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Fostering dignity with sisterhood

Lela Watson is reshaping how Glen Cove helps young women and families

By Roksana Amid

Kneeling on the floor of a small side room at Robert M. Finley Middle School in Glen Cove, Lela Watson folded a stack of pants and slid them neatly onto shelves already packed with sweatshirts, shirts, tops and belts. She was preparing the space for parents and students arriving for parent-teacher night on Dec. 10.

Behind her, a pink shelving unit — lined with shoes, accessories and children's items, and softened by a delicate white curtain — stood out amid rows of carefully organized clothing, marking this modest room as the home of the I Am My Sister thrift store.

It is quiet, behind-the-scenes work, but it captures why Watson, 45, has been named the Herald's Person of the Year. The recognition pays tribute to her steady commitment to dignity, access and connection.

Watson is the founder and president of I Am My Sister, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering youth — particularly young women — through mentorship, wellness, leadership development and community-based programming.

Originally from Jamaica, Queens, Watson moved to Glen Cove in 2017, bringing with her an organization she first launched in North Carolina in 2010.

"I wanted to create the support system for others that my grandmother and my family was for me and my sister," Watson said. "That's where it started."

Raised in New York City, she described a childhood marked by instability, addiction and uncertainty.

"My mom was a teen mom, and she was on drugs," Watson said. "My sister (Crystal, 36) and I struggled with confidence and self-esteem, because the thought is that the foundation of your confidence and self-love comes from your parents. And when you don't have that, you question if anybody will truly love you."

Though she credits her extended family with providing love and stability, Watson said the absence of her mother's care left a lasting impact, particularly on her sister. That experience shaped

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LELA WATSON

Founder and president, I Am My Sister



the name and philosophy of her organization.

Watson went on to attend NYU's School of Business in 2021, choosing it over a full scholarship to Yale after becoming pregnant as a teenager. The decision was rooted in wanting to raise her daughter differently from how she had been raised.

"I wanted to do everything opposite of my mom," she said. "I worked — at times overnight at UPS — got off at four o'clock in the morning, came home, got my daughter ready for school, went to class and I did that for years."

When Watson relocated to Glen Cove, she said the transition was not easy. Shortly after moving, her daughter Sydney struggled with the change, and attempted suicide at age 14.

As Watson worked to re-launch I Am My Sister locally, she said the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club was the first organization to return her call. That led to early programs, including Cupcakes and Conversation, and eventually to school-based clubs modeled after those she had run successfully in Maryland and North Carolina.

The high school club launched just before the pandemic, then struggled due to shutdowns, transportation barriers and

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Lela Watson, founder and president of I Am My Sister, is originally from Jamaica, Queens, and moved to Glen Cove eight years ago. She launched the organization in North Carolina in 2010.



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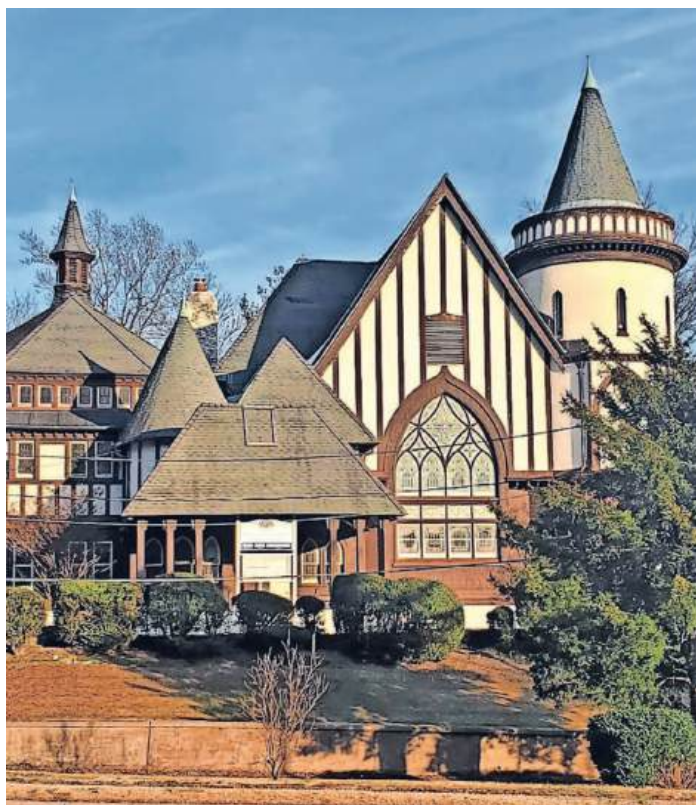
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First Presbyterian Church holds final service. Founded in 1869, the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove will held its final service on Jan. 11.



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Celebrating the lunar new year with art. David Dinoff and his sister-in-law Cathy Parsa painted images for the Lunar New Year at the Glen Cove Library.



Courtesy Lydia Wen

VFW to oversee veteran banner program. Debbie Cantor proudly displayed her veteran banner for Joseph Cunningham during a banner cleanup event at the



Courtesy AJ Kuhr

Fostering inter-generational connections. Eellie Leonard, 5, left, held by her sister, Kylie, with a photo of a postcard Ellie made that is on display at the Glen Cove public Library.



Courtesy The Regency at Glen Cove

Carol Rubin, teacher and lifelong learner, dies at 103. Musa, near right, Richard and Emily Rubin, far right, celebrated the 103rd birthday of their mother, Carol Rubin.

From holiday cheer to environmental care. Glen Cove Beautification, city officials, the Department of Public Works and other volunteers braved the frigid temperatures to volunteer their time for the Chip-A-Tree event.



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■ A 65-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on Dec. 11 for harassment and resisting arrest on Burns Ave.

■ A 26-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Dec. 23 for aggravated DWI and driving while intoxicated on Continental Place.

■ A 31-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Dec. 21 for driving while impaired by drugs, two counts of aggravated unlicensed operation, aggravated unlicensed operation, circumvention of an alcohol interlock device, no taillights and speeding on Charles Street.

■ A 36-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Dec. 19 for aggravated DWI, driving while intoxicated, illegal tint on windows and failure to use turn signal on Glen Street.

■ A 33-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Dec. 12 for DWI, unsafely turn and improper turn on Forest Ave.

