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#### Beautification Commission holds annual Coastal Cleanup

Joseph Vulin, left, and his daughter Anna, above, took part in the Coastal Cleanup last Saturday. They arrived at Pryibil beach at 9 a.m. to help beautify one of the city's most popular beaches. At right, Damion Stavredes, of Glen Cove's Department of Public Works, spent the morning filling trash bags with litter.



# Proposal for AT&T antenna draws critics

By ROKSANA AMID

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**PHILIP PULASKI** 

Planning board

A proposal to install an AT&T antenna on the roof of the Glen Cove Shopping Center, on Forest Avenue, has ignited a fierce debate, with a dozen residents voicing their opposition at a Sept. 16 Planning Board

meeting. Neighbors said the installation would lower property values, raise health concerns and permaner and permaner and their community, while attorneys for the wireless carrier argued that the project is critical to remedy a significant gap in

Brian Miller, who lives on Driftwood Drive, told the board that an artist's renderings submitted by AT&T at a previous meeting didn't show how the antenna would look from his neighborhood. "You will see it in the skyline from every front yard on Oak Hill," he said. "You will see it in the backyards of Driftwood Drive. I'll see it from my bedroom window every morning I open my

shades. It will permanently change our neighborhood in a negative way."

Miller said he consulted two real estate agencies, which warned that the tower could depress nearby property values. "We'll now have to disclose that we are within 200 feet of an environmental hazard, even

> though it may pass these federal regulations," he said. He presented signatures from nearly 100 residents and businesses opposing the project.

Twelve-year-old Orietta Begonia, a student at Robert M. Finley Middle School, also addressed the board. "Where it's

being built is literally in my backyard," she said. "I usually go outside, play basketball with my neighbors or just to play soccer, and I feel like it would be really dangerous to have something outside like that. It could cause many health issues, and I just wanted to give you a student's perspective on that."

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Gov. Kathy Hochul spoke last week at Stony Brook University on a \$300 million state investment to launch a cutting-edge Quantum Research and Innovation Hub.

# Hochul announces \$300 million investment at SBU

By MICHELLE GRISALES

Correspondent

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced a bold \$300 million state investment to launch a cutting-edge Quantum Research and Innovation Hub at Stony Brook University during a news conference held last week on campus.

Speaking at Stony Brook University's Center of Excellence in Wireless and Information Technology on Sept. 17, Hochul announced that the institute will be home to New York State's first university-based hybrid Quantum Data Center.

It will also house the newly established SUNY Stony Brook Quantum Education Consortium, an initiative that integrates research, high-performance computing and workforce training to tackle some of society's most complex challenges.

The 150,000-square foot facility is expected to open in 2029, with planning and construction taking an estimated three years.

"The State University of New York at Stony Brook is a research powerhouse and will now be able to reach new heights in quantum," Hochul said.

She described the initiative as necessary, especially during a time when "national investment in research and innovation is at risk."

"An investment like this solidifies our position as an incubator of ideas and possibilities and ultimately an educational system that'll lead to more businesses being created and supported by the graduates of institutions like this," she said. "I want Long Island to thrive and prosper, and this is the key to unlock that."

The news conference featured various speakers and attendees including Stony Brook's newly appointed President Andrea Goldsmith, State Sen. Monica Martinez, SUNY Chancellor John B. King Jr. and Empire State Development president and chief executive, Hope Knight.

"Transformative investments like these are a bold affirmation of the power of our collaboration with the State of New York and SUNY that further positions Stony Brook as a world leader in research that will some of the most pressing problems facing our region, the state of New York and the world," Goldsmith said.

King echoed this sentiment, delivering inspiring remarks on behalf of the SUNY system and its commitment to driving investments that will empower and uplift communities across New York State.

"The State University of New York at Stony Brook is leading the way on cutting-edge research and emerging technologies, and this historic investment will accelerate efforts to ensure New York State is a global leader for generations to come," King said.

Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, a Stony Brook alum, spoke on the importance of having continued investment in educational institutions from the state.

"As our SUNY system continues to expand, bridging the educational gap and fostering innovation, we must persist in making these investments that solidify New York and SUNY campuses as premier educational institutions," he said in a news release.

Martinez reinforced Hochul's vision, highlighting how this funding will unlock new possibilities for the region's growth and expand educational opportunities for Long Island.

"This investment will give Long Island the bandwidth to be at the fore-front of the next era of science and innovation," she said in a release. "The future Quantum Research and Innovation Hub at Stony Brook will build the infrastructure necessary to expand human understanding and drive the discoveries of tomorrow, creating new economic opportunities that strengthen our region and position New York to lead."

Grisales is reporter with The SBU Media Group, part of Stony Brook University's School of Communication and Journalism's Working Newsroom program for students and local media.

# Honoring storytellers at hmTv awards

By ROKSANA AMID

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The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County (HMTC) marked a milestone with the first annual hmTv Awards Ceremony, celebrating the storytellers, educators, and volunteers who shaped the platform's debut season

The event, hosted by Bernie Furshpan — hmTv founder, executive producer, and HMTC vice chair — capped off an ambitious eight-month experiment that has quickly grown into a global media presence. Since launching in February, hmTv has produced 250 podcast episodes, reaching tens of thousands across YouTube, Spotify, Apple, Amazon, and iHeartRadio.

"Tonight, we celebrate stories, story-tellers, and the extraordinary people who shaped hmTv's very first season," Furshpan said. "When I first imagined hmTv, it was a bold experiment. Could we create a space where memory, truth, and humanity would meet the power of modern media? The answer is right here before you."

Furshpan called the project "a living, breathing platform with a life of its own," praising hosts who "show up with heart, with research, with carefully chosen guests, and with a sense of responsibility that goes far beyond the microphone."

The evening spotlighted Season One's most popular programming. On You-Tube, standout episodes included conversations with Jonny Daniels and Mireille Taub, Debbie Cohn ("Raised by Survivors"), and Alan Mindel's Influential Origins with Daniels. On podcast platforms, top listens included Dana Arschin's interview with her husband Michael Kraslow, Richard Acritelli's "Fog of War and Humanity" with James Henke, and Fred Nielsen's "Life Talks, Its Different Walks" with Yuri Komot-Weber and Kuga Rex.

Behind-the-scenes dedication was recognized with Certificates of Achievement for lead producer Priscilla Dullen, technical directors Debbie Phillips, Steve Wildstein, Rebecca Spirasio, and Mark Swern, and trainees Gracie Stewart, Phoebe Wineshell, Tatum Sosnick, and Stephanie Alexander.

Four Crystal Eagle Awards were presented during the ceremony, each highlighting individuals who embodied hmTv's mission and values. Zachary Graulich, host of Echoes of the Past, received the Educator of the Season Award for his ability to bring history to life for modern audiences. The Community Builder of the Season Award went to Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews for his work on Many Voices One Community, which has amplified local voices and strengthened connections across diverse groups. The Moral Compass Award was presented to Arnie Herz, recognized for his thoughtful reflections on Habits of a Whole Heart and his emphasis on ethical leadership. Rounding out the honorees, Richard Acritelli earned the Outstanding Host Award for his compelling



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Bali Lerner, left, and Bernie Furshpan, right, congratulate Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, venter, on his advocacy for supporting the center's message for tolerance.



Bali Lerner, left, and Bernie Furshpan, right, congratulate Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, center, on his advocacy for the center's message for tolerance.



Tamara and Aden Healy, furshpan's daughter and grandchild visit the hmTV set.

program The Fog of War and Humanity, which explores personal stories within the larger context of history.

HMTC board chair Alan Mindel emphasized the cultural impact of hmTv. "It isn't just about the 250 hours," he said. "It's the culture it created — the diversity of it, the way it got everyone in our world to understand who we all are, and all the things we have to say that need to be heard. Without Bernie, these stories would not be told."

The ceremony also paid tribute to Priscilla Dolan, hmTv's lead technical director, who is transitioning to a role in the Glen Cove School District.

Reflecting on the journey, Furshpan summed up the night: "This evening is about celebrating courage, creativity, and moral leadership. When voices rise with truth and compassion, they don't just tell stories — they change the world."



Bernie Furshpan spoke with Ben Carasso, a 10-yearold Israeli bot about his life since the Oct. 7 attack in 2023.



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## The Farmer's Daughters

A farmer came in to see us with this dilemma. He had a working farm where his twenty something daughter and her husband were engaged full-time. His other daughter worked in the arts in New York City. He wanted to keep the farm in the family, but didn't know how.

