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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Glen Cove media communications teacher Chris Barry with junior Charlotte Dilgard-Clark after her public service announcement took first place at the Locust Valley High School Film Festival.

Her winning PSA was inspired by her mom's cardiac arrest

By ROKSANA AMID

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Charlotte Dilgard-Clark, a junior in Glen Cove High School's Media Communications program, earned first place in the Public Service Announcement category at the Locust Valley High School Film Festival in March. Her project was "Know Where the AED Is," a film inspired by her mother's cardiac arrest during a Board of Education meeting on June 5, 2024.

That day, Caroline Dilgard-Clark, 48, had approached the podium in the high school auditorium to speak about Regents exam

grading policies when she began to feel something was off. "I felt as I was walking up my heart racing," she recalled. An experienced public speaker, she initially brushed it off as nerves.

Within moments, that assumption proved dangerously wrong. "By the time I had reached the podium, I was in full-on cardiac arrest without realizing it," Dilgard-Clark recounted. She remembers attempting to speak, apologizing for feeling lightheaded — and then nothing.

"She looked over at me, and she said that she wasn't feeling good," District Clerk Ida

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Can a new bill make it safer to worship?

By ROKSANA AMID

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Calls to protect religious institutions from harassment and intimidation took center stage last Friday morning at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County.

There, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi unveiled the bipartisan Safeguarding Access to Congregations and Religious Establishments from Disruption Act, known as the SACRED Act, legislation Suozzi said would address growing concerns among his constituents about safety at houses of worship.

"There's too much hate in our country right now," Suozzi said. "A lot

of people are being intimidated as they enter into their religious institution to practice their faith."

The bill, co-led by Rep. Max Miller, a Republican from Ohio, would make it a federal crime to intentionally intimidate, obstruct or harass individuals

within 100 feet of a place of worship, including blocking their path or approaching within 8 feet with the intent to harass.

Suozzi said the measure "ensures that people can access their place of worship safely

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IRWIN HUBERMAN
Rabbi,
Congregation Tifereth
Israel

and without obstruction, while still preserving First Amendment protections for peaceful expression." He added that it draws "a clear line: intimidation and threats have no place in our communities."

"The safety of congregants and the freedom to worship is integral to a healthy democracy," Rabbi Irwin Huberman, of Congregation Tifereth Israel, wrote in a statement to the

Herald. "This bill is an important step towards assuring religious freedom in our country."

"We at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center understand religious persecution," Alan Mindel, the center's chairman, said, "and so we are

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Enjoying the sun comes with responsibility and risk

By CHRIS COLUCCI

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One of the best parts of living in a beach community is being out in the surf, sand and sun almost every day. But one overlooked drawback to all that time outdoors is an increased risk of developing skin cancer — the most common form of cancer across the country. Every May, health professionals look to share advice and bring attention to this persistent, potentially deadly issue.

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■ Simple steps save lives

The National Cancer Institute suggests that people with fair skin, freckles, blue or green eyes, and red or blond hair are at a higher risk than others, but everyone can and should take preventative steps to reduce the likelihood of developing skin cancer.

Applying an appropriate sunscreen — SPF 30 or higher — can help protect against ultraviolet radiation and reduce the chance of sunburn, which are factors in cancer development. Wearing the right clothes when outdoors, including sunglasses and wide-brimmed hats, can also reduce UV exposure. Reducing the time spent outdoors when the sun is strongest — generally 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — could be the most difficult to adhere to, but can also be a major factor.

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■ Know the ABCDE's

Dermatologists recommend using “ABCDE” to monitor yourself for potential melanoma. Check your skin for dark spots or moles and look for potential warning signs including *asymmetry* with one section of the mole looking very different from the other in size, shape, or color; the *border* of the spot shouldn't be irregular, scalloped, or poorly defined; its *color* should be consistent and not mottled with tan, black, white and/or red; if the *diameter* is larger than a pencil eraser, about 6 millimeters or almost a quarter-inch, it may be suspicious and worth getting checked by a professional; and the spot shouldn't *evolve* over time, drastically changing its shape, color, or size over the course of weeks, months, and years.