■ A 66-year-old Rosedale man was arrested on Dec. 6 for Glen Cove arrest warrants for aggravated unlicensed

operation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and suspended registration on Pratt Blvd. He was additionally charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, uninspected vehicle and impeding traffic.

■ A 32-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on Dec. 3 for Glen Cove City Court arrest warrants for DWI, aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, improper plates, unregistered vehicle, unsafe lane change, unlicensed operation, no or inadequate headlights and drinking alcohol in a motor vehicle while on the roadway on Mason Drive.

■ A 44-year-old Freeport man was arrested on Dec. 3 for Glen Cove City Court arrest warrants for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, equipment violation for obstructed view, unlicensed operation and no inspection on Putnam Ave.

■ A 35-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on Dec. 1 for petit larceny on Dickson Street.

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

Community celebrates the legacy of MLK

Glen Cove will mark the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with its 42nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemorative Commission event on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026. This year's theme, "Dr. King's Dream: Equality and Inclusion for All," emphasizes community unity, civil rights, and service to others.

Attendees are invited to gather at 8:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 7 Continental Place, where a symbolic march will step off at 8:45 a.m. The commemorative program will follow at 9:15 a.m. at Finley Middle School in Glen Cove, featuring reflections on King's message of justice and inclusion. The event is hosted by the City of Glen Cove, the Glen Cove

City School District, and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Commemorative Commission.

In the spirit of the national Day of Service, organizers are encouraging participants to bring nonperishable food items to donate to NOSH, a local food pantry and delivery service. Contributions may be dropped off at First Baptist Church or at Finley Middle School's horseshoe entrance. The food drive is being organized in partnership with AHRC.

The annual observance brings residents, civic leaders, students, and clergy together to honor King's call for compassion, equality, and community action.

— Roxana Amid

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Secondly, you reserve the right to change

who you leave your trust estate to upon death. Circumstances change and your MAPT gives you the flexibility to "roll with the punches".

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Building sisterhood beyond the classroom

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scheduling conflicts. The organization later refocused its efforts on middle school students, where Watson and school staff said the need is particularly acute.

"It was really Lela's passion for addressing the lack of sisterhood amongst the youth," Dr. Annalise Henry, chief psychologist for the Glen Cove City School District, said. "She wanted to have an outlet for girls to be able to address those things that interfere with how they interact with each other."

Henry said the middle school environment is a critical stage of development, marked by insecurity, comparison and relational conflict.

"A lot of times it's with people that they have more in common with than they have differences with," Henry said.

Out of those conversations came My Big Sister's Closet, a school-based thrift store that operates twice a month during lunch periods and opens during events such as parent-teacher conferences. The closet is a space designed to feel welcoming rather than transactional.

"It's one of those things where we're trying to change the stigma," Watson said. "The goal is for it to be more of a sisterhood where you come and shop and have fun."

During the parent-teacher conferences, parents paused their schedules to step inside the room — some for the first time.

Nancy Quizhpy, who visited the closet with her 10-year-old daughter, Adrianna, said there are "good quality" items in the closet.

Joanna Zuppari, a volunteer with the PTA, said she and other parents had already heard positive re-



Nancy Quizhpy and her daughter, Adrianna, considered a white top in the My Big Sister's Closet thrift store during parent-teacher night at Finley Middle School on Dec. 10.

views about the closet from their daughters.

Watson said that hygiene products, bags and jewelry are in high demand.

Josephine Santagata, a school social worker and the middle school club adviser, said the benefits are immediate.

"The closet has made such a huge impact on the girls' motivation in school," Santagata said. "They feel safe being able to go into a thrift store and get clothes without feeling judged."

Santagata described weekly activities that focus on friendships, self-esteem and conflict resolution, including exercises in which girls practice giving and receiving compliments.

"Middle school girls need to know that they have

each other's backs," she said.

The organization gained broader public attention this year. In the spring, I Am My Sister raised the Pan-African flag in Glen Cove for the first time.

The organization hosted a Black History Month gala honoring local educators, public servants and community leaders, and a youth mental health awareness walk focused on public wellness.

Watson works full time as a human resources director at Compass Group USA, experience that shapes how she runs the nonprofit.

"I'm very data-focused," she said, noting that she also serves as the organization's grant writer.

She credits a strong support system, including her husband, Rod, and a core group of volunteers, for sustaining the work.

Kimberly Hudson, a board member of I Am My Sister and the wife of Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson, said Watson's blend of professionalism and warmth is what makes the organization work.

"She's a visionary," Hudson said. "She's business, but she also has a great personality, a great sense of humor. She's very approachable."

The organization is preparing to resume its high school club in January, following advocacy from Abigail and Camille Cuadra-Chalen, 16-year-old twin juniors who gathered more than 200 signatures urging the district to restore the program.

As Watson continues to expand programming, including plans for adult Big Sister initiatives, she remains focused on impact over recognition.

"You cannot run away from your passion," she said. "As long as I can see the impact — the lives that we change — it helps me to keep going."

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Courtesy Stevens Martinez

The kind of person we need in politics. Stevens Martinez frequently walks the halls of the State Capitol with Gov. Kathy Hochul, discussing constituent concerns.



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Hispanic Chamber gala honors businesses. Nadia Vee, David Thompson, Connie Pinilla, Carlos Santana celebrated Hispanic businesses on the North Shore.



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North Shore Village Theatre's Valentine's show charms Glen Cove. Dory Agazarian, one of the evenings performers, captivated the audience with her soft melodies.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Couples rekindle romance at City Hall. Couples of all ages gathered to reaffirm their commitments in a heartfelt ceremony featuring a reading of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's How Do I Love Thee?



Courtesy Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center

Digital platform with 'limitless potential'. Alan Mindel, Jonny Daniels and Bernie Furshpan after the first recording of 'hmTv,' a podcast through the Nassau County Holocaust Tolerance and Memorial Center.