He initially wanted to leave the farm and his other assets to the two daughters in equal shares. We cautioned against this since, we advised, no one likes to do all the work and then split the profits. Additionally, real estate prices could be considerably higher on his death and there might not be enough money in the estate for the working daughter to buy out her sister. We also had to consider the sweat equity the young couple would be building up over the years working the farm. Here's how the matter was ultimately resolved to the client's satisfaction.

We deeded the farm now to the working daughter (not her and her husband quite yet) reserving a "life estate" in the farmer so that he had a right to live there for the rest of his life while preserving his senior tax exemption on the property. We established the value of the property today, and made a bequest on his death, from the farmer's living trust, of a like amount in cash to the sister before the balance of the trust was divvied up.

Now the young working couple are secure in their future, the non-working daughter gets her fair share of the estate and the farmer is protected in his rights for life. Most important of all, he has the peace of mind in knowing that the farm will stay in the family.

If you're a business owner, and have one or more children working in the business, you have the same issues. We generally like to see the "working" children take over the business and other assets used to even out the estate distribution with the "non-working" children. Where there are not enough other assets to make the distribution even, then life insurance or a mortgage can be used for this purpose, or the "working" children can pay off the "non-working" children over a period of years at a rate the family business can afford.

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#### **ARRESTS**

- A 33-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 22 for petit larceny on Brewster Street.
- A 20-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 22 for two counts of sexual abuse on Forest Ave.
- A 27-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 18 for driving while intoxicated and obstructing governmental administration on Second Street
- A 41-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 16 for rape and unlawful imprisonment in on Glen Cove Ave.
- A 29-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 16 for a Glen Cove warrant for criminal possession of a controlled substance in on Fourth Street.
- A 36-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 12 for criminal possession of a weapon and menacing on Brewster Street.
- A 35-year-old Ozone Park man was arrested on Sept. 12 for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle,

- unlicensed operator, failure to use a signal, and unsafe lane change on Bridge Street.
- A 30-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on Sept. 11 for menacing on Glen Street.
- A 72-year-old Locust Valley man was arrested on Sept. 13 for criminal contempt on Herb Hill Road.
- A 44-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Sept. 8 for trespassing on Cedar Swamp Road.
- A 27-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on Sept. 7 for criminal mischief on Glen Cove Ave.
- A 63-year-old Lattingtown man was arrested on Sept. 6 for driving while intoxicated on Danas Island Highway.
- A 58-year-old Bayville man was arrested on Sept. 5 for driving while intoxicated, unlicensed operation, and leaving the scene of an accident on Glen Cove Ave.

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

#### **NEWS BRIEF**

#### Attend ibrary's genealogy roundtable

The Glen Cove Genealogy Club invites residents to explore their roots and local history at its monthly Genealogy and Local History Roundtable on Tuesday, Sept. 30, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. in the History Room at the Glen Cove Public Library.

This in-person gathering welcomes genealogy enthusiasts of all experience levels — from beginners starting their family trees to seasoned researchers. Participants can exchange tips, share discoveries, and learn how to navigate historical records, archives, and online databases. The group also explores Glen

Cove's rich heritage, connecting personal stories to the community's past.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own research questions, family documents, or roadblocks to discuss with others in a collaborative and supportive environment. Whether you're tracing immigrant ancestors or preserving family memories, the roundtable offers valuable tools and guidance.

The program is free and open to

-Roksana Amid

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# Officers recognized for rescue during fire

**By ROKSANA AMID** 

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A group of Glen Cove police officers who rushed into a burning apartment building last spring were among 14 members of law enforcement honored by U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi on Sept. 12, when he presented them with American flags that had flown over the U.S. Capitol Building.

The ceremony, held at the Glen Cove Police Department, recognized officers from across Suozzi's congressional district. Six Glen Cove officers — Anthony Pedraita, Frank Vessa, Christopher Morra, Alexandra Levantis, Carolina Guastella, and Andrew Mozer received the awards for their response to an April 17 fire at 68 Glen Cove Ave. The group was celebrated alongside seven New York City police officers and one Nassau County police officer.

Police Chief William Whitton recalled how Pedraita, on routine patrol at about 3:30 a.m., spotted smoke billowing from the apartment building and radioed headquarters, reporting that residents appeared to be trapped inside. Pedraita and his colleagues entered the structure repeatedly, working together to evacuate residents before conditions worsened.

"Through their combined efforts, all 15 residents were able to exit the building, with only one minor injury to a resident," Whitton said, noting that Pedraita and Vezza were briefly hospitalized



Glen Cove police officers who rushed into a burning apartment building last spring were among members of law enforcement honored by U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi.

for smoke inhalation but have since recovered. "The six officers worked as a cohesive team to assist the residents.'

Pedraita expressed gratitude that the outcome was not more tragic. "I'm very happy that no one got hurt. That's the most important thing," he said.

Suozzi emphasized that their actions exemplified the courage and commitment of police officers throughout the district. "It's essential for us as a community to recognize the members of our law enforcement that do so much for us every single day," he told attendees.

The congressman said he began hosting the annual ceremony in 2020, in the aftermath of George Floyd's death and the widespread protests that followed. Floyd, a Black man, was killed after Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin knelt on his neck for nine minutes, sparking a national reckoning over civil rights and police reform.

Suozzi said that while abuse of authority must never be tolerated, it is equally important to commend officers who go above and beyond in serving the public. "Nobody supports any kind of abuse taking place from any kind of government agency; we have to try to correct those things," he said. "We have to respect and honor the vast majority to respect and honor the vast majority — the 99% — of our law enforcement that is doing an awesome job and that is protecting us every single day.'

He added that effective police intervention often makes "all the difference" in the lives of people facing desperate circumstances.

One such example came from Nassau County Officer Jasvinder Mullarkey. . Inspector Mark Vitelli praised Mullarkey for her decisive response to a June 23 road rage incident involving a firearm. She anticipated where the suspect was headed, intercepted him, and confronted him at gunpoint.

"Because of her actions and because of her knowledge, and knowing what can be done, brought this to a safe conclusion with no injuries to any innocent civilians, officers, or the subject himself," Vitelli said.

Suozzi said the incident illustrates "how things can quickly devolve," underscoring the importance of officers' training and judgment.

Closing the ceremony, Suozzi reflected on why he continues to host the event. "We support our law enforcement, we support the work they do, and we're grateful to them for the risk that they take and the hard work that they put in on our behalf," he said.







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ear Great Book Guru,
I was at the Love Your Neighbor Long Table event and a new friend told me there is a fascinating book recently published about a famous Sea Cliff resident and written by a Sea Cliff author. Any

ideas ... I'd love to read it! Lover of All Things Sea Cliff

Dear Lover of All Things Sea

What a beautiful past
weekend we had here in Sea
Cliff, but I did venture a few
miles south to Cedarmere the lovely Nassau County
park that houses the home of
William Cullen Bryant, 19th
century poet, abolitionist,
and newspaper editor - where
Margaret Brucia was giving a reading
of her book "The Key to Everything:
May Swenson, A Writer's Life."

May Swenson lived in Sea Cliff for twenty years before her death in 1989. Brucia, a long-time Sea Cliff resident, gives us an intimate portrait of this much acclaimed poet based on her diaries and letters. While not an analysis of her poetry, this book gives us a detailed look into the forces that shaped one of the most important poets of the twentieth century.

Her early childhood in Utah, as part of a strong Mormon community, and the role her parents - especially her father -

played in creating her strong sensibilities is presented in exquisite detail. The bulk of the book however focuses on 1936 to 1959 - her time in New York City - during the Depression, her work with the Federal Writers' Project, her life in Greenwich Village, and her friendship with The New Yorker editor Harold Ross among other literary notables.

Over sixty of her poems were published in The New Yorker, a record-breaking

number. The immense number of personal anecdotes Brucia gleaned from Swenson's diaries and letters make for a fascinating look into the life and creative process of this iconic figure. Highly recommended.

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# <sup>8</sup> Women leaders unite for inspiration and change

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The audience numbered 275 women for RichnerLIVE's third annual Women's Summit, an all-day event dedicated to leadership, empowerment and connection, filled the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville

This year's theme, Next Level You, set the tone for the Sept. 9 program, which combined wellness activities, thought-provoking discussions, and opportunities to build professional networks. The event featured vendor booths, multiple raffle prizes, and morning sessions of beach yoga, meditation breathwork before attendees moved into panels and keynote talks

Amy Amato, executive director of RichnerLIVE, opened the keynote lunch session by reminding the audience that the summit is as much about conversation as it is about the speakers on stage. "One of the best parts of the Summit is that it's not just what happens on stage it's about the conversation and connections happening all around us," Amato said. She credited the event's sponsors for making the gathering possible and emphasized the importance of support systems. "One of the best ways to reach the next level is by surrounding ourselves with strong, supportive peers. Networks like ours thrive because of women who lead with purpose."

