendly movie screening of Disney-Pixar's "Elemental." Set in the vibrant Element City, the film follows Ember, a fiery spirit, and Wade, a laid-back water guy, as their unexpected friendship defies the norms of their world. This colorful animated adventure is perfect for all ages.

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

Dog Days Weekend

Bring your pup to enjoy the sunshine and explore the beauty of Old Westbury Gardens. Visitors are once again welcome to bring their leashed canine companions for a relaxing walk through our lush, picturesque grounds. Wander along blooming garden paths, relax on the lawn, and roam designated pet-friendly areas where you and your pup can soak in the sights and scents of summer together. It's a tail-wagging good time for dogs and dog lovers alike.

- **Where:** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m., also July 20
- **Contact:** oldwestburygardens.org or call (516) 333-0048

JULY 20 Summer grooves

The Morgan Park Summer Music Festival welcomes Netty & Friends and The Men of Soul. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in for a night of high-energy music under the stars.

- **Where:** Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine St.
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Contact:** morganparkmusic.org

JULY 22 Glen Cove IDA/LEAC Board Meeting

The Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency and Local Economic Assistance Corporation hold a joint board meeting to discuss economic development initiatives and related matters. The meeting is open to the public.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** Glen Cove IDA/LEAC Office at (516)676-2000

Glen Cove City Council Meeting

The Glen Cove City Council convenes for its regular public meeting to discuss and vote on city matters, policies, and upcoming initiatives. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in local government.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

HMTC 16th Annual Golf Outing

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County hosts its 16th Annual Golf Outing at the Meadow Brook Club. Stuart Lubow, President & CEO of Dime Community Bank, the event's sponsor, is honored. Proceeds support HMTC's mission to combat anti-Semitism and discrimination. Registration is open for golf packages, foursomes and sponsorships.

- **Where:** Meadow Brook Club, 500 Cedar Swamp Rd., Jericho
- **Time:** 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- **Contact:** hmtcli.org

JULY 23 Glen Cove Board of Education Meeting

Glen Cove City School District holds a public meeting to discuss district matters, updates, and community concerns. All residents are welcome to attend.

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

AUG 20 Locust Valley Garden Club

All gardening lovers are welcome to attend the monthly meeting of the Locust Valley Garden Club at Locust Valley Library. Featured speaker Kathy Guzzardo participates with "Roses 101," a primer on all kinds of roses. A "themed" lunch of members' home dishes follows each meeting. Join the session and consider membership in the future. Meetings are monthly, generally the third Wednesday.

- **Where:** 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley
- **Time:** 10 a.m.
- **Contact:** Larraine Tassis, ltassis@aol.com

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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A week of classical music in Oyster Bay

By JULIA CAPITELLI

Intern

Oyster Bay residents enjoyed a variety of concerts as the town held its 14th annual music festival. From June 27 through July 3, music lovers were welcome to attend 11 concerts, three of which were ticketed. The event was spread across eight venues and featured both international and local musicians.

“The purpose is to present high level classical concerts, but in a different way, in a unique way that celebrates community,” said Pippa Borisy, the festival’s co-director. “And the other purpose is to showcase rising stars.”

Several returning musicians like pianist Maxim Lando performed as well as new musicians like cellist Bethany Bobbs. Each year, local institutions host the festival concerts. The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington was also added as a venue this season.

With pianists, string players, woodwind musicians and vocalists on display, residents had the opportunities to experience different genres within classical music and even opera, depending on the concert. Attendees were welcome to make donations to support the festival going forward.

“The talent is pretty amazing, and the concerts are fun,” Borisy said. “And that’s our bottom line.”



Julia Capitelli/Herald photos

Flutist Denis Savelyev and pianist Maxim Lando performed for a large crowd at Congregation Tifereth Israel on July 1, playing songs from ‘The Sound of Music.’



Cellist Bethany Bobbs, left, and pianist Maxim Lando entertained concertgoers at Christ Church in Oyster Bay.

Flutist Denis Savelyev and pianist Maxim Lando performed for a large crowd at Congregation Tifereth Israel on July 1, playing songs from ‘The Sound of Music.’



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OPINIONS

Where there's a will, there's a way

Rampant technological changes seem to occur instantaneously. Keeping current with our phones and computers can seem like a daunting challenge. And I, for one, don't always have my grandchildren available to help.

I am privileged to serve as chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee. In recent years, we have collaborated closely with state judges to modernize our court system. The plague of Covid taught us how significant it is for our judicial system to adopt modern technology to serve the noble



CHARLES LAVINE

ends of justice.

Our legislative process, however, is steeped in ancient tradition, and is slow to change with the times.