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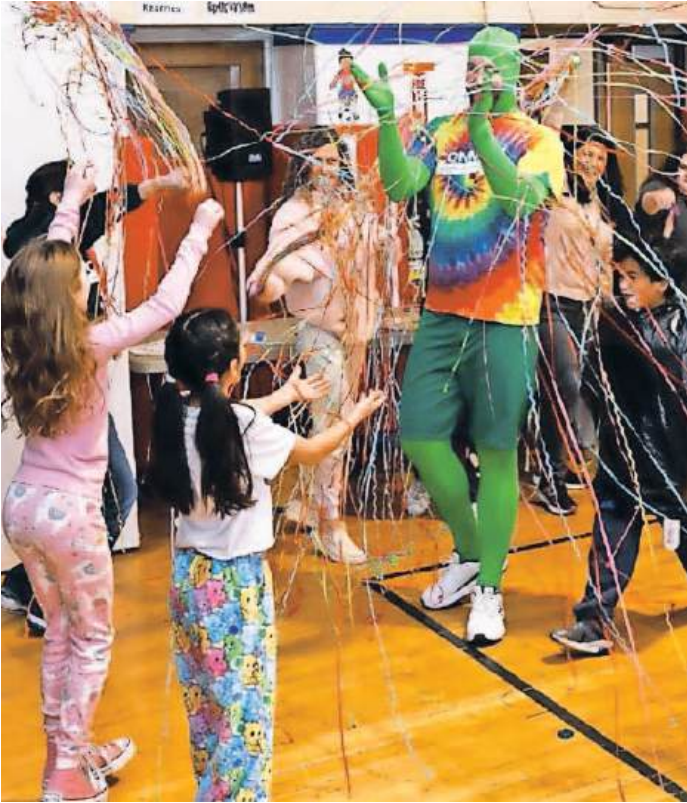


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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Celebrating 34th PARP literacy week. Students participated in an obstacle course challenge with Bryce Klatsky during the Glen Cove City School District literacy week.



Courtesy Peter M. Budraitis photography

First Pan-African flag raising. Mary Stanco, Pamela Panzenbeck, Marsha Silverman, Lela and Roderick Watson, Chuck Lavine and Delia DeRiggi-Whitton were part of the historic event in downtown Glen Cove.



Courtesy HMTTC

Preserving survivor Holocaust stories through art. Rosalie Simon, a Holocaust survivor, reflected on a powerful portrait depicting the moment her hair was cut—a haunting memory from her past—created by student artist Genesis Carranza. Janet Lust Ganes who stands alongside is Genesis’s art teacher at Lawrence High School.



Courtesy Peter M. Budraitis photography

Women who blazed trails reflect on their success. Marsha Silverman hosted a Women’s History Month panel discussion at City Hall. Featured speakers included Josephine Linden, Dawn Riley and Melissa Bert.



Joanne Yee/Herald

Scoop N Fruit brings Dr. Seuss to Glen Cove. Evangline Lang, 7, and Charlotte Fang, 7, were excited to receive their free Dr. Seuss books from Scoop N Fruit.

Blakeman says Democrats are playing ‘political games’. County Executive Bruce Blakeman had an angry exchange with Minority Leader DeliaDeRiggi-Whitton during a news conference about Nassau’s capital budget in the County Legislature’s ceremonial chamber in Mineola.



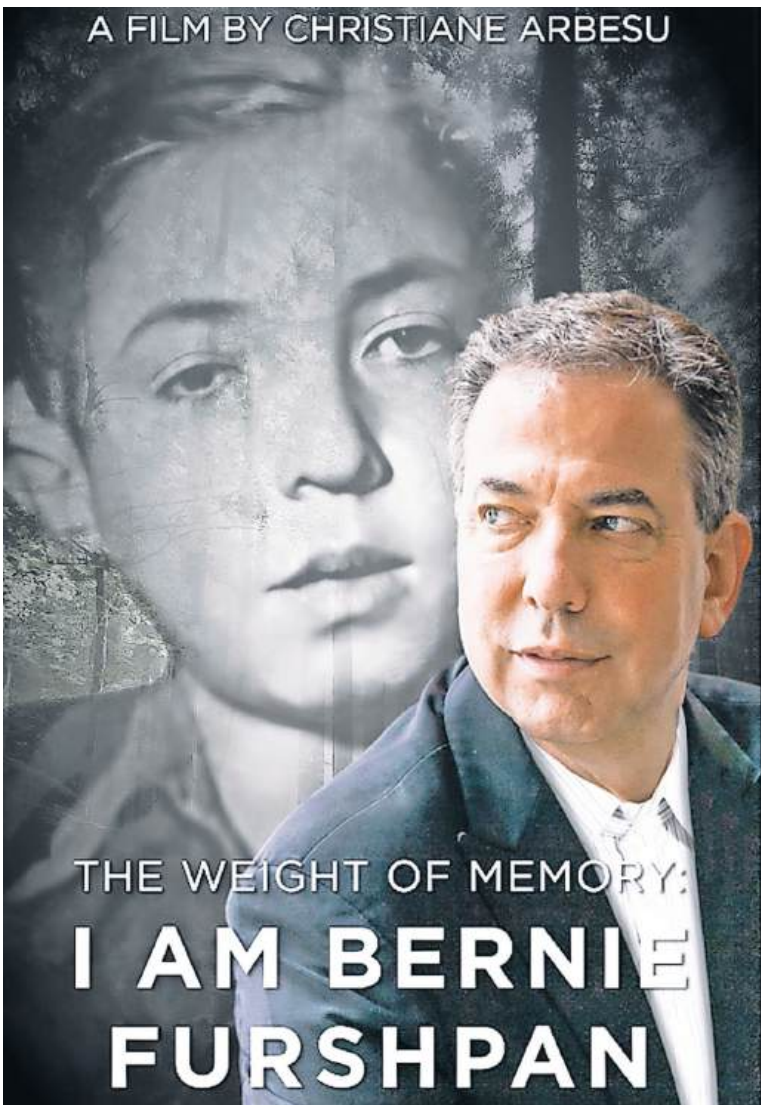
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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

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



Courtesy Christiane Arbesu

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



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Field renamed in honor of coach Dolecki. Peter Falen, a physical education teacher who coached basketball and baseball alongside Dolecki for 26 years spoke of Dolecki's impact on the school community during a dedication ceremony.



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NCRT brings Seder to Sunrise Living. Jakob, Benjamin and Melissa Schwedhelm celebrated Seder at Sunrise of Glen Cove with Paula Frome, a board member of North Country Reform Temple.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Faith at first light. The sunrise Easter service at Morgan Memorial Park began with the soulful sounds of "Amazing Grace," played by bagpiper Robert Lynch, who stood at the base of a 17-foot-tall cross.