Among those support networks highlighted was the Women's Executive Network of Long Island, which Amato described as a premier organization "designed to connect, mentor, and empower leaders like those in this room."

Stuart Richner, co-publisher of The Long Island Herald and CEO of Richner Communications, echoed that message by tracing his company's own history of uplifting women's voices. He noted that the Herald, founded by his parents, Edith and Robert Richner, in 1964, was built on a commitment to community journalism and inclusivity. "In fact, our company was co-founded by an incredible woman in her own right, my mother, Edith," he said. "And today, women proudly comprise over 60 percent of our leadership team at Richner."

Richner told the audience that the company's mission to "lift all voices" continued at the summit, where attendees were encouraged to connect, learn and advance in their own leadership journeys.

The keynote address was delivered by Jennifer Watson, a former Division I athlete, two-time All-American and TEDx speaker who overcame years of depression to become a physical therapist, entrepreneur, coach and healer. As founder of Watson Worldwide, she now works with leaders across industries to reframe resilience

"Resilience has often been taught as sacrifice, as pushing through until you burn out," Watson said. "But what if resilience was not about sacrificing? What if it was about expanding — expanding a brilliance that's already in you?"

Watson shared her own struggles with burnout, describing how the traditional



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Susan Gatti, Disruptive Spark Business Academy, lead a morning JumpStart session on the beach.



Elizabeth Saitta and Kim Cottage, Co-Founders of Philanthropy Network of NY, recieved the PointVoIP Community Impact Award.

mindset of "pushing harder" left her disconnected from her work and her team. "The harder I pushed to be more resilient, the further I was getting away from what I was connected to — what I was giving to the world."

She urged attendees to listen to their bodies, reframe setbacks as communication, and approach challenges with receptivity rather than force. "When we do, we go from our true maturity to start trusting ourselves, working from honesty, and being resilient from a healthy space."

Elizabeth Saitta and Kim Cottage — cofounders of the Philanthropy Network of New York — are this year's recipients for the PointVOIP Community Impact Award. Their work has created real and lasting impact in our community.

The summit also explored topics ranging from financial confidence to leadership mindsets and the future of work with artificial intelligence. Panelists and speakers highlighted strategies for navigating personal growth, professional advancement and organizational change.

Sponsors, including our beach bag sponsor and photo booth sponsor, CLA, made this year's event possible; along with lanyard sponsor, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union; and community impact award sponsor, PointVoIP. Additional supporters included The Stefans Group, Forvis Mazars, Mending Hearts Counseling, Verron Law Group, Valley Bank, Alluring Age Anti-Aging and Wellness Center, Automatic Industries Inc., Vibrance 360, NHG Law Group, P.C., Nassau Community College, Disruptive Spark Business Academy, Meister Seelig & Fein, PLLC, Prager Metis, Form and Function Aesthetics and Wellness, Greenberg Cosmetic Surgery, PSEG Long Island, Catherine Candaeo Health and Wellness Corp., and State and Signal. And of course, a special thank you to our cof-



Jennifer Watson delivered an inspiring and interactive keynote address.

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For Amato, the day highlighted the collective strength in the room. "Everyone in this room contributes," she said. "Together, we can push past limits and step into our full potential."

To see a full list of speakers and photos visit: RichnerLive.com/wesummit



From left to right are the Own Your Worth panelists: Carol A. Allen (moderator), Rochelle L. Verron, Tifphani White-King, Esq., Donna M. Stefans, Esq., AIF®, Denise Savino-Erichsen.



Ashley Erichsen, Sarah Pushnic, Jackie Toich, Denise Savino-Erichsen, Marianna Mooney, Ellen Savino.



JP Panetta, CEO, Point VolP.



From left to right are the Mental Health: The Mind Games panelists: Elizabeth Saitta, Victoria Spagnolo, Esq., Jeffrey Reynolds, PhD, (moderator), Jamie Rosen, Esq., Anne



Veronica Isaac of PSEG Long Island.



Morning soundbowl activity lead by Constance Korol, Meta180.



Next Level You panelists: Veronica Isaac, left, Maria Conzatti, Ed.D, Stacey Sikes, Dr. Stephanie Trentacoste McNally.



The Wellness: Longevity, Menopause, and Rewiring Your Brain panelists: Dr. Luis Fandos, left, Dr. Linda Harkavy, Dr. Helen Hsieh and Dr. Stephanie Trentacoste McNally.



Jeannie Doherty-Benckwit and Jessica Dunbar from the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation.

# Finding hidden litter at annual cleanup

By ROKSANA AMID

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At first glance, Pryibil Beach looks pristine — waves lapping against the shore, the sand dotted with seashells and gulls. But beneath the surface, the beach tells a different story. On Saturday morning, volunteers uncovered 0.09 tons of litter, ranging from bottles and styrofoam to nicotine patches and shoes, during Glen Cove's annual beach

The event, held Sept. 20 as part of International Coastal Cleanup Day, took on added meaning this year as participants remembered Joan Bessette, a retired New York City teacher and longtime member of the Glen Cove Beautification Committee, who died last year at

Friends and colleagues recalled Bessette as a kind, sociable presence who poured her energy into beautifying the city. Before the first bags were filled, volunteers paused to honor her memory.

The Glen Cove Beautification Commission, working with the American Littoral Society, organized the cleanup, which drew dozens of residents, students, and divers. From 9 to 11 a.m., volunteers combed the shoreline and logged their findings on data cards. Students received community service hours, and gloves and supplies were provided.

'Beach cleanups like this are truly a team effort — from our Glen Cove Beautification Commissioners and staff, to the volunteers, community members, and scuba divers who joined us," said Beautification Commission Chair Lora Cusumano. "Every piece of plastic we collect makes a difference. Large items eventually break down into smaller fragments and microplastics, which are then ingested by fish, birds, and even humans."

Glen Cove High School student Aidan Logan said he was struck by the variety

'We've mainly just been picking up bottles of plastic around, since plastic was in bigger quantities," Logan said. "We also found styrofoam, shoes, coarse white bottles — and a plethora of nicotine patches. I was surprised, considering the nearest Dunkin' Donuts is on the other end of town.'

Divers from Scuba Network Long Island also played a role, clearing hazards beneath the pier. Zimra Braizblot, who represented the group, said they've supported Glen Cove's cleanup for years.

We do dives here throughout the summer and annually we come and do the cleanup of the beach and then we go underwater," Braizblot said. "Last year we found some interesting things weapons, phones, fishing line, and metal. We try to clean up the best we can to make sure that we can still use it for the future.'

Pryibil Beach has been part of the Littoral Society's New York cleanup program for more than 20 years. Alexandra Kanonik, program director for the society's New York office, emphasized the



Aidan Logan and Axel Aguliar said they were surprised by the amount of nicotine patches and Dunkin Donts cups they found.



Gladys Ribas and Majli Depz , both Juniors and the Glen Cove City school district say they came mto the cleanup because they wanted to help clean their community.



On Saturday morning, volunteers uncovered 0.09 tons of litter, ranging from bottles, styrofoam and nicotine patches.

importance of data collection.

'Coastal Cleanup Day started in 1985, and the Littoral Society was tapped to help with the New York State effort in 1986," Kanonik said. "Plastic straws, bottle caps, plastic bags — all that information is used for helping communities understand their litter profile and local

Cusumano encouraged residents to continue Bessette's legacy by joining future projects. The commission's next event is a Tulip Bulb Planting on Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon behind City Hall.

Pryibil Beach looks pristine with waves lapping against the shore, but beneath the surface, the beach tells a different





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A proposal to install an AT&T antenna on the roof of the Glen Cove Shopping Center, on Forest Avenue, has raised questions about safety and cellular coverage.

## Antenna is intended to improve cellular coverage

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thew Fitzgerald, a senior associate at Phillips Lytle LLP in Buffalo, stressed that the proposed rooftop facility was designed to be as unobtrusive as possible while addressing a longstanding coverage gap. "This is what's known as a single tri-sector antenna," he said. "It's an antenna mounted on top of a pole that's mounted on top of a rooftop mount that is attached to the parapet in the northeast corner. We looked for alternatives. This is the one that we felt took up the least amount of space on the roof, with as low visibility as possible from as many different locations."