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■ There is no “good” cancer

One subtle way people misspeak after hearing about someone's diagnosis is with the phrase, “That's one of the good ones to get.” While the thought is well-intentioned, it still underestimates key facts. Some skin cancers can have a relatively high cure rate, but it also has a genuine mortality risk.

One in five people will be affected by skin cancer before age 70. The American Cancer Society estimates 112,000 new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in 2026 — counting only the aggressive melanoma type, not the more common basal cell or squamous cell cancers — leading to more than 8,500 deaths. Skin cancer may be treatable, especially if caught early, but it should never be taken lightly.



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Photos courtesy Office Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, above, proudly led the way in Glen Cove's Memorial Day Parade.

Parade and ceremony to mark Memorial Day

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The Memorial Day observances in Glen Cove will return this year with a renewed focus on remembrance, as city officials, veterans and community leaders prepare to honor those who died in military service.

The city's annual ceremonies, scheduled for May 24 and 25, are designed not as celebration, but as tribute — a distinction organizers say is essential to preserving the meaning of the holiday.

"The sole purpose is to honor war dead," Marsha Silverman, co-chair of the Memorial Day Parade committee, said. "It's much more serious — a tribute to those who sacrificed everything for the rest of us."

Silverman and co-chair Michael Napoli, a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1983 to 1986, oversee the planning of the event, balancing logistics with the deeper responsibility of honoring the fallen. The committee intentionally blends civilian and military leadership, which Silverman said brings valuable perspective.

"A lot of veterans don't consider themselves heroes," she said. "They say, 'This was just my job.' Having a civilian perspective adds that appreciation for those who served."

This year's honoree is John "Jack" Niles McCarthy, a Glen Cove resident and Army Specialist Four who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969 at age 20. The annual honoree is meant to represent all who have died in service, not just a single individual.

"That one person represents the sacrifice that so many have given," Silverman said.

Major Fred R. Nielsen, a retired member of the U.S. Marine Corps, will serve as this year's grand marshal, rec-



Roksana Amid/Herald

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

ognized for his continued service to veterans and the community.

Napoli said the event also reflects a broader concern: participation has declined over the years, mirroring a shrinking veteran population.

"The veteran population is aging and getting smaller," he said.

In response, organizers are expanding invitations beyond traditional groups like the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion, encouraging all veterans, as well as their friends and families and community members, to take part.

"We want the next generation to understand what Memorial Day is," Napoli said. "It's the day our nation honors its war dead — and that's important not to forget."

Howard Stillwagon, commander of a local VFW post who served in the Army from 1968 to 1970, emphasized that participation is open to all veterans, regardless of affiliation.

"If they served their country, they're welcome to march," he said.

Organizers have also introduced a "family honor section," allowing relatives of veterans to walk in remembrance — an effort to deepen community involvement while reinforcing the meaning behind the day.

The observances will begin Sunday night with a military banner ceremony and wreath-laying at several locations across the city, including Morgan Park, the Doughboy Monument and St. Rocco's Monument.

Monday's events will include an 11 a.m. ceremony at Monument Park, followed by the parade at noon through downtown.

The tone of the ceremony has also been carefully considered. This year, the speaking program will be streamlined, with a focus on remembrance rather than lengthy remarks.

Despite evolving formats and participation challenges, organizers said the



Howard Stillwagon, commander of VFW Post 347, marched in Glen Cove's parade, accompanied by his servicedog,

mission remains unchanged.

"We try not to lose sight of the fact that this is different from other parades," Napoli said. "Nothing is more important than honoring those men and women who answered the call when their country asked them to."

For Silverman, the goal is simple: ensure the community continues to show up.

"The bigger the parade, the more we are honoring those who sacrificed," she said.

"Memorial Day is a time for our community to come together and remember those who gave everything for our freedom," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck wrote in a statement. "We honor their sacrifice, we stand with their families, and we remain deeply grateful for the courage of all who have served."



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Parent pressures

Dear Great Book Guru, I know it is still some time away, but I would like to get some suggestions for a good book to give for Mother's Day for some of my favorite mothers. Any thoughts?