Courtesy Richard Rubin

A legacy of wisdom, wit and learning. Richard, Carol, Emily and Musa Rubin shared many laughs and smiles together in their family home.

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Courtesy Marsha Silverman

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



Roksana Amid/Herald

Digging deep to keep Glen Cove beautiful. Tyrone Boyd, a laborer with DPW, worked hard to ensure the trees were healthy and firmly planted during am Earth Day and Arbor Day event with the city’s Beautification Commission.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Funds raised for veteran mental health. The Tribute and Honor Foundation presented a \$1,000 donation to CEC Health Care during a check presentation ceremony at Glen Cove City Hall.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Essay and memorial tour honor veterans. Glen Cove High School junior Michael Renga is the winner of this year’s “Echoes of Freedom” essay contest.



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Field 2 upgraded at Maccarone Stadium. Glen Cove Baseball & Softball Association presented a \$30,000 check to the Friends of the Glen Cove Youth Bureau to fund the new backstop at Field 2.

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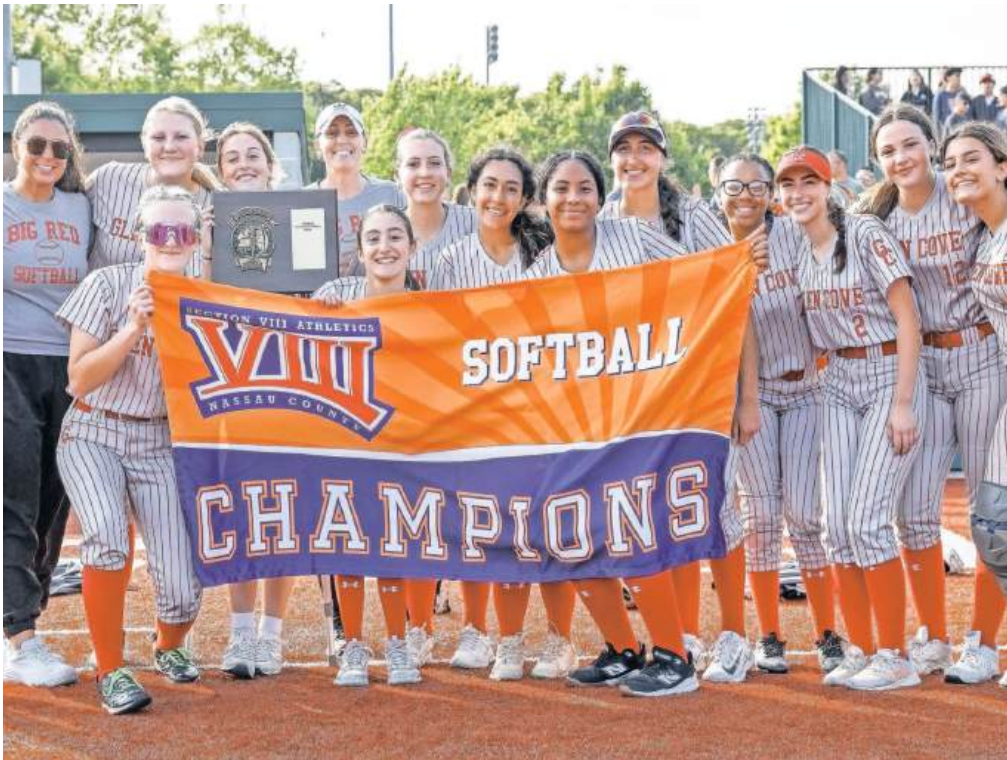
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The ongoing fight for equality. Joey Ramirez, representing Kathy Hochul’s office, presented a citation to Cassia Blackburn for her work with the school district. On the right, Marsha Silverman. Silverman organized the event and led the LGBTQ flag raising downtown after.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Deep Roots market returns with Glen Cove chamber. John Garcia, from The Cheese Guy, hands samples to eager shoppers Carmen and Enrique Morales.



Derrick Dingle/Herald

Glen Cove wins first softball title in 40 years. The Big Red celebrated after a 2-1 win over MacArthur in Game 3 of the championship series gave it the Nassau Class AA softball title at Farmingdale State College.



Keilyn Zavala/Herald

Inspiring young gardeners at Big Ralph Park. Amariyah Ciccotelli and Leah Zecena, from Connolly Elementary School, were thrilled to experience a visit from ReWild Long Island at Big Ralph Park.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Capturing the spirit of Harriet Tubman. For Juneteenth, the Glen Cove Library welcomed Christine Dixon on June 19 for a performance of her acclaimed one-woman show, Harriet Tubman Herself.



Joanne Yee/Herald

Celebrating North Shore fire departments. Grand Marshals Vincent Martinez, Fred Lamere and Neil McNaughton rode together in style during the parade.

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Courtesy Rabbi Irwin Huberman

Celebrating 18 years at Congregation Tifereth Israel. 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.



Joanne Yee/Herald

Celebrating Italian heritage at St. Rocco. More than 40,000 people attended the Feast of St. Rocco.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Cove Animal Rescue struggles amid rising costs. The no-kill shelter, which currently houses more than 60 cats and seven dogs, is widely recognized for its compassionate care and strong community ties.



Brian Norman/Herald

Hochul pushes cell phone ban in schools. Gov. Kathy Hochul visited the Hicksville school district on June 24 to talk about their plan to implement the distraction-free schools policy.



Joanne Yee/Herald

City bike parade rolls into its biggest year. Youth lined up their bikes at Village Square to show off their creative and patriotic spirits.

Scholarship winner is chosen. Heather Alvarado, seventh from left, a graduate of Glen Cove High School and a first-generation college student, received this year's Dr. Glenn Howard Jr. Scholarship by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce.



Courtesy Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce

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Courtesy Glen Cove City Hall

Remembering Fire Capt. James Hall. The Hall family stood in solidarity with local firefighters, elected officials and members of the community moments after the sign’s unveiling.



Roksana Amid/Herald

Unity and gratitude at city’s annual National Night Out. Police Chief William Whitton, second from left, and his daughter, Amanda, joined by then Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz and Sgt. Roberto Telese, celebrated National Night Out.