According to Fitzgerald, the antenna would stand about 41 feet tall, and extending no higher than 20 feet above the existing roofline. Utilities would be routed through existing conduits, with no disturbance at ground level. The site, he emphasized, was chosen after a lengthy search and negotiations with potential landlords, and he added that alternatives on nearby buildings were either rejected by property owners or deemed structurally unworkable.

"There is a significant gap in coverage in the vicinity of the site," Fitzgerald said. "If you're inside any of the buildings in the area or if you're driving your car, you're not going to have reliable coverage. And this is important in the day-to-day life of everyone, but also in the event of emergencies, in the event that first responders need to make use of AT&T's First Responder Network Authority."

Planning Board member Philip Pulaski pressed Fitzgerald on how AT&T determines the need for new facilities. "I'm trying to determine who's creating the need," Pulaski said. "We're trying to figure out what's driving this, because we're trying to balance this against the needs of the community. I'm not hearing the community screaming for more towers."

Fitzgerald replied that AT&T monitors its own network and is obligated under federal law to remedy significant gaps. "AT&T produces propagation maps, so it's aware of where its gaps in coverage are," he explained. "Congress in 1996 passed the Telecommunications Act. That's the genesis of everything we're talking about. There are instances where federal law can override local zoning, and you can't effectively prohibit wireless services. So we have the obligation to fill these."

Board member Richard Maccarone expressed frustration with the federal restrictions. "You're saying that we have no authority — we can't do anything?" he said. "What are we doing here?

Joseph Macy, of Berkman Henoch, a consultant for the city, explained that the board retains authority over the placement and aesthetics of the antenna but cannot reject applications based on health concerns if the project complies with Federal Communications Commission limits. He confirmed that an independent consultant verified AT&T's compliance.

Property owner Bruce Waller defended the project. Waller, whose family built the shopping center, told the Herald that he signed the lease with AT&T five years ago to address what he called a "dead area" for service. "It's a dead area from Daisy School all the way to Locust Valley," he said. "We have a hospital that has no cell signal either."

Waller claimed that the antenna would be largely hidden. "It's in the back of the Rite Aid in the corner, and the trees are much higher than the antenna," he said. "My office is directly in front of where that antenna will be. It'll be right off the corner of the Rite Aid building, which is at the height of my office, and I'm not concerned. I'd rather have better cell service."

He added that his decision was not motivated by a desire to make a profit. 'We did it because we have no cell service in our area," Waller said. "We did it for the customers that shop at the shopping center. If I thought it was harmful to the neighbors, I wouldn't do it."

A second public hearing on the application is scheduled for Oct. 7.

# Ryder Cup set to tee off at Bethpage Black

"I don't look at it just as an economic boost," Hochul said. "I look at it as a point of pride."

Hochul, who added that the PGA Championship will be played at Oak Hill Country Club, in Rochester, in 2035, said that she "could not be prouder," that the state is a home to golf "and always will be."

Bethpage Black hosted its first PGA Championship in 2019, when Brooks Koepka won his second PGA title. The last time the women's championship was played in the state was at the Westchester Country Club in Harrison, in 2015; this is the first time it will be played at Bethpage Black.

'Bringing the KPMG Women's PGA Championship to Bethpage Black is a significant milestone," PGA of America President Don Rea said, adding that it reflects the PGA's "commitment to staging this event at premier courses in major markets.'

PGA of America, based in Frisco, Texas, hosts the Ryder Cup and other major golf tournaments in the United States. This year's biennial tournament, a matchup of the top golfers in the U.S. and Europe, is set for this weekend, beginning Friday.

A week before the first competitors teed off, Ryder



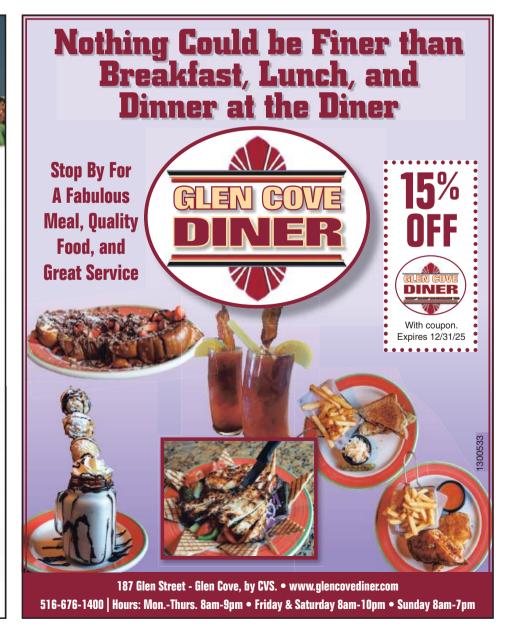
At Bethpage Black on Sept. 17, Gov. Kathy Hochul — above with Derek Sprague, CEO of PGA of America — announced that the course will also host the 2028 KPMG Women's PGA Championship and the 2033 PGA Championship.

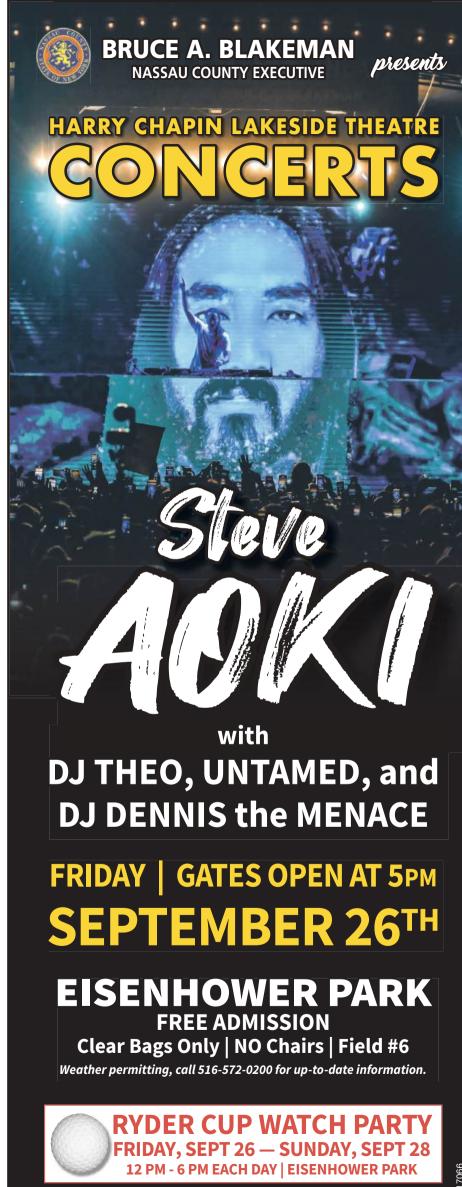
Cup Shops hosted a grand opening for the public, last Friday through Monday. Team U.S. fans can choose from over 1,500 items from more than 50 vendors at the 61.800-square-foot temporary pavilion, near Bethpage Black's main spectator entrance. Tournament tickets are not required, and this week the shops will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Ryder Cup Shops has 70 registers and a large queuing area for customers, so fans can pick up merchandise and get back to the competition quickly. There are 10 full-time staffers, 20 interns and 1,200 volunteers, according to Michael Quirk, the chief commercial officer of merchandising for Legends Global, the company overseeing tournament merchandise.

We've been told the expected number (of fans) for the Ryder Cup is north of 50,000" per day, Quirk said. "When we talk about a structure this big, there's a reason for it. This is a machine that is really built to make sure that the best premium retail experience is actually possible this week."









Photos courtesy Juliette Peckham Guddat

160 residents packed Roslyn Park in Sea Cliff on Sept. 13 for a potluck dinner hosted by Sea Cliff-based nonprofit Love Your Neighbor Project.

## Loving neighbors at the longest table in Sea Cliff

By LUKE FEENEY

The Love Your Neighbor Project, a Sea Cliff-based nonprofit, hosted a potluck dinner in Sea Cliff's Roslyn Park Sept. 13, where 160 residents filled their plates, made new acquaintances and played musical chairs.

The gathering, from 4 to 8 p.m., was for those 21 and older and cost \$20 per seat. Attendees were encouraged to bring a dish that served at least eight people. For the first 90 minutes, neighbors lined up to sample salads, main courses, sides and desserts.

The nonprofit's founder, Jaime Teich, described the dinner in a Sept. 16 Facebook post as "a different kind of special from all the other special things we do."