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Dear Book Gift Giver Extraordinaire,

I read Mona Simpson's "My Hollywood" a while ago and I think it might make for an interesting, thought-provoking gift. It tells the stories of two mothers and how their lives intersect over one year.

The lead characters are Claire and Lola, who narrate alternating chapters. Claire is a new mother recently transplanted from New York to California. She is a musician/composer whose career is floundering in its new setting.

Lola is a fifty-year old woman who Claire hires to care for her infant son. Lola has recently emigrated from the Philippines to finance her daughter's

medical school education.

Claire's torturous introspections about her work, her home, her child, and her role as employer are brutally recounted. Lola recounts the pressures financially and emotionally she faces in this new world.

She quickly bonds with the other caregivers and emerges as a powerful force in their community. The stories of these women - mothers all - are recounted in exquisite detail. Tension builds as both sides deal with perceived infractions and injustices.

Throughout, we are confronted with the imbalance that exists between employer and employee, and the troubled dependence that evolves when childcare is outsourced. This is a book that leaves its readers, whatever their present situations, feeling uncomfortable. Highly recommended.

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



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CRIME WATCH

ARRESTS

- A 47-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on April 29 by Detective Heffernan for unauthorized practice of a profession and prostitution on Dosoris Way.
- A 49-year-old Glen Cove woman was arrested on April 23 by Officer Caruso on Forest Avenue for unauthorized practice of a profession and prostitution.
- A 38-year-old Hempstead man was arrested on April 23 by Officer Caruso on Pratt Boulevard on Glen Cove City Court arrest warrants for two counts of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the second degree, two counts of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the
- A 29-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested on April 24 by Detective Glennon on Glen Cove Avenue for two counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the first degree.

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.

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An Estate Plan is More Than it Appears

An estate plan consists of a set of documents for older adults most often consisting of a trust, power of attorney, health care proxy and other supporting documents providing certain legal, financial and health instructions. Most people, and even many attorneys, consider the tangible documents to be the plan, the exchange of which, for payment, constitutes the completion of the transaction.

In our view, it is the "relationship" between the client and the law firm, intangible though it may be, that is of greater value. Only the relationship can provide the benefits needed to fully effectuate the plan. First among the intangibles is the peace of mind which the client is seeking in creating an estate plan in the first place. This requires an inquiry into the capabilities and sensibilities of each family member. The substitute decision-making that will be entrusted to others demands nothing less. As to the passing of assets, we are as concerned with the emotional legacy, as with the financial legacy, the client will leave to those loved ones who survive them.

Secondly, for any estate plan to be effective,

care and attention not to mention experience, in funding the plan -- in other words getting the assets either into the trust or left to the trust as beneficiary -- are essential. The extraordinary level of care and knowledge needed to properly fund a trust is, in our experience, often found lacking. You cannot see it, but it is invaluable.

Third, of what benefit is a plan that is inorganic, in other words not subject to change. Some mechanism for the plan to be adjusted as changes in personal circumstances and in the law occur is essential. An estate plan must be designed with a review process so that it works when needed, often decades after it was first conceived.

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Celebrating city youth athletes

The Junior Soccer League were honored at City Hall for their dedication, teamwork and standout season. City officials commended the players, coaches and families for their strong commitment to youth sports and community spirit. The celebration highlighted the league's role in promoting skill development and sportsmanship among local athletes. Notably, Glen Cove's teams captured championships across all of their respective age groups and leagues, including the Glen Cove Typhoons, Glen Cove Storm A and Glen Cove Storm B.

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6 Reminding residents to stay vigilant of scams

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Scammers posing as utility workers continue to target Long Island residents year-round, using phone calls, fake websites and even in-person visits to pressure customers into making immediate payments, according to PSEG Long Island officials.

The company is urging customers to take a moment to verify any unexpected communication before taking action, especially when faced with threats of immediate service shutoff.

“PSEG Long Island wants customers to remember one simple thing: Stop and verify first. If someone threatens to immediately shut off your power, check your account online or call the number that’s printed on your bill to double check before giving them any money,” said Lou DeBrino, PSEG Long Island’s vice president of Customer Operations. “It may be an advanced digital scam, an in-person scammer or a telephone call, but nearly all scammers present an urgent problem in the hopes that their victims panic and miss all the clues that they’re not who they appear to be. If you are unexpectedly contacted by someone claiming to be from PSEG Long Island and threatening to immediately shut off your power without payment, take a step back. Contact PSEG Long Island independently and verify before acting.”