Joanne Yee/Herald

Deep Roots market brings the city together. Luciana Machado and Juliana Montesano bought home made pasta sauce from Susan Battaglia and Jaclyn Battaglia at the Deep Roots Farmers Market now overseen by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce.



Courtesy Nicole Loizides Albruzzese

Bringing world class dance to the Gold Coast. Lauhala Matt performed a traditional Hula dance during the Gold Coast Dance Festival.



Courtesy Gaitley Stevenson Matthews

Polish National Home honors heritage. Miss Pelonia 2025 and Polish National Home President Bozena Kuzma looked forward to this year’s Polish heritage parade in Manhattan.



Courtesy Lydia Wen Rodgers

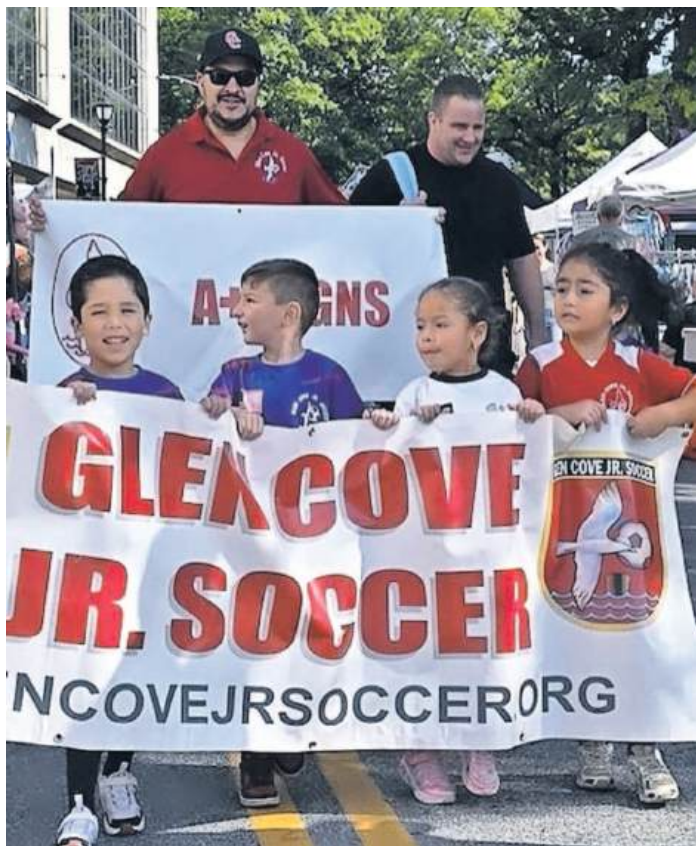
Genealogy group connects past and present. The club meets at the Robert R. Coles History Room to discuss local history and ancestry.

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Beautification Commission holds annual Coastal Cleanup. Joseph Vulin, left, and his daughter Anna, took part in the Coastal Cleanup. They arrived at Prybil beach at 9 a.m. to help beautify one of the city's most popular beaches.



Courtesy Roni Jenkins

Fall soccer season begins with parade. The Glen Cove Junior Soccer League opened its fall season with a parade through downtown, followed by the first games of the year. Children marched in their team uniforms, many carrying country flags that matched their teams, before heading to the fields.



Tim Baker/Herald

Morgan Park's Summer Music Festival draws to a close. Katherine Torrivilla, above, the singer for the Miami Sound Revue, gave an energizing performance at the final concert of the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival.



Joanne Yee/Herald

Thousands turn out for city's street fair. The Glen Cove Street fair featured 90 vendors across School, and Glen Streets.



Courtesy office Rep. Tom Suozzi

Hellfighters honored in Washington. Attending the congressional presentation were, from left, Army Col. Bryon Linnehan, commander of the 369th Sustainment Brigade; Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand; Debra Willett; Reps. Tom Suozzi and Adriano Espaillat; House Speaker Mike Johnson; Reps. Joyce Beatty and Hakeem Jeffries; and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth.

Remembering the victims of 9/11. Glen Cove's first responders reflected on the solemn occasion while saluting the United States flag during the city's Sept 11 memorial service.



Courtesy office Delia Deriggi-Whitton

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Courtesy Jolanta Zamecka

Celebrating a big birthday, and an extraordinary legacy. Sholom Praver, far left, Susana Praver-Perez and Shaul Praver helped their father, Bob Praver, celebrate his 100th birthday at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center.



Joanne Yee/Herald

Halloween magic at downtown parade. Lou Johnson, dressed as a wizard, and Greg Milstein, donning horns and a trident, wowed the crowd while walking on stilts during the BID Halloween parade.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Glen Cove homecoming win. Glen Cove High School defeated Valley Stream Central 38-22 during its Homecoming game.



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Chamber hosts annual fall festival. Wiley Adamo enjoyed his time in the pumpkin patch during the Glen Cove Chamber fall festival at the Glen Cove YMCA.



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Landing addition features new classrooms. Landing Elementary School finally unveiled its new front addition after two years of construction. A ceremony included a ribbon-cutting and a guided walk-through of the new wing.



Courtesy Glen Cove City Schools

Walk raises \$1,767 for breast cancer. Connolly School students gathered in a sea of pink, holding balloons to celebrate unity and hope during the 9th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk-A-Thon.

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Thanksgiving dinner at Boys and Girls club. More than 350 people filled the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club on Nov. 25 as organization celebrated the 25th anniversary of its Thanksgiving community dinner. Cecelia, Michele, Anthony, and Serafina Difato volunteered their time to serve ice cream.



Courtesy Courtney Callahan

Government shutdown fuels spike in demand at Nosh. Charles Otto and Wallace Nevin were among a dozen volunteers who helped collect over 3,600 pounds of food at the Nosh Harvest of Hope event at the Glen Cove Stop & Shop.



Roksana Amid/Herald

'I love Lucy' in Glen Cove. The Slayer Players Theatre Company brought laughter and nostalgia to North Country Reform Temple with their live performance of Classic TV Live! Lucy Is 'With Child'. Christine Montick, left, and Fred DiMenna in a scene where Ricky Ricardo has pregnancy cravings similar to those of his wife, Lucy.



Tim Baker/Herald

Panzenbeck re-elected mayor. Pamela Panzenbeck secured her third consecutive term as mayor.