"Each detail was impeccable," Teich wrote, highlighting that "the food was delicious, and real connections were made between strangers who became neighbors."

LYNP's table was supported by Elite Tents & Events and was spearheaded by the nonprofit and Lisa Harir, a 66-yearold Sea Cliff resident, who has lived in the village for over two decades.Reflecting on the evening, Harir said that she believed the biggest take away was that "there is still a need and desire for supporting the community," she added that the event encapsulated "the idea of meeting new people, making friends and sitting with strangers in these tough political times."

The inspiration for the community potluck comes from the Longest Table, which began in New York City in 2022 after the pandemic, with the goal of gathering neighbors and sharing meals around tables in the middle of city blocks. It has since expanded to states throughout the country, including Connecticut, Massachusetts and California.

After dinner, local disc jockey DJ Valentine led a game of musical chairs that was officiated by Mayor Elena Villafane and Sea Cliff resident Kristine Janusas



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was declared first ever longest table musical chairs winner.

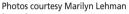
The Love Your Neighbor Project was founded in 2020 and is funded through its annual "All You Need Is Love" Prom event. The non-profit aims to bolster community connections on the North Shore by hosting community events and offering opportunities such as annual scholarships for students at North Shore High School.

"It was great to see folks of all ages sharing a beautiful time and making forever connections," Harir added. Teich argued in her Facebook post that the evening spent in Roslyn Park is what the organization strives for.

"Real community grows when people of all backgrounds put away their differences and gather side by side," she wrote. "What unites us will always be bigger than what divides us when we choose to let it. And your presence at our table is living proof of that. You remind us of what community looks like when social goodness takes a seat at the table.'

# STEPPING () UT





Mindy Dragovich, left, Erika Sato, Chris Finckel, Marilyn Lehman, and Deborah Wong carry forward the legacy started by its founders.



The American Chamber Ensemble with Blanche Abram, left, current ACE director Marilyn Lehman and Naomi Drucker.



Photo courtesy Hofstra University

Marilyn Lehman at the piano.

#### American Chamber Ensemble at 60

# A legacy of harmony

Sunday, Oct. 12, 3 p.m.

 Helene Fortunoff Theater. Hofstra University's Monroe

Lecture Center, California

Admission is free; registration

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Avenue, South Campus

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(516) 463-5669

By Abbey Salvemini

he American Chamber Ensemble (ACE). Hofstra University's esteemed ensemble-in-residence, reaches a musical milestone: its 60th anniversary. To commemorate six decades of musical excellence, ACE invites everyone to special anniversary concert.

The celebratory performance, upcoming on Oct. 12, at Hofstra's Helene Fortunoff Theater, is sure to be vibrant musical occasion that exemplifies what the ensemble does so well.

ACE was founded in 1965 by two visionary young Long Island mothers — pianist Blanche Abram and clarinetist Naomi Drucker, a proud member of Hofstra University's Class of 1957. Driven by a shared passion for music and a desire to continue performing while raising their families, then young mothers Abram and Drucker began presenting intimate concerts in local libraries and churches.

Touring wasn't an option for them," explains current ACE director pianist Marilyn Lehman '75, who is also on Hofstra's music faculty. "ACE was the compromise that allowed them to share their artistry with audiences here on Long Island.'

What began as a grassroots effort quickly blossomed into something much greater. Over the decades, ACE evolved into a nationally acclaimed ensemble, with performances gracing prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall and the National Gallery of Art. Despite this widespread recognition, both founders remained deeply rooted in their community. Abram and Drucker often expressed that the ensemble's growth and longevity were made possible by the unwavering support of their local audiences — a loyal and appreciative community they credited as the heart of ACE's enduring success

"American Chamber Ensemble has been bringing diverse programs to Hofstra University, combining strings, winds, piano and voice for decades," Tammy Hensrud, coordinator of vocal studies and adjunct professor of voice at Hofstra, shares. Hensrud has been with ACE since its founding and will also be performing that day.

Throughout the decades, the ensemble has delivered exceptional chamber music, while nurturing Hofstra talent and promoting local composers.

"It feels fantastic that we can carry on with our work," Lehman says.

Lehman and Mindy Dragovich — ACE's clarinetist and assistant director — both studied under Drucker and Abram, who were also their instructors during their time at Hofstra. Both women, who are also mothers, continue to carry on the legacy of their mentors, who balanced motherhood with their musical careers and inspired a new generation to do the same.

The audience can look forward to a diverse repertoire and perfomances at this concert featuring dancers, a chorus and current students. ACE offers up a dynamic program, including Leonard Bernstein's 'Make Our Garden Grow,' as well as works by Beethoven, André Messager, Steven Gerber and Schumann. A special highlight is an eight-hand piano piece from Faust, showcasing the ensemble's collaborative spirit. The performance also

> includes dancer Jessica Levin, who has choreographed a work to accompany Gerber's Cocktail Music for solo piano.

Special guest artists include the Hofstra Chamber Choir directed by Dr. David Fryling; mezzo-soprano Hensrud, soprano Karen DiMartino '07, baritone Andrew DiMartino, and violist

"I wanted to have a collaboration with the music department because they have supported us for all these years. So I brought back some of my students to perform," Lehman adds

Uniondale resident and Hofstra student violinist Jared Mercado earned the opportunity to play with the ensemble through a competitive audition. He joins Lehman on stage to perform a Beethoven sonata. It's a fun and inspiring experience for everyone, especially for those students in the audience who

see their classmates and music faculty perform together.

Neither ACE's founders nor its current musicians have ever considered their Hofstra residency to be perfunctory.

"Having our home base at Hofstra means students aren't just sitting in an audience at our concerts," Lehman says. "They know us. They learn and perform with us, and we build meaningful relationships with them.

She further emphasizes the value of having a dedicated cultural space within the community where local folks can experience classical chamber concerts

"Our mission was to bring professional artists and traditional repertoire up close and in the neighborhood," Lehman continues.

As the ensemble celebrates this milestone, its members also look ahead with renewed purpose. The group remains committed to its founding ideals: bringing world-class chamber music to the community, fostering the next generation of musicians and building meaningful connections through performance.

This 60th anniversary concert is not only a tribute to the past but also a joyful step into the future of an ensemble that continues to inspire, educate and unite through the power of music.



#### **Totally 80s Tribute** To The Legends

Prepare to crank up the volume and turn back the clock for a high-energy night of neon nostalgia at Totally 80s — a celebration of the decade that gave us big hair and bigger hits. Featuring powerhouse performances by Bon Journey NY, Rock of 80's and All About Joel, this electrifying concert takes you through the greatest '80s hits, from arena rock to synth-pop and everything in between. Keeping the party going between sets, DJ Jeff Nec spins some tracks. In the spirit of honoring creative excellence, the evening also spotlights the recipient of the Ted Fass Music Scholarship, awarded to an incoming music student at Molloy University who exemplifies the legacy of Ted Fass — a pioneer and visionary in the entertainment industry, and cornerstone of the Rockville Centre

Saturday, Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$55. Molloy University, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. Tickets available at madisontheatreny. org or (516) 323-4444.



#### '...We will rock you'

Get ready to sing along — Queenmania is back on Long Island. Almost Queen, the acclaimed tribute band, returns to the Paramount stage, bringing with them the soaring vocals, electrifying guitar riffs, and theatrical flair that defined one of rock's most legendary groups. Not just another cover band, their performances are carefully crafted to honor the spirit of Freddie Mercury, Brian May, John Deacon, and Roger Taylor while delivering a concert experience that feels fresh and alive. The lineup features Joseph Russo as the dynamic and charismatic Mercury, Steve Leonard as quitar virtuoso May Randy Gregg as bassist Deacon, and John Cappadona as drummer Taylor. Together, they recreate Queen's iconic sound with impeccable four-part harmonies, precise musical interludes, and the kind of stage energy that pulls audiences to their feet.

Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. \$108.75, \$98.25, \$76.25, \$64.75, \$54.25, \$48.75. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or

# YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD FALENDAR

**On Exhibit SEPT** Nassau County Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "At Play," surveys 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

**Spanish SEPT** heritage day Celebrate Spanish Heritage Day at a lively luncheon honoring the rich traditions, flavors,

and rhythms of Spanish culture at Glen Cove Senior Center. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal, festive décor, joyful live music, and special appearances that will bring the celebration to life. From vibrant sounds to warm community spirit, this is a feast for the senses and a heartfelt tribute to Spanish heritage.