Officials said many scammers demand immediate payment through web-based electronic services, prepaid debit cards or even Bitcoin. In some cases, victims are instructed to purchase prepaid cards from convenience stores and read the PIN over the phone. PSEG Long Island does not accept those forms of payment outside of its official “My Account” platform and will never require a specific payment method.

Scammers also frequently use “spoofing” technology to make it appear as though calls are coming directly from PSEG Long Island. In other cases, callers may demand deposits for services such as priority meter installations — a request the company said is not legitimate.

Customers who are unsure about the authenticity of a call or email are advised to hang up and contact the company directly at (800) 490-0025.



Courtesy PSEG

PSEG Long Island is reminding residents that scammers don’t have an offseason. Utility work is a pathway in which one can be scammed.

In-person scams have also been reported, with individuals going door to door posing as utility employees. These impostors may wear fake uniforms, display counterfeit identification or place misleading signage on their vehicles. They often request personal information or offer fraudulent discounts.

PSEG Long Island officials said legitimate employees will always carry company identification and present it upon request. Customers are advised not to allow anyone into their home if they have doubts and to call 911 if the individual becomes aggressive.

Online scams are another growing concern. Fraudsters have created fake websites that closely resemble the company’s official site, hoping to trick users into entering personal and payment information. The company emphasized that its official website uses a “.com” domain.

More recently, scammers have targeted electric vehicle users by placing fraudulent QR code stickers on public charging stations.

—Jordan Vallone



Stu Goldman/Herald

New data shared by the Alzheimer’s Association reveals a growing concern for families in New York and an increasing public health challenge.

New report highlights rising toll of Alzheimer’s disease

New data released by the Alzheimer’s Association shows Alzheimer’s disease is a growing concern for families in New York and an increasing public health challenge.

According to the association’s 2026 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures report, 426,500 residents age 65 and older in New York are living with Alzheimer’s disease. The disease continues to take a significant toll, with 3,208 deaths attributed to Alzheimer’s and a statewide mortality rate of 16.1 deaths per 100,000 people.

The impact extends beyond those diagnosed, with 776,000 New Yorkers serving as unpaid caregivers, providing an estimated 1.3 billion hours of care valued at \$33.8 billion.

“The latest data show Alzheimer’s remains a growing challenge for families in New York,” Anthony Marino, territory vice president of the Northeast for the Alzheimer’s Association, said. “That’s why it’s critical to keep advancing research and developing treatments that can improve outcomes and support everyone facing the disease, including people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias in New York and their families.”

The report also highlights the scope of the crisis nationwide. An estimated 7.4 million Americans age 65 and older

are living with Alzheimer’s. Annual care costs, excluding unpaid caregiving, are projected to reach \$409 billion this year. Nearly 13 million family members and friends provided more than 19 billion hours of unpaid care last year, and since 2000, U.S. deaths from Alzheimer’s have increased 134 percent.

An accompanying special report, “Brain Health in America: Understanding and Supporting Lifelong Cognitive Health,” points to a gap in awareness that contributes to the public health challenge. Survey results from more than 3,800 adults age 40 and older found that while nearly all respondents view brain health as equally important as physical health, only 9 percent say they know a lot about how to maintain it. More than two-thirds reported concerns about their brain health or the risk of developing dementia.

The Alzheimer’s Association is a worldwide voluntary health organization dedicated to Alzheimer’s care, support and research, with a mission to lead the way to end Alzheimer’s and other dementia through research, risk reduction, early detection and quality care. For more information, visit ALZ.org or call (800) 272-3900.

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At the New York Press Association's spring convention in Saratoga Springs, members of Herald Community Media's editorial team with President and CEO Stuart Richner, far left.

Heralds capture 11 awards in N.Y. press contest

By **JEFFREY BESSEN**

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Herald Community Media received 11 awards at the New York Press Association's 2025 Better Newspaper Contest. The awards were presented at the organization's spring convention in Saratoga Springs on April 23-24.