We must all realize that artificial intelligence is developing more rapidly than any other technology. It is producing monumental scientific advances in medicine and research. But there are

substantial risks. AI can also be used to produce deadly weapons. The Assembly and Senate passed the Responsible AI Safety and Education, or RAISE, Act, requiring AI companies to develop and follow safety and security plans. Another measure, mandating state agencies to continually review automated decision-making software that utilizes AI without human involvement, passed both houses.

Two other somewhat less exotic measures are also significant. Gov. Kathy Hochul's dedication to "letting our kids be kids" resulted in legislation banning cellphones in our schools.

Additionally, I am pleased to report that my bill, the New York Electronic Wills Act, was the last legislative proposal debated and passed on the Assembly floor on June 17. It awaits the governor's signature enacting it into law. This bill will make it legal for people to create, sign and file their wills electronically, making it easier and less expensive for New Yorkers to ensure that their assets are distributed the way they want and to whom they want.

E-wills are already legal in 14 states and Washington, D.C. They simply modernize the way a will can be executed. They follow the same traditional legal formalities required for paper wills. The

only difference is that the signing ceremony takes place online, is video recorded, and the will is executed using an electronic signature.

We can go online and create a will today. We would just have to print out the document, and then find witnesses and a notary to formally execute it. To make sure that the will's provisions meet legal requirements, we should work with an experienced lawyer.

The bill is based on a measure known as the Uniform Electronic Wills Act, drafted by the Uniform Law Commission. The ULC, also known as the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, was created in 1892. It offers states nonpartisan, pragmatic model legislation, the objective being to provide rules that are somewhat consistent from state to state. Colorado, Idaho, North Dakota, Utah, Wash-

ington, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands have adopted the E-wills legislation drafted by the ULC. Minnesota has adopted a similar proposal with some modifications. Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland and Nevada now have E-will laws that are somewhat different from the ULC version.

My E-wills bill was the product of years of collaboration led by the Trust & Estates Section of the New York State Bar Association, which partnered with the Office of Court Administration and our surrogate court judges. Input was provided by AARP, Met Life Legal Plans, Responsive Law, the Electronic Signature & Records Association, and Trust & Will.

Not long ago, I lost someone who was very close to me. I regret never asking if he had a will to protect his children. I assumed that he did. His children would have been protected if he had a will. But he did not, and sadly, his children were not protected.

Two-thirds of New Yorkers do not have wills. If enacted, this law would make it easier and less expensive to protect our families. That is a good thing.

Charles Lavine represents the 13th Assembly District.

Your vote is your voice

The recent primary election in New York City reminded me of the first time I voted, and every vote since. I even voted when I was in the Navy in the Philippines and used a mail-in ballot.

Voting is a statement of our values as well as a civic duty. Our vote is our voice. Why should we be silent when we have the right to express our opinion?



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On Long Island, residents have nearly 700 opportunities to do so, when we count 127 school districts, 63 sewer districts, 37 county legislative districts, 13 towns, two cities, two reservations, 95 incorporated villages, five congressional districts and two counties, without mentioning presidential and senatorial elections or neighborhood associations, among others. That may be too many, but there they are until we vote to consolidate them.

Voting promotes our values and affects everyday life. It helps decide where our tax dollars go and demonstrates our priorities, whether they be schools and education, libraries, and

use or voting rights.

Voting is a community endeavor. It connects us to those with whom we agree as well as those with whom we disagree. We're all in this together. This is the democratic way.

Voting is good for our health. It is recognized as a public health priority, according to Medicare Watch ("Voting May Be Good for Your Health," Julie Carter, Aug. 29, 2024). Voting improves your sense of optimism, possibility and connectedness. When voting is restricted, health outcomes worsen, according to Carter.

Democracy requires informed choice. We can choose which political party to join, which candidate to support, and which policy proposals meet our criteria. We can choose to vote or not. However, we must educate ourselves about the issues and the candidates, and support civics education.

Our country faces new challenges from external and internal threats. We need to do more to control disinformation and conspiracy theories, help voters learn the truth, and ensure the integrity of elections. We must do more to ensure informed choices at the ballot box. Not choosing to do so is itself a choice, a choice that can lead to the

demise of democracy. It starts by not exercising our right to vote.

We claim to have representative democracy, but we tolerate efforts to limit representativeness. What are we afraid of? Other Western democracies — Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom — have more flexible voting systems. If we worry that Americans aren't knowledgeable enough, the answer is to strengthen the teaching of civics, U.S. history and the meaning and methods of our Constitution.

For a country obsessed with rankings of sports teams and colleges, it's curious that we seem satisfied with ranking 31st in voter turnout in 2020 among 50 developed countries that held national elections that year, according to the Pew Research Center.

The 2024 presidential election campaigns spent more than \$5.5 billion, yet more than one-third of eligible voters stayed away. In the 2022 congressional elections, more than half stayed away. Some were deemed ineligible, others were afraid of the unofficial "marshals" monitoring voting sites, and still others were dissuaded by disinformation on social media. Many just decided not to show up, seeming to forget that with

freedom comes the responsibility to vote.