- Where: 130 Glen St., Glen Cove
- Time: Noon
- Contact: (516) 759-9610

**SEPT** 

#### **Deep Roots Farmers Market** Shop fresh and local at

the Deep Roots Farmers Market! Enjoy a vibrant selection of Long

Island-grown produce, artisanal goods, fresh baked items, handmade crafts, and more. The market also features live music, family-friendly activities, and community vendors. Come support local farmers and makers, rain or shine!

- Where: 100 Garvies Point Road
- Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### **Pollinators**

Nassau County Museum of Art invites families to a Super Family Saturday program. Celebrate pollinators with us with museum



#### Yes: 'The Fragile 2025 Tour' **OCT**

Get ready to experience an unforgettable evening of Yes at its best, on the Paramount stage, featuring its existential prog masterworks and instrumental pyrotechnics. A pioneer of progressive rock, Yes has achieved worldwide success through a prolific and enduring music career spanning 45 years and 20 studio albums. With an ever growing fan base, Yes continues to electrify audiences with its daunting virtuosity, cosmic lyrics, complex musical textures and powerful lead vocals. The band — currently comprising Steve Howe on guitars and vocals,

Geoff Downes on keyboards, Jon Davison on vocals and acoustic guitar, Billy Sherwood on bass guitar and vocals, and Jay Schellen on drums — performs their iconic 1971 album "Fragile" in its entirety as part of this tour. Fans can look forward to hearing classic tracks such as "Roundabout," "Long Distance Runaround," and "Heart of the Sunrise," alongside other gems from their extensive and celebrated catalog.

"Fragile" holds a special place in Yes's discography, as it not only propelled the band to headline status in the U.S. but also distinguished itself with its unique blend of musical artistry. According to Steve Howe, the collaboration with co-producer Eddie Offord during this period helped the band reach new creative heights. This tour romises to merge the auditory and visual aspects that have always distinguished Yes as a band. The concert features a video wall displaying Al-generated interpretations of Roger Dean's iconic album artwork, designed back in 1971. Tickets are \$152.25, \$129.75, \$118.75, \$108.75, \$86.50.

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**Fall Family** 

Glen Cove Chamber

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Fall Family Festival.

Festival

Enjoy bounce houses, carnival

games, pumpkin decorating, a

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• Where: YMCA at Glen Cove,

125 Dosoris Lane

**Fall Fun Fest** 

• Time: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

• Contact: (516) 676-6666

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rock, and special guests who'll keep the party going.

- Where: 130 Glen St., Glen Cove
- Time: Noon

**OCT** 

• Contact: (516) 759-9610

Monthly meditation

Sands Point Preserve's reserve's historic mansions and waterfront grounds

are the backdrop for an evening of nature-based mindfulness and meditation with Hildur Palsdottir, first Thursday monthly. Classes are held in the beautiful rooms of the Preserve's mansions, or in the Hempstead House Garden when weather permits. Explore techniques specifically aimed at stress reduction. Hildur adapts ancient Buddhist teachings to modern applications for calming the mind. With transformative practices you will access wisdom and clarity to live a more compassionate life. In addition to facilitating these monthly groups, Hildur offers support with establishing a home meditation practice. No feeling is final. \$17

- Where: 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- Time: 6-8 p.m., also Nov. 6
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#### **Curator's Talk**

Join Franklin Hill Perrell for a fascinating look at Nassau County Museum's exhibit "At Play." The exhibit encompasses dance, music, theater, movies, circus, boating, and beach scenes, along with horseracing and various sports, both activeand passive. Examples of works include photography of rock stars and Hollywood icons; Andy Warhol's celebrity portraits of such subjects as Marilyn Monroe, James Dean, and John Wayne; and opera and theater artworks. Limited seating. Registration required. \$20, \$15 seniors, members free.

- Where: 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- Time: 3 p.m.
- · Contact: nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

**Golf Outing**The SAGE Foundation **SEPT** 

hosts its annual golf outing honoring Dr. Peter Kurzweil and Irma Jeanty.

Support SAGE's mission with a day of golf, networking and celebration.

- Where: Glen Cove Golf Club , 109 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove
- Time: 11 a.m.
- Contact: (516) 759-9612

#### **PTA** meeting

Robert M. Finley Middle School Parent-Teacher Association welcomes all to their meeting.

- Where: Robert M. Finley Middle School, 1 Forest Ave., Glen Cove
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Contact: (516) 801-7510

#### '70s Era Celebration

Enjoy a '70s Era Celebration Luncheon where bell bottoms, disco fever, and good vibes rule the day at Glen Cove Senior Center. With a delicious lunch, entertainment that brings back the golden age of funk, soul and **Downtown BID Halloween Parade and Festival** Celebrate Halloween

at the Downtown Business Improvement District's annual Halloween Parade and Festival. Enjoy festive fun, costume contests, family activities, and local vendors throughout downtown Glen Cove. Ideal for all ages.

- Where: Glen and School Streets
- Time: 1-3:30 p.m.
- Contact: (516) 759-6970

#### 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.

#### **NEWS BRIEFS**

#### Transit history day brings stories to life

The Glen Cove Public Library and North Shore Historical Museum will host a special event celebrating the rich history of transit in Glen Cove and Long Island. "Transit History Day" takes place on Sunday, October 5,, from 2 to 6 p.m., offering an afternoon filled with engaging talks, local stories, and connections to the evolution of transportation in the region.

This free event, supported by AARP and Age-Friendly Glen Cove, is open to all—whether you're a transit enthusiast, history buff, or simply curious about how Glen Cove's transportation system developed over time.

The day kicks off at 2 p.m. at the Glen Cove Public Library with transit historian Andrew Sparberg's presentation, "Nelson Rockefeller and the LIRR's Transition from Private Sector to the MTA." Sparberg will explore how political vision and public policy transformed the Long Island Rail Road in the 20th century, shifting it from a private enterprise to a public authority.

At 3:30 p.m., attendees are invited to a reception at the North Shore Historical Museum to enjoy complimentary refreshments and connect with fellow history lovers in Glen Cove's cultural heart.

The program continues at 4 p.m. with Dave Morrison, former Long Island Rail Road branch manager and author, who will share his expertise in "The History of the Oyster Bay Branch." Morrison's talk delves into the legacy of one of Long Island's most iconic rail lines.

The day concludes at 5 p.m. with local historian Koorosh Leibowitz's presentation, "From Trolleys to Today: Glen Cove Transit History," highlighting the city's unique journey from early streetcars to modern transit systems

Mark your calendars and take a ride through Glen Cove's transit past—this event promises a fascinating glimpse into the transportation stories that shaped the community.

For more information, visit the Glen Cove Public Library website: glencovelibrary.org/ or the North Shore Historical Museum website: northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.

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#### NuHealth offers breast cancer screenings

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton is partnering with NuHealth to bring the organization's mobile mammography van to Glen Cove for a day of free breast cancer screenings.

The event will take place on Thursday, October 9, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Charles Evans Center, located at 113 Glen Cove Avenue. Screenings will be provided by appointment only.

NuHealth's mobile mammography unit—commonly referred to as the "MammoVan"—offers convenient, onsite access to essential breast cancer screenings for eligible women over the age of 40. Each appointment includes a clinical breast exam by a nurse, a mammogram, and guidance on performing self-examinations.

The screenings are free for uninsured women who meet eligibility guidelines. Women with health insurance may be required to make a copayment. Those who are more than a year overdue for a mammogram will need to provide a prescription from their physician and bring any prior mammogram films if available.

"Early detection is critically important for the successful treatment of breast cancer, and resources such as NuHealth's mammography van make it easy and convenient to get screened and ensure that you are receiving the and ensure that you are receiving the care that you need," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "If you are overdue for a mammogram, there is no better time than right now to take charge of your health by making an appointment for an exam today.'

Breast cancer remains a significant health concern for women across the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second most common cancer among American women and the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths, after lung cancer. For Hispanic women and non-Hispanic Black women, it is the leading cause of cancer death.

To make an appointment or for more information, contact the office of Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton at (516) 571-6211 or email dderiggiwhitton@ nassaucountyny.gov.

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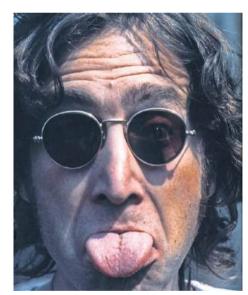
May Pang, a photographer and the companion of John Lennon during his "Lost Weekend," an 18-month period from 1973 to 1975, debuted a photo exhibition at the Long Island Picture Frame & Art Gallery in Oyster Bay featuring images she took during their time together. The exhibition, titled "The Lost Weekend – The Photography of May Pang," featured photos of the Beatle, his friends, collaborators and family, in intimate moments never before captured on camera.