Creative Designer Jeffrey Negrin took first place for Best Special Section Cover, Division I, for the Herald's basketball section. Karen Millindorf was the photographer.

"The layout is clean and bold," the judges said. "Good use of the isolated subjects placed center frame and the text is well balanced. Overall solid."

Negrin also placed second in the same category for a Rockville Centre cover. "The mostly monotone color scheme is well complimented to [the] line art doodle graphic," the judges said. "The lightness of the graphic placed center frame is well balanced with the heaviness of the text at both the top and bottom of the layout."

"It's always an honor to be recognized by our peers," Herald Community Media publisher Stuart Richner said. "We're proud to continue telling the stories of our communities, and I congratulate our team on this well-deserved recognition. Ultimately, our greatest reward is delivering comprehensive local news to our readers each week."

Vice President of Sales Rhonda Glickman, Special Sections Editor Karen Bloom and Negrin combined their talents and captured second place for Best Special Section in Advertising, Division I.

"An eye-catching and meaningful special section," the judges said. "The editorial is local, informative and well writ-

ten. The ads complement the section and align with the section's intent."

Negrin and Advertising Director Ellen Reynolds partnered to grab second and third place in the Best Multi-Advertiser Pages.

"This piece does a nice job of capturing the spirit of this campaign and community," the judges said of the second-place submission, "combining the multiple advertisers into a harmonious layout. A subtle mix of patterns and color makes a strong impression. Well done."

Of the third-place entry, the judges said, "A fun piece that visually captures the reader while being based on a strong concept that is a service to the community. The art and topography are appropriate for the theme and lend themselves to the overall mood of the piece. Nice job."

"Good journalism doesn't chase applause — it chases accountability," COO Brad Harmon said. "That's what makes me proud and reminds me why the work we do matters."

On the editorial side, Copy Editor Jim Harmon and Production Designer Yolanda Rios received second-place recognition for editorial pages that appeared in all 24 weekly editions of the Herald. "This was a close second," the judges said. "The editorial writer is excellent."

Staying on the editorial page, Managing Editor Jeffrey Bessen, Harmon and Zack Richner combined their efforts to take third place in Editorials, Division 1.

"Three editorials delve into some of the troubling dangers of our time — unaddressed impacts of long Covid; Meta abandoning moderators and the implications on civility and democracy; and the harshness of the housing crisis," the judges said. "All are told with

perspective and expertise."

Multiple sports stories that appeared in the Massapequa Herald Post were part of the package that took second place in Sports Coverage, Division 1.

"Greatly enjoyed the range of stories covered in this issue, from the longtime Hofstra soccer coach to the Ryder Cup volunteers," the judges said. "Well written and attractive layout, easy to read."

It takes a great team to bring back awards from NYPA — we have the best!" Glickman said. "From finance to sales to editorial, production, press, circulation etc. Together we win!"

For Online Breaking News, Will Sheeline, editor of the Oyster Bay and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald, and past reporter Luke Feeney placed second for their story "Pirate Booty founder Robert Ehrlich addresses attempt to seize control of Village of Sea Cliff."

The judges said: "The reporters not only identified Robert Ehrlich first as the person behind the attempted power grab, but also landed the first on-the-record, exclusive interview with him and posted it online before state, national and international outlets followed. Excellent use of community trust and source relationships to turn a chaotic, somewhat bizarre local power struggle into a clear, timely story."

Sports Editor Tony Bellissimo and Negrin earned third place for Special Sections/Niche Publications for the Herald's lacrosse book.

"Very well organized, and comprehensive," the judges said. "Visually appealing and something for everyone who likes Lacrosse."

Sheeline also took third place in the Environment Story category for his "Keeping the 'oyster' in Oyster Bay" story.



Herald file photo

The Herald's Basketball section was a winner in the category Best Special Section Cover.

"I kept reminding myself that this is a reporter's award and not an award for which environmental project was the coolest," the judges said. "And this project was cool! I've decided not to hold it against the reporter, however, because the reporter has done an excellent job of making me feel invested in these people and this place and their oysters without getting mawkish or too purple in the prose."