Courtesy Tammy Lanham

Enthusiasm endures while facing cancer. Chris Clingen, Tammy and Tommy Lanham, Joe and Laura Cortale show off merch from the fundraising website for Lanham. Lanham, the 53-year-old lead pastor of the Glen Cove Christian Church is undergoing treatment for stage 3 rectal cancer, the church community he helped sustain through the darkest days of the pandemic is coming together to sustain him.

Glen St. vigil pans ICE raids.

Assemblyman Charles Lavine, left, organized the Nov. 13 vigil at the Glen Street Long Island RailRoad station, where ICE arrests took place early this year. Angel Reyes Rivas, right, spoke about immigrant families living in fear. Beside him was his daughter, Zoe, 6.



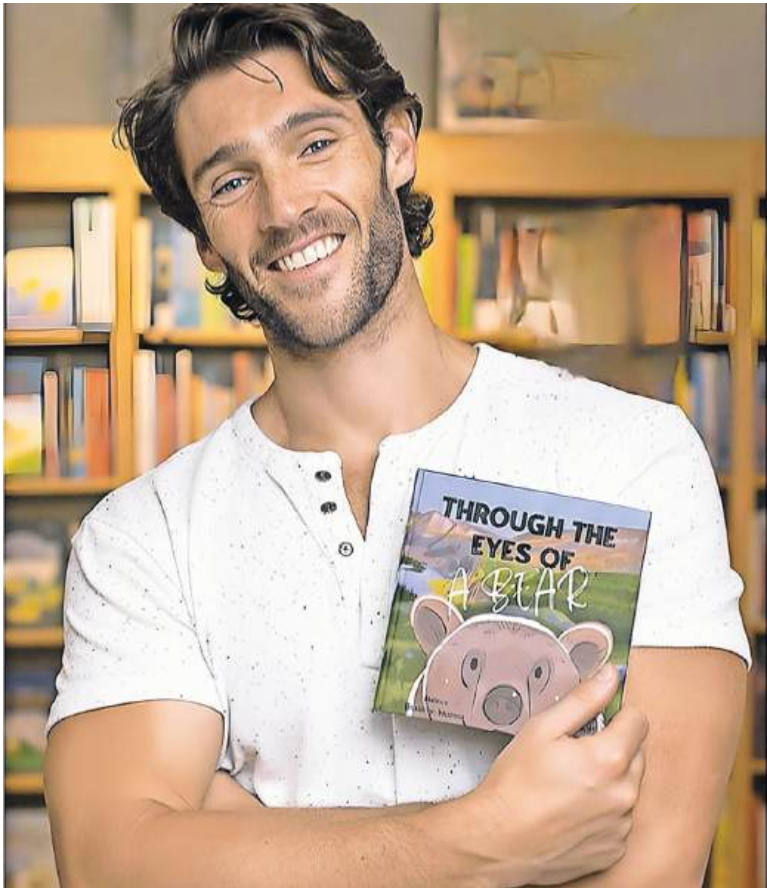
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Age Friendly Glen Cove navigated the LIRR. Helen Francisco and Maria Teresa Tan visited Grand Central Station. The group of 30 people got on the train at the Glen Cove train station, one of three stations in Glen Cove.



Courtesy Derek Valance

Officer turned author debuts heartwarming book. In celebration of his book's official launch, Derek Valance, an officer in the Glen Cove Police Department, held a book signing on Nov. 18 at The Shoppe by Trubee Hill in Glen Cove, where he sold 99 copies.



Courtesy North Shore Kiwanis

N.S. Kiwanis donated to NOSH Delivers. The organization, located at 15 Hill Street in Glen Cove, delivered groceries to hundreds of families each week and distributed specially prepared "NOSH Bags" filled with wholesome food.



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Immigrants were focus of second vigil opposing ICE. The Rev. Roger Williams, of First Baptist Church of Glen Cove, delivered the night's most impassioned remarks, connecting fears in immigrant communities to the historic oppression of Black Americans in the Jim Crow South.



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Holiday festival lit up Village Square. Ryan and his mom Tricia Lebowitz helped out at the coffee station at the Glen Cove Holiday Market and the Downtown BID's Holiday Festival.



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The Glen Cove City School District performed concerts throughout the holiday season. The Glen Cove High School Chorus filled Village Square with music as part of the city's annual holiday celebration.

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Courtesy Jill Nossa

The Jose Trombone Trio plans to get patrons on their feet at Tocolo Cantina from 7-9pm.

New Year's Eve music crawl returns to downtown

By ROKSANA AMID

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Downtown Glen Cove will ring in 2026 with a free New Year's Eve live music crawl, offering residents and visitors an evening of entertainment across multiple venues while spotlighting local businesses and musicians.

The event, organized by the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, will take place Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 5 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., with performances scheduled throughout the downtown area. Admission is free, and free parking will be available in the Brewster Street and Pulaski Street municipal garages.

Jill Nossa, executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown BID, said the goal of the event is to create a lively, walkable celebration that benefits both the community and downtown businesses.

"It's good for the community because it gives people options of places to go where there's live music," Nossa said. "And it's great for the businesses because it gives people a reason to come into their doors on a night that you wouldn't necessarily think is busy in our downtown."

Rather than hosting a single concert, the BID designed the evening as a music crawl, encouraging people to move from venue to venue, enjoy food and drinks, and experience different styles of live performance.

"This way people can go into different restaurants and have some entertainment while they eat or have a drink," Nossa said. "Of course, they're all encouraged to support the businesses, but we're supporting the businesses by providing the music."

The indoor format builds on the success of last year's event, which marked a shift away from outdoor performances. While the BID previously hosted live music outdoors, weather concerns

prompted the change.

"It was really fun when we did it outdoors, but it's so weather-dependent," Nossa said. "We were lucky — even though it was cold, it was okay — but musicians don't necessarily love playing in the cold."

After trying the indoor concept last year, Nossa said the response from both attendees and performers was positive.

"People liked it," she said. "So hopefully, as word spreads, even more people can come out and enjoy it this year."

This year's lineup includes all of last year's participating venues, along with two new additions. While in Kathmandu will host an acoustic singer-songwriter for part of the evening, while Noble Savage will feature an original duo, expanding both the number of venues and the range of music offered.