-Will Sheeline



Many of the photos, including this one of John and his son Julian, or Jude, were taken on the Long Island Sound.

Pang's photography captures Lennon in many intimate moments, showing the humor and a more personal side to a man who many view as simply a legend.





Will Sheeline/Herald photos

Photographer May Pang debuted several never-before-seen photos she took of John Lennon during his



Dozens of residents from across Long Island came to see Pang's iconic photography and speak with her about her time with John Lennon.

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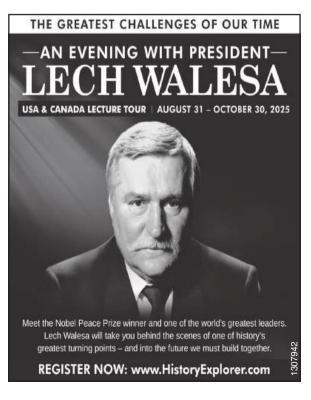
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#### **OPINIONS**

## Turn down the heat before it burns all of us

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very so often, a string of events forces us to stop and ask what kind of country we want to be.
We are living through one of those moments now. In recent years, America has faced a chilling series of politically motivated attacks.

Two separate assassination attempts



JAKE BLUMENCRANZ

targeted thenpresidential-candidate Donald Trump. Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro's home was set ablaze. Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband was beaten in

An Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer was shot out-

their residence.

side a Texas detention facility. The New Mexico Republican Party headquarters was set on fire. A gunman opened fire at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention headquarters. And in Minnesota, former House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband were murdered, while State Sen. John Hoff-

man and his wife were critically wounded in their own home.

Then — on the eve of the 24th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks — Charlie Kirk, one of the most influential con-

servative voices of his generation, was assassinated while speaking to college students about civic engagement.

From left to right, across every level of government, violence has pierced the lives of people who stepped forward to serve. These tragedies aren't just crimes. They are alarms. They tell us that something deeper is fraying in our civic life. We

are becoming a nation in which political disagreement too easily curdles into personal hatred and, in the worst cases, physical attacks.

As a young elected official and a young American, I believe our first duty is to turn down the temperature and turn up the cooperation. Civility is not weakness; it is the strength to listen when it is difficult, to engage instead of denouncing, to prove that words — not weapons — are the way we

resolve conflict.

From Long Island to every corner of New York state and across America, we must recommit to a few core principles:

n Protect free speech. Freedom of speech isn't just a constitutional clause — it is America's living heartbeat, the shared space in which disagreement becomes dialogue and strangers remain neighbors. We cannot allow fear to silence ideas. Speech we dislike must be met with better speech, not intimidation or violence.

n *Reject public shaming*and "cancel culture." When silence instead of dialogue.

we demand silence instead of dialogue, we make violence more thinkable.

Guarantee safety for those who serve. No one should risk their life for accepting public office or speaking their mind.

*Model cooperation.* From school boards to statehouses, we must show that disagreement can coexist with mutual respect.

These aren't partisan goals; they're

democratic imperatives. They are how a self-governing nation keeps its promise.

I also believe leadership begins at home. On Long Island, I see every day how neighbors with different views can still care for one another. That's the American character we need to elevate: strong enough to argue, strong enough to unite.

The question before us is simple and profound: Will we allow the loudest, angriest voices to define our politics, or will we prove that America is still capable of self-government through dialogue and decency?

Let's honor those we've lost — Charlie Kirk, Melissa Hortman and her husband, the victims of attacks from Pennsylvania to Texas to New Mexico — by choosing cooperation over confrontation. Let's show the world that our great experiment in liberty doesn't end in violence, but instead renews itself through civility and courage.

The time to lower the temperature is now. Before words become bullets, let us choose the harder path of understanding, and in so doing, keep the American promise alive.

Jake Blumencranz represents the 15th Assembly District.

# Is our democracy suffering growing pains?

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pre-MAGA era.

fairly egalitarian

n recent months, and perhaps for the first time in our adult lives, many of us have been worrying about the viability and survivability of the great American experiment known as democracy. It has been the only government we have known, and we assumed, perhaps naively, that free-

RANDI KREISS

dom would ring forever across our land.

I did. I remember my young self, hand across my heart at an elementary school assembly, looking at the flag and reciting the pledge. It was such serious business. My devotion was uncomplicated. I grew up

knowing I was lucky to have been born in my time and place.

My dad schooled us early and often on the opportunity America offered his immigrant parents, who fled pogroms and antisemitism in Eastern Europe.

I never traveled overseas without coming back through customs and immigration thinking, "God bless America." I never visited another country that beckoned me for more than a week or two. I think of myself as a

patriot.

When I was a college student and we philosophized about democracy, there seemed only a few and very sensible boundaries. Like don't yell "Fire!" in a

crowded theater. Otherwise, free speech felt like a particularly American right. As kids we chanted, "Sticks and stones can break my bones, but names can never harm me."

Now, increasing restrictions on speech are disorienting. Our democracy feels destabilized. How do we speak up and support the least powerful and most in need of American justice without fear of

reprisals? How have words — just words, compilations of simple letters — become "triggers" or a forbidden form of expression? Why take a word like d-i-v-e-r-s-i-t-y and scrub it from policy language as if it were an epithet? It means, "The practice of including people from a range of different social and ethnic backgrounds" — a quintessentially American concept we historically have embraced.

These days, I don't recognize us. America on its best day is far from perfect. As an educated adult, I know this. Any country that sanctioned slavery and the internment of citizens carries that brand forever. But we also preserved freedom in World Wars I and II, beat back dictators and welcomed millions of immigrants who helped build the greatest country in the world. We

educated the best scientists and led the world in developing vaccines for the most dreaded diseases.

The good, the bad — all of it is true, and the fabric of our nation today is richly threaded with our triumphs. We are all the stronger because we have survived dark times, like the Civil War, and built a society that has been a beacon for freedom around the world.

Within the generous embrace of America's democratic government there have always been imperfections. Some argue that hard work pays off; others say that not everyone has equal access to either higher education or good jobs. Corruption sometimes tilts the playing field.

I don't know how to resist the current threats to democracy, except to write and talk about them, to vote and encourage others to vote, to support fair elections. I do know we have to pay attention. Continuing to educate ourselves and encouraging open political discussions among others can only be a good

thing

We Americans thought of ourselves as a fairly egalitarian society in the pre-MAGA, pre-billionaire era. There was a real thriving middle class when I was growing up, attainable through higher education or apprenticeship and hard work. Nothing seemed out of reach. The deal was that people in business or professions or trades could buy homes for growing families.

Today that deal is broken. Homes are out of reach for many young couples. Food prices are eating up family budgets.

Now, only 250 years after the Declaration of Independence, we observe increasing class distinction in many elements of our culture.

Can we grow through this?

Can we agree that anyone who wants an education can still get it, and that people starting out can find affordable housing? All of it can be true and workable, but we can't call ourselves a democracy when free speech and economic opportunity are threatened. A democracy embraces all its citizens, and in the best of worlds, welcomes newcomers.

In my lifetime, our imperfect democracy had room for everyone and was moving, in starts and stops, toward inclusivity. Now it seems stalled.

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### **HERALD EDITORIAL**

## Next month, adopt a loving four-legged friend

ctober is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, a time to bring attention to the countless animals in need of loving homes. On Long Island we're fortunate to have strong networks of shelters working to give dogs, cats and other animals a second chance at life. Yet despite their tireless efforts, too many pets remain behind kennel doors, waiting.

The Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter, Town of Oyster Bay Animal Shelter and Town of Babylon Animal Shelter are maior lifelines for rescue pets. There are smaller but equally dedicated operations in Long Beach and on the North Shore.

Animal shelters — such as those in our towns — are typically run by municipalities, and house stray, abandoned or surrendered pets. They are often required to take in all animals brought to them. Shelters may have paid employees, but also rely on volunteer support. Animal rescues, on the other hand, are usually nonprofit and volunteer-run. Rescues can be more selective about the animals they accept. Together, shelters and rescues form a network of care that helps countless animals find safe, loving homes.

The message next month is clear: adopt, don't shop. And even better, adopt from your local shelter.