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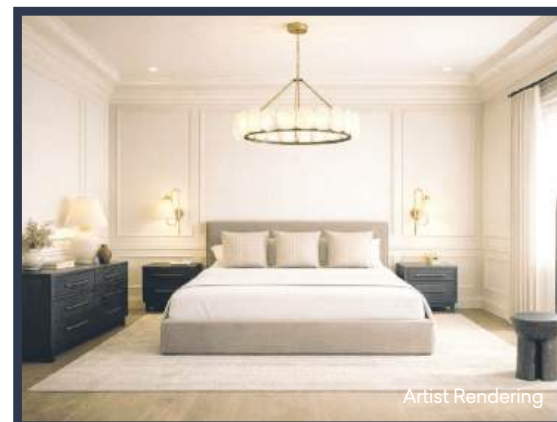


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Greenberg honored at diabetes fundraiser

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By **ROKSANA AMID**

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The room at the Crescent Beach Club in Bayville was filled with more than 180 people on April 22, but for Glen Cove resident Jaime Greenberg, the focus of the evening was far more personal.

“We all have a special connection to diabetes, and for me, my connection was Sean. In my mind, tonight, the real honoree in my mind is my son. Sean has inspired me to do so much better with my diabetes,” Greenberg said. “Sean took every challenge head-on, and he showed me that you can overcome diabetes. He never complained. He never gave in.”

Greenberg was honored at the 20th annual Cooking for a Cure fundraiser, which has become a staple event supporting the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation. The night raised tens of thousands of dollars, continuing a two-decade effort that has generated more than \$1.5 million for diabetes research focused on finding a cure and improving treatment.

His connection to the cause began years ago, when his son Sean — then a young hockey player — began losing weight rapidly and drinking excessive amounts of water. Medical testing revealed Type 1 diabetes, and Sean was rushed to Cohen Children’s Hospital for immediate care.

Now 21, Sean is thriving, continuing his hockey pursuits while managing his condition with the help of a Dexcom continuous glucose monitor pump, disciplined nutrition and daily vigilance. The experience reshaped Greenberg’s life — not only as a father, but eventually as a patient himself after receiving his own diabetes diagnosis.

That dual perspective has deepened his commitment to advocacy, a role he has carried alongside a long career in public service, adoption law and community leadership in Glen Cove.

The fundraiser itself has grown into more than just a source of financial support. It has become a network of families connected by shared experiences, many of whom return each year.

Event co-chair Rebecca Castranova spoke about how that support system shaped her own journey after her daughter Ella was diagnosed.

“I started my journey 12 years ago when my daughter, Ella, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. It was Delia and Roberta Waller who really brought me into the fold,” Castranova said. “They helped me realize that I could get through this and that I needed to be my daughter’s strength. I am so grateful to both of you for all you have given to me.”

For Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who helped launch Cooking for a Cure two decades ago, the event’s impact is often measured in moments like those.

“My Amanda gave me a special gift the other day without realizing it. She told me that, growing up, she never felt diabetes was limiting her in any way,” DeRiggi-Whitton said. “That was the



Photos courtesy Peter Budraitis

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Jaime Greenberg was the evening’s honoree.

best present she could ever give me because that was probably what I worried most about when she was young. I really attribute part of her positivity to these dinners.”

That sense of encouragement is just as important as the dollars raised. The foundation supported by the event is pursuing research aimed at regenerating the human pancreas, work that could lead to expanded treatment options and, ultimately, a cure.

The evening also marked a shift for the event’s longtime supporters. Rober-

ta Waller and Bruce Waller, who have covered all event costs for the past three years, will take on formal roles as co-hosts beginning with next year’s fundraiser. Their continued involvement ensures that all proceeds go directly to the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

Guests contributed throughout the night, including by purchasing raffle tickets for dozens of prizes, further boosting the total raised.

Before the evening concluded, last year’s honoree, Bruce Kennedy, led a



Courtesy Jamie Greenberg

Sean Greenberg, shown at age 12, continued competing on the ice even as early symptoms of his Type 1 diabetes went unrecognized.

tribute to Tony Jimenez, a longtime community figure who died on April 19.