Among the performers returning are Frank Ferrara and Kris Rice, who will appear together for the second consecutive New Year's Eve.

"Last year was absolutely great," Ferrara said. "There is something wonderful that happens to a roomful of people during a live performance that is magical."

The Jam Brothers Duo — brothers David and Danny Jimenez — will open the evening at The Downtown Café. David Jimenez, a Glen Cove resident, said community-focused events are central to the group's mission.

"We have a strong sense of community and always love an opportunity to entertain this community," Jimenez said. "This is just another perfect event to be a part of."

With music scheduled throughout the evening and into the early hours of 2026, organizers hope the event will continue to grow as a signature downtown tradition that keeps New Year's Eve celebrations local and accessible.

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Our disagreements must stop at debate

The United States has long prided itself on being a nation in which political differences are aired by way of ballots, not bullets. In recent years, however, violence has too often invaded our public square, shattering lives, feeding a general atmosphere of fear and distrust, and undermining the democratic ideals we claim to cherish.

As we count down to Election Day on Nov. 4, we must recommit to the principle that civil political discourse — not intimidation, assault or bloodshed — is the only legitimate path forward.

Consider the troubling list of recent events. On Jan. 6, 2021, rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol, brutally attacking police officers in an effort to halt the peaceful transfer of power to then President-elect Joseph Biden, a Democrat. Five people died in the rioting. Since then, President Trump, a Republican, has survived two assassination attempts.

In 2022, Paul Pelosi, the husband of former Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, was bludgeoned with a hammer in the Pelosis' home in San Francisco. In April of this year, a man attempted to burn down the residence of Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, a fellow Democrat.

In June, Minnesota State Rep. Melissa Hortman, a Democrat, was killed in a targeted attack at her home, along with

her husband, Mark Hortman. In a separate incident, Minnesota State Sen. John Hoffman, also a Democrat, and his wife were wounded, allegedly by the same gunman.

On Sept. 10, one day before our national commemoration of the worst terrorist attack on U.S. soil, the assassination of conservative political activist Charlie Kirk shook the nation.

All of these acts, though politically motivated in different ways, shared a tragic theme: a rejection of reasoned debate in favor of violence. The perpetrators' actions defied both justice and ethics. Political leaders, regardless of party, must unequivocally denounce violence not only when it is directed at their allies, but also when it strikes their adversaries.

The answers to bitter disagreements can be found instead in the very foundation of American law: our Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech, association and petition. These rights were spelled out so that individuals and groups could argue, persuade and organize without fear of reprisal.

Violence, by contrast, seeks to silence opponents permanently. It is not an expression of political conviction but rather a repudiation of it — an attempt to destroy debate rather than contribute to it. That is why every civilized society criminalizes assault, murder and terrorism. To resort to such methods is not

only to break the law but also to tear at the moral fabric that holds communities together.

Violence corrodes democracy itself. When citizens and leaders live under constant threat, they retreat from public engagement. Ordinary people withdraw from activism. Elected officials alter decisions out of fear for their families' safety. Journalists censor themselves to avoid becoming targets. These chilling effects shrink the civic space, and create an atmosphere of suspicion and anger.

The way forward requires a cultural shift that emphasizes respect, empathy and resilience even in the face of profound disagreements. Everyone from students to business executives to politicians to the media should refuse to share disinformation, avoid demonizing those with whom we have differing opinions and welcome calm, reasoned argument that can change minds more effectively than threats ever could.

Passionate debate is fine. Disagreement is natural in a diverse society, and progress often emerges from that vigorous discussion. In stark contrast, every time a citizen is attacked for his or her beliefs, the American experiment itself is weakened.

At this point in our country's history, the stakes could not be higher. We must choose civility over cruelty, and persuasion over violence.

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Herald editorial department heads meet regularly to plan the editorials. Independent reporting by our staff often helps inform our editorials. We might also speak with experts and advocates to gain their perspective before writing an editorial.

We are proud to say that we have won many state awards for our editorial writing over the years. But in the end, it's sharing opinions that best reflect the views of you — our reader — that is most important to us.

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LETTERS

Blakeman has a narrow definition of 'safe'

To the Editor:

Re County Executive Bruce Blakeman's op-ed last week, "Protecting our kids and keeping Nassau County safe": Blakeman's definition of "safe" is a narrow one. Nassau County is not a safe place for our children. Nassau is not a safe place for our elderly. Nassau is not a safe place for our disabled. Nassau is not a safe place for our food bank services, absentee landlords and gig work surely appreciate our police, but don't feel safe from economic predation. And neither drivers nor pedestrians are especially safe in Nassau, and the roadways themselves would win no awards.

Our famed police are no comfort to anyone viewed through ICE-eyes as dusky, dusty or dawdling. We are not yet saved from Nassau's dual-action dysfunctional property-tax regime, its failed bus patrol tax, its Nassau University Medical Center mess nor wasteful

Editorial cartoon

Editorial cartoons are almost as old as newspapers themselves. They date back to 18th-century England, and are a staple of the modern American opinion section. Yet opinions here do not necessarily represent the opinions of the Herald or its staff.

Dale Neseman, a syndicated cartoonist from the Buffalo area, creates a majority of the editorial cartoons seen in these pages.



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What are the editorial pages all about?
Who writes editorials?
How do letters and guest columns get published?
This week's pages offer some answers to our readers.
We thank The Riverdale Press and The Seattle Times for the idea.

Opinion pages

OPINIONS

Affordability can't just be a talking point

As most Long Islanders know, affordability, at its heart, is about what families experience every day. It's a child starting the school day with a full stomach, a parent relieved of crushing child care costs, a college student able to pursue a career without sinking into debt. This is the

kind of state New Yorkers deserve, one where families can live with dignity and plan with confidence.

That's why I have worked to put affordability at the center of my priorities.

As the academic year begins, I'm reminded of the past, when parents couldn't

afford to provide lunch or give their children lunch money each day. No parent should have to carry that stress, and no child should sit in class hungry. Alongside my colleagues in the Senate, I fought to secure \$340 million in the state budget to make breakfast and lunch free for every student in New York, regardless of their family's income, so all

young scholars can eat with dignity. Affordability also means giving young children the strongest possible start without risking the family's financial security. That's why I voted in favor of \$1.2 billion in universal pre-kindergarten funding to continue our efforts to prepare children for their education and nurture their social, emotional and academic skills. I also collaborated with my fellow senators for the allocation of \$112 million for after-school programs, which bolster academic programming and offer enrichment opportunities. This saves families thousands on child care costs, while building the foundation children need to thrive.