When people turn to breeders — or worse, puppy mills — for their next pet, they overlook the many dogs already in need of homes. These are animals with plenty of love to give, that simply need someone to open their heart and their home. Shelter pets may not always be purebred, and some may come with personality quirks, but they often make the most loyal companions. Their gratitude is evident in every wagging tail and every snuggle.

Some people worry that adopting from a shelter is expensive. In fact, it's often the opposite. The cost of adopting a dog can be less than \$100, and cats are typically under \$70. Many shelters also offer

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special promotions for veterans, seniors and first responders, bringing those prices down even further. When you consider what's often included — spaying or neutering, vaccinations and microchipping — adoption is not only the compassionate choice, but also the practical one.

Of course, not everyone is in a position to adopt. That doesn't mean you can't help. Shelters and rescues rely heavily on community support. Volunteers are always needed to walk dogs, play with cats, or simply give animals

the human interaction they crave.

Fostering is another option, offering an animal a temporary home while the shelter supplements the costs of its care. Foster homes are especially critical for pets that don't thrive in a kennel environment or who need extra attention before they're ready for adoption. Fostering a pet doesn't just save that one animal. It also opens up space for a shelter to take in another one in need.

Then there are the basic supplies that shelters are always in need of: food, blankets, toys. Monetary donations go a long way in offsetting these facilities' medical bills for sick or injured animals. Even the smallest contribution can make a big difference.

Adopting a dog can change its life forever, and will likely improve yours. Studies cited by the American Heart Association have found that dog ownership is linked to a lower risk of death from all causes, offering benefits to both heart health and overall well-being.

While October focuses on shelter dogs, it's worth remembering that they aren't the only ones waiting. Cats from kittens to seniors — make up a large portion of shelter populations. If you're considering adding a furry friend to your family, keep an open mind about who that might be.

Next month is a call to action. For anyone thinking about a new pet, consider visiting a local shelter before contacting a breeder. For those who can't adopt, find a shelter to volunteer with, foster for or donate to. Every effort helps lighten shelters' load and brighten the future of the animals they care for.

"Saving one dog won't change the world," Karen Davison, an animal advocate, rescue supporter and author, likes to say, "but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever." Next month, let's make that change happen — one adoption, one act of kindness and one wagging tail at a time.

#### **LETTERS**

#### Support the Holocaust Memorial and **Tolerance Center**

To the Editor:

In this critical moment for the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, we invite the community to join us in our Flash Membership Drive as we celebrate our 31st

For more than three decades, the center has educated over half a million people about the lessons of the Holocaust and the importance of tolerance. Today, that mission is more urgent than ever. With rising antisemitism and hate crimes, your support is vital in helping us spread awareness, strengthen understanding and foster compassion.



#### **OPINIONS**

# Back-to-school eye exam can set your child up for success

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rotecting a child's vision is a crucial part of their overall health and development. Just like regular checkups for their teeth and ears, early eye screenings are essential. Many common vision problems in kids can go completely unnoticed, because a child might not even realize that their vision is blurry or that something is wrong. Catching and treat-



CAROLYN SHIH

ing these issues early is the key to preventing long-term problems that could affect their learning, behavior and social life.

The warning signs of vision problems that parents shouldn't ignore include squinting at objects; holding books or devices

too close; eye misalignment — one or both eyes turning inward or outward, particularly when tired; head tilting; avoidance of near tasks — a reluctance to read, draw or do homework; excessive tearing or light sensitivity, which may signal allergies or inflammation; and difficulty in school — struggling with reading, skipping lines or losing track while studying.

Even one of these signs can indicate that urgent treatment is necessary.

A closer look at nearsightedness in kids. Nearsightedness, also known as myopia, is one of the most common eye conditions in children. It's when a child can see things up close just fine, but things far away appear blurry.

If your child's vision is worsening

quickly, there are treatments that can help slow it down. Low-dose atropine eye drops have been shown to be effective in slowing the progression of nearsightedness. And certain types of contact lenses are designed to help slow the worsening of a child's vision. These treatments can make a big difference in a child's eye health as they grow.

Contact lenses for kids.

For active children, especially those involved in sports, contact lenses can be a game-changer. They eliminate the risk of broken glasses on the playground or field, and can give kids more confidence.

That said, not every child is ready for the responsibility. Children must be mature enough to remove contacts before sleeping, and to clean and store them properly every day.

Eye safety in sports. Sports are one of the leading causes of eye injuries in children. To help reduce risks, experts recommend polycarbonate sports glasses, which are impact-resistant and far safer than regular glasses. These should be considered essential equipment, just like helmets or mouth guards.

Protecting young eyes from the sun. Parents are well aware of the importance of sunscreen, but many forget

> that UV rays can damage children's eyes, too. In fact, most lifetime UV exposure happens during childhood.

Wearing 100 percent UV-protection sunglasses when outdoors — especially near water, sand or snow, which reflect UV rays — can prevent damage that may later lead to cataracts or macular degeneration. Making sunglasses a daily habit helps ensure healthier eyes for life.

The dangers of eye rubbing. You may not realize it, but frequent eye rubbing can be a big problem. For kids with allergies, constant rubbing can actually damage the cornea, the clear front part of the eye.

This can lead to a condition called keratoconus, in which the cornea becomes so thin that it bulges forward into a cone shape. This causes blurry vision that can't be fixed with regular glasses or contacts.

What can we do about it? The good news is that if keratoconus is caught early, there are treatments. A procedure called corneal collagen cross-linking can help stop the condition from getting worse. Also, using allergy eye drops or oral medication can reduce the itchiness and the urge to rub, protecting the eyes from further damage.

A clear message for parents. Protecting a child's vision is one of the greatest gifts parents can give. The bottom line is straightforward:

Screen early — ideally by age 3 to 5.

Watch for warning signs like squinting, head tilting or school difficulties.

Protect young eyes from injuries and UV damage.

Seek treatment early for conditions such as myopia or keratoconus.

An eye exam for your child is quick and painless, but it can make a difference that lasts a lifetime. Don't wait for your child to complain about their vision — catching problems early is key.

Add an eye exam to the list of things to do early in the school year. Clear vision is about more than just seeing the board at school; it's about giving every child the best chance at success, safety and healthy eyes for life.

Dr. Carolyn Shih is an assistant professor at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell, and works at South Shore Eye Care, a member of the Northwell Health Eye Institute.

#### **LETTERS**

Membership offers more than a year of free access to our permanent and special exhibits — it is a commitment to education and action. Every membership directly supports programs that reach over 30,000 Long Island students annually, as well as training for law enforcement, educators and nurses. These efforts empower our community leaders to make a positive difference in confronting prejudice and promoting inclusivity.

Members can also participate in group tours and classes that bring history to life and deepen the conversation about tolerance. Together we can be a beacon of hope, ensuring that the lessons of the past guide us toward a more compassionate future.

Join us today and stand with the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County.

DR. BERNIE FURSHPAN Board vice chair, marketing director, HMTC Glen Cove

## None of us deserves harm for our beliefs

To the Editor:

I write today outraged at the sense-

less murder of Charlie Kirk. When did we, as a nation, decide that political disagreement should be met with fists, bullets and blood instead of words? Debate used to be the cornerstone of democracy. Now too often it feels like dissent is treated as a death sentence.

In the late 1980s, I traveled to London, and stumbled on Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park. Anyone could climb onto a soapbox and speak their mind — on politics, faith or even hatred itself. Crowds heckled, argued and mocked, but they did not silence or assault the speaker. The unarmed Bobbies stood by only to keep the peace. It was a living model of what free expression should look like: passionate, messy, even uncomfortable — but never violent.

Charlie Kirk was a lightning rod, and at times I disagreed with his ideas — sometimes very strongly — but other times I agreed with him. That's how democracy works: We weigh arguments, we challenge one another, we debate. But disagreement is not justification for violence. When I thought he was wrong, I wished for dialogue and enlightenment, not harm.

Instead, we are letting ourselves be manipulated by sensationalist media,

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The Cowboy Biker Band, carved out of wood, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum - Garden City

rage-driven podcasts and toxic social media that thrive on division. Too many Americans now view someone who holds a different opinion not as a neighbor but as an enemy. That is poisonous — and deadly.

None of us deserves harm for our beliefs. If America is to endure as a free

society, we must relearn how to argue fiercely without killing one another. Violence cannot be the answer. Debate must be.

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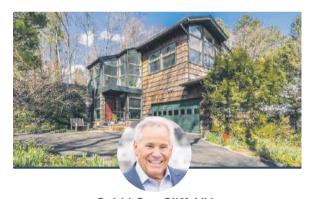
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