“He was a man of few words, but a man that would always be there if you asked him,” Kennedy said. “He was always giving and never expected anything in return. I know there is a hole in me and Delia, and I thank him for all that he did not only for me — I know he was there for a lot of people.”

Twenty years after it began, Cooking for a Cure continues to draw a crowd — not only to raise money, but to reinforce a message that families facing diabetes are not alone.

'Know where the AED is' is winning PSA

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Johnson recalled. As Dilgard-Clark collapsed, Johnson rushed over, caught her and eased her to the floor. At first it seemed as if she might be having a seizure, but the situation escalated quickly. "From there her lips turned blue," Johnson said. "At that point I screamed for an AED machine."

A small group sprang into action. Johnson, who had been trained as an emergency medical technician decades earlier, joined school board President Angela Raimo and Deasy Elementary School Principal Erin Nastri in performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Dilgard-Clark, who was unconscious and had no pulse, following the robotic-voice instructions of an automated external defibrillator.

"Although we were doing CPR and everything, I was the breather," Johnson said, describing how she used a barrier device from the AED kit while others did chest compressions. "From the time she went down until the time that she was shocked, we definitely lost her," she added. "I kept looking in her eyes, and I knew that she was no longer with us."

A student at the high school, Harrison Velentzas, had retrieved the AED, and Johnson recalled his composure. "He was so calm when he brought that device down," she said. Eventually the AED called for a shock to be delivered — and that changed everything. "That

AED machine definitely brought her back home where she belonged," Johnson said.

Dilgard-Clark had no detectable pulse for approximately six minutes before being revived, a time when immediate intervention is often the difference between life and death.

After she regained consciousness, she was taken to Glen Cove Hospital, and was later diagnosed with long QT syndrome, a genetic condition that disrupts the heart's electrical rhythm. She has since undergone surgery to implant a defibrillator, and now takes daily medication to prevent a recurrence. Despite the severity of the episode, she had no prior indication that she was a likely candidate for cardiac arrest.

For her daughter, Charlotte, the incident was both distant and deeply personal. Then a sophomore at the high school, she was asleep at home when it happened, and she only learned about it the next morning.

"I was just really confused," Charlotte said. "She was just home a couple hours ago." The experience lingered, eventually shaping the direction of her classwork, and she decided to focus on AED awareness for her media communications PSA project.

"We knew that somehow we wanted to talk about either AEDs or CPR," Charlotte said. Over the course of several months, she developed the film, care-

fully weighing how much of her family's experience to include.

Her media communications teacher, Christopher Barry, said the project stood out for its authenticity. "No one's ever submitted anything to me that affected their life like that," Barry said. After discussions with Charlotte and her mother, the decision was made to include the video footage from the meeting capturing the moment Caroline collapsed. "That's the shot that would drive it home," Barry said.

The final product weaved together national statistics on cardiac arrest survival rates, a heartbeat audio track that builds and then falls silent, and imagery of AEDs and the auditorium where the incident unfolded, using personal storytelling to create a clear and urgent message about preparedness. "When you're in public, look around and know where the AEDs are," Charlotte says in her voice-over.

After the incident, the Glen Cove school district reviewed its emergency response procedures. Superintendent Alexa Doeschner said the district expanded its efforts beyond existing requirements, including evaluating AED placement, strengthening cardiac response plans and increasing staff training in line with state guidelines.

"That night was a frightening one for our community," Doeschner said. "Their actions saved Mrs. Dilgard-



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Just seconds after this frame of video captured Caroline Dilgard-Clark beginning to speak at a school board meeting on June 5, 2024, she collapsed.

Clark's life."

For Caroline, the outcome still feels extraordinary. "Out of all the places for this to happen, this was the safest place," she said. "It is nothing short of a miracle."

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A food drive at La Placita in Glen Cove brought together community organizations and local officials to honor Salvador "Sal" Diaz, the store's manager.

Celebrating Sal Diaz dedication to food

A food drive at La Placita in Glen Cove brought together community organizations and local officials to honor Salvador "Sal" Diaz, the store's manager, for his continued support of hunger relief efforts.