We are fortunate that we can vote in person or by mail, on Election Day or in advance. We can write in the names of people we think could do a better job than those on the ballot.

Early voting and voting by mail are steps forward, but not the only ones we could take. Why is voting in national elections limited to the first Tuesday in November? Wouldn't it make sense to allow voting over several days, as in some other countries? What about holding elections on a weekend, when fewer people would have to take time off from work to vote? Perhaps Election Day should be a federal holiday.

We can participate in elections by volunteering to campaign for a candidate or writing postcards encouraging others to register and vote. These, too, are ways to make our voices heard.

Our vote is our voice. Voting is an act of choice, and the exercise of our voice in expressing our values and priorities. We should make it easier to learn about candidates and issues, and to vote. After all, our choice of leaders and policies can affect our health and extend our years.

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Avoid disaster by heeding emergency alerts

The catastrophic floods that devastated parts of the Texas Hill Country on July 4 were a grim reminder of how unforgiving nature can be — and how crucial it is to heed emergency warnings.

As rainfall overwhelmed creeks and roadways, scores of people were swept away or trapped by the fast-rising water, some having ignored alerts, others caught unaware. Tragically, too many lives were lost. The stories from Texas have been heartbreaking, but they also serve as a warning of their own: ignoring official advisories during emergencies can be a fatal mistake.

In New York, and especially on Long Island, we are no strangers to extreme weather. From Hurricane Sandy in 2012 to the torrential downpours of recent summers, our region has faced floods, hurricanes, nor'easters and heat waves. The frequency and severity of these events are only increasing with climate change. What's different now, however, is that there are more advanced tools to warn residents — but those tools are only effective if people actually use them.

New York state has several emergency alert systems in place. NY-ALERT, the state's official system, provides email and text notifications about severe weather, public health threats, road closures and more. Wireless Emergency Alerts sent to smartphones by government agencies are timely warnings about flash floods, tornadoes and evacuations. At the county level, both Nassau and Suffolk offer opt-in notification systems that deliver local alerts via text, phone or email. (See box for sign-up instructions.)

These systems work — but only when people pay attention. Far too often, warnings are dismissed as overblown or

Tips for staying informed

Sign up for NY-ALERT: Alert.ny.gov

Nassau County alerts:
[NassauCounty.ny.gov/2920/
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Check evacuation routes and flood zones at your town or county website

inconvenient. The it-won't-happen-here mentality is downright dangerous. So is alert fatigue, in which frequent messaging leads people to tune out.

In Texas, some residents ignored evacuation orders until it was too late. We should ask ourselves: If such intense storms hit Long Island tomorrow, would we be any better prepared than central Texas was?

This isn't just a matter of individual responsibility — it's also about how well local and state governments communicate the risks we face. New York has made significant progress in emergency preparedness since Sandy, but there is plenty of room for improvement. Awareness campaigns remain limited, and many residents don't know how to sign up for alerts or what the different warning levels actually mean.

Long Island's diverse population includes many non-English speakers. Warnings are distributed in English, but

can be translated into other languages through the recipients' devices. Accessibility for the disabled community is lacking, however, with few alerts available in formats suitable for the hearing or visually impaired. These shortcomings could delay critical action during an emergency.

We also need to normalize public drills and test alerts. These aren't mere formalities; they're tools to help people make responses to emergencies almost instinctive. Local governments should partner with schools, companies and media outlets to ensure that emergency preparedness becomes part of the public routine, not just a test bulletin that flashes across a screen once a year.

And while we commend first responders and emergency managers across Long Island for their tireless work, we urge elected officials to double down on public education and transparency. What criteria trigger an evacuation? How are flood-prone areas being mapped and monitored? Do communities with historically poor infrastructure have equal warning access? These questions deserve — demand — clear answers.

The bottom line is this: We have the technology, the data and the experience to save lives, but none of that matters if we don't listen.

The nightmare in Texas must be the wake-up call. We Long Islanders must take preparedness seriously. Every household should be registered for NY-ALERT and their county system. Every household should know when to leave in an emergency, where to go and how to care for vulnerable family members.

Preparedness is protection. The next storm-induced flood or blackout may not give us the luxury of time to figure out what to do. Let's make sure that when the warnings come, we don't ignore them.

LETTERS

The voting process wasn't the problem, Jerry

To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer's column "Ranked-choice voting threw New York City for a loop" in last week's issue: The Democratic primary election used the ranked-choice process, and Zohran Mamdani won. That doesn't mean that Mamdani won *because* of ranked-choice voting. Given his large margin, he may have won under the traditional voting process. We'll never know, but misplacing the cause does no one any good.