In that same vein, I fought for new and increased aid to school districts across Senate District 6 totaling \$53.2 million, minimizing the need to raise residents' property taxes. These funds help cover academic activities, transportation, supportive services and more, making sure that all students have the tools they need to succeed.

Worries about affordability also show up in everyday moments like getting

children ready for the return to school. This summer I worked with a variety of community partners and stakeholders to offer backpack giveaway events throughout the district. At one such event, in partnership with Nassau County Legislator Olena Nicks and North Hempstead Councilman Robert Troiano, along with the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association, we gave away more than 800 backpacks filled with school supplies to students from the district.

These initiatives, aimed at easing the financial burden on parents as the academic year begins, do more than help families prepare. They also send a message that members of our community are willing to extend a helping hand to one another.

The need for affordable education doesn't end in childhood, which is why my fellow senators and I invested \$47 million statewide to make community college free for students ages 25 to 55 who are pursuing high-demand careers such as teaching, engineering and nursing.

Affordability and sustainability can and should go hand in hand. The rising

cost of water and its finite existence led me to sponsor Senate Bill S.4988, and secure \$150,000 in the state budget to launch a rebate program in Nassau and Suffolk counties for families who install smart-irrigation devices. These systems save water, reduce bills and help protect the environment that we'll pass on to the next generation.

When it comes to health care, the high cost of prescription drugs has put necessary medications out of reach for too many New Yorkers. To address this concern, the Senate passed the New York Affordable Drug Manufacturing Act, offering a practical solution by empowering the state to partner in the production of generic drugs specifically to drive down prices. This bill targets high-cost and at-risk medications like insulin, ensuring affordability and availability.

Affordability can't simply be a talking point. It must be embodied in legislation and budget allocations. Whether fighting for free meals, expanding programs making college accessible or supporting families with basic school supplies, I will continue to advocate for programs and policies that make life affordable for everyone.

Siela Bynoe represents Senate District.



SIELA BYNOE

Even preparing children for the return to school can be a source of major worry.

LETTERS

BLAKEMAN signage. Nassau's water safety is in question. Discoveries of buried chemical toxins and depleted shorelines threaten real estate, and the police cannot arrest viruses. Nassau has enough police, but not enough security.

*BRIAN KELLY
Rockville Centre*

Honoring veterans through service and support

To the Editor:

On Sept. 12, the day after 9/11, the National Day of Service and Remembrance, PSEG Long Island, National Grid and the nonprofit General Needs came together to host the first-ever Veteran Warm Up event, serving more than 100 local veterans. At this drive-through event, veterans received bedding, pillows, heaters, LED light bulbs and information about financial and energy-efficiency programs designed to help them keep warm when the weather gets colder.

Why would PSEG Long Island step into this role? The answer is simple: because veterans are our neighbors, and many are among the most vulnerable members of our communities. Long Island is home to one of the

largest populations of veterans in the country, and too many of them face challenges related to housing, health and employment. At PSEG Long Island, we believe our responsibility goes beyond keeping the lights on — we have a duty to support the well-being of the communities we serve.

That's why, year after year, our employee-volunteers give their time, energy and compassion at events that provide direct aid to veterans and other neighbors in need. Collaborating with organizations like General Needs amplifies that impact, ensuring that resources reach those who need them most.

This commitment to community is an extension of our mission: to provide safe, reliable energy while also strengthening the neighborhoods we call home. By supporting veterans, we honor their service and sacrifices while building a culture of understanding and respect that benefits us all.

The Veteran Warm Up event is just one example of how PSEG Long Island strives to live out its values of safety, security and service. We do this because it's the right thing to do — for our veterans and for our communities.

*DAVID LYONS
Interim president and chief operating officer,
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FRAMEWORK by Tim Baker



At the Town of Hempstead sunrise Sept. 11 memorial service — Town Park Point Lookout

Comments about our stories? Send a letter to the editor to exeditor@liherald.com.

Opinion columns

We publish three columns in each edition of the Herald every week. Columns represent the views of the writers, not of the Herald. Each writer works independently and chooses his or her own subjects.

Among our regular contributors are former U.S. Rep. Peter King, former State Assemblyman Jerry Kremer and the Nassau Herald's former executive editor, Randi Kreiss.

We also feature columns by a wide variety of elected leaders — local, county, state and federal — on a rotating basis. And we regularly invite guest columnists who are not involved in politics — including members of our editorial staff — to offer their views.

Special features

The op-ed, or opposite the editorial, page features a weekly Framework photo, which is chosen by our photo editor, Tim Baker. The Framework offers a creative, at times humorous outlet for our photography staff. In this spot, we also publish photos sent to us by readers featuring them on vacation, reading the Herald at international landmarks. We call it Herald Around the World.

At times, a correction might appear on the op-ed page. We strive each week for the highest standards of accuracy and accountability. When we make mistakes in our reporting, we believe we must own up to them and correct the record.

Letters to the editor

We welcome your letters to the editor, and publish most that we receive. We believe these letters are critically important, because they reflect the shared voices of the communities that we cover.

Letters should be 250 to 300 words in length. Each letter must include an address and phone number. Our editors call all letter writers to confirm the authenticity of letters before publication.

We edit letters for length, grammar, spelling and foul language. We do not censor viewpoints.

If we believe a letter requires major revisions, we will send it back to the writer and ask that he or she change it so that meaning and intent are not lost.

Readers can send letters to the editors of their hometown newspapers, or to exeditor@liherald.com. They can be sent by email (preferred), fax or mail. All contact information is listed on the masthead and on our website, LIHerald.com.



As the year comes to a close, we extend heartfelt thanks to our Chamber members, local businesses, and the entire community for your unwavering support in 2025! With your support, we have helped strengthen our local economy & shared many incredible community events together!

We encourage everyone to shop local and support the small businesses that keep our communities thriving. We wish you and your loved ones a joyous holiday season filled with peace and time with family and friends, and a prosperous New Year ahead. Here's to a bright & successful 2026!



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