This event was part of a campaign conducted in "poetry." It may be that Andrew Cuomo's Longfellow and Frost have grown stale and Mamdani's more urban Sandberg and Langston Hughes are a refreshing change, with greater resonance. It seems clear that a large portion of New York City residents are not happy with successive administrations that have failed to



OPINIONS

A solution to runaway costs and taxes in New York

Once again, there was an exposé on outrageous salaries of some public employees on Long Island, and once again, we can bet the farm that not a damn thing will be done about it by our state or local representatives.

The article, which appeared recently in Newsday, noted how pressure from the public unions on Long Island and New York has led us to the point where the “pool of Nassau County employees making more than \$300,000 nearly doubled last year, after Suffolk County saw a similar spike the year



STEVE LEVY

before, the analysis found. A group of 178 current Nassau employees took home between \$300,000 and \$457,000 last year, up from 91 the year before. Suffolk saw a similar trend in 2023, when 258 employees made more than \$300,000 versus 81 the previous year ... Nearly 240 Suffolk employees made more than \$300,000 in 2024.”

Lillian Clayman, a professor of labor history at SUNY Old Westbury, was quoted, saying politicians gain power by satisfying union demands, and describing the practice as “quid pro quo.” Nassau and Suffolk unions are “very vocal about who they support and don’t support,” Clayman said. “Any politician worth their salt who is looking for votes,” she added, is going to support good union contracts.

Ar Rafee, of the Empire Center for Public Policy, stated, “The higher pay you see is kind of a product of how strong the (union) bargaining units are.”

Clayman and Rafee are absolutely correct in their analysis that these outrageous salaries, overtime and pensions are a direct result of the undue influence of municipal unions on the elections of candidates for elected office.

So how do we mitigate the influence of these unions? One way is to legally challenge the concept of their donations to the elected officials who will negotiate their contracts as being a violation of the Constitution’s Guarantee and Equal Protection clauses.

The Guarantee Clause prohibits measures that farm out the decision-making powers of management, constitutional attorney Philip Howard explains. That’s what happens when contracts tie the

hands of managers to implement efficiencies.

Secondly, as we have stressed at the Center for Cost Effective Government, the argument could be made that taxpayers are placed at a disadvantage vis-à-vis public employees because the employees union is able to legally influence the elected officials who are sitting on the other side of the negotiation table by handing them

donations. (By the way, don’t blame the unions or the elected officials for playing the game that prior officials made legal. Blame the politicians who refuse to reform the process.)

That’s why both President Franklin D. Roosevelt and union leader Samuel Gompers opposed the creation of public unions.

There is another way that avoids court challenges. It is through the use of the public financing system, which is now in place on the state level and other

jurisdictions. A simple condition can be tied to the acceptance of public funds whereby no one can do so unless they first agree to refuse donations from the municipal unions.

Another solution to the huge pensions bulked up through excessive overtime is to ban overtime payments from being factored into the base of an employee’s pension.

The State Legislature limited the use of overtime for these purposes with the Tier 6 legislation that took effect in 2012. But when no one was looking last year, they started to reverse these reforms.

Our center’s analysis noted that if overtime was prohibited as of now for all employees who retire in the future, state taxpayers could save \$50 billion to \$80 billion over the next two decades.

The problems have now been identified, as have the solutions. The only question remaining is whether there will be the political will to effectuate them.

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Public-sector unions have too much influence on candidates for elected office.

LETTERS

resolve central issues of life in the city, like housing and rent. Remember The Rent Is Too Damn High party in the gubernatorial race in 2010?

Once upon a time, solutions were at least proposed. Yet now, with more money on Wall Street than ever, nothing of any size is produced. Mr. Kremer’s advice that candidates avoid ranked-choice elections is misplaced. It isn’t the process, but a positive relationship between voters’ concerns and a candidate’s vision that is the point of either process.

The question of whether ranked-choice or simple majority more effectively reveals the will of the people may be understood in a decade or two, but the fact before us is that the former process has not brought forth change commensurate with need.

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**Albany Democrats
‘love spending money
on themselves’**

To the Editor:

The Democrats in the State Legisla-

ture passed a measure as part of the budget so that New York Attorney General Letitia James, who is being investigated by the Justice Department for fraud — which had nothing to do with her elected office — will have all her legal bills paid by us, the citizens of New York state. This was a special Democratic measure, appearing to be just for James.

She allegedly engaged in mortgage fraud as a private citizen, with no connection to her work as an elected official. But the Democrats want us to pay for her defense.

And now, to top it off, the Democrats in the Assembly are opposed to providing the pension of an assassinated New York police officer, Miosotis Familia, a single mother, to her three children. The Assembly claimed it was too costly. But they can provide all the money needed for Letitia James instead of these children, who now have to take care of themselves. The Democrats love spending money just on themselves. These children deserve better.

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At last weekend’s Eternal Con — Hofstra University

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