Organized by NOSH, La Fuerza Unida and the NOSH Youth Food Rescue group, the event recognized Diaz's early partnership with NOSH during the COVID-19 pandemic, when he helped provide food to families in need. Organizers said that six years later, Diaz and his staff remain a key part of the organization's ability to serve the community.

Glen Cove Mayor Pamela Panzen-

beck, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and State Assemblymember Charles Lavine attended to recognize Diaz's contributions as both a business owner and community leader.

Members of La Fuerza Unida helped coordinate the drive, while representatives from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County and United Way of Long Island provided outreach.

The NOSH Youth Food Rescue group led donation efforts, collecting food that organizers said would be distributed locally. Students from Friends Academy also contributed to the drive.

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Pet adoption event set for May 3 at ark

Animal lovers will have a chance to meet adoptable pets and connect with local rescue organizations during a community adoption event hosted by the Rescue Paw Foundation on Sunday, May 3, in Glen Cove.

The event will run from noon to 4 p.m. at Garvies Point Dog Park, located next to 50 Garvies Point Road, and will be held rain or shine. Organizers are inviting residents to stop by, meet animals in need of homes and learn more

about the adoption process.

More than a dozen rescue groups from across Long Island and the surrounding region are expected to participate, including Cove Animal Rescue, Camp Happy Tails, Paws Long Island, Second Chance Animal Rescue NYC and several municipal shelters. Each group will have adoptable dogs and other pets available, offering attendees a wide range of adoption opportunities.

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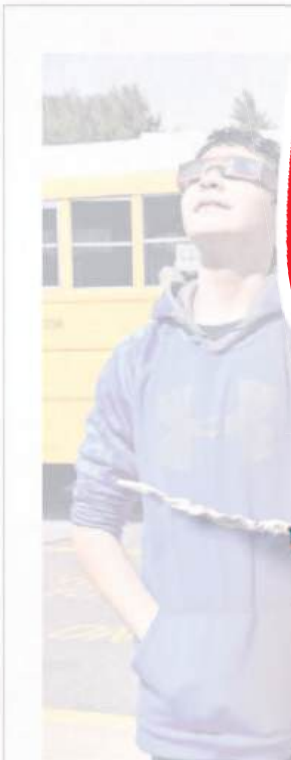
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Stamp Out Hunger drive will return May 9

Island Harvest, letter carriers request donations of nonperishable food and personal care products

Residents across Long Island are being asked to take part in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive on May 9 by leaving donations at their homes for pickup.

Island Harvest Food Bank and the National Association of Letter Carriers are partnering for the nationwide one-day effort.

Community members can leave nonperishable food items and personal care products in a bag by their mailboxes, where letter carriers will collect them during regular delivery. All donations collected on Long Island will support Island Harvest's network of community-based food pantries and feeding programs.

The need remains significant, according to Randi Shubin Dresner, president and chief executive of Island Harvest Food Bank, which distributed a record 21 million pounds of food across Nassau and Suffolk counties last year.

"Hunger and food insecurity impact about a quarter of a million Long Islanders, including children, families, older adults, and veterans — and virtually every ZIP code is affected," Shubin Dresner said in a news release. "We have always depended on the generosity of Long Islanders to support their neighbors. The Stamp Out Hunger food drive is an easy yet powerful way for our community to come together. When Long Islanders act as one island for one day, the impact is extraordinary."

Items needed include canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, boxed juices and shelf-stable milk. Prepared food and items in glass containers are not accepted. Personal care products such as toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant and disposable diapers are also accepted.

Tom Siesto, executive vice president of NALC Branch 6000, said that letter carriers see the effects of



Courtesy Don Miller

Long Island residents can help by leaving food donations outside their homes for the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive on May 9.

food insecurity every day.

"Our members see firsthand the impact of food insecurity on Long Island during their daily routes," Siesto said in the release. "We are proud to partner

with Island Harvest once again and to help bring neighbors together for the 34th annual Stamp Out Hunger food collection. This one day when letter carriers and residents unite island-wide makes a real difference."

Stamp Out Hunger is held annually on the second Saturday in May, and has collected more than 2 billion pounds of food nationwide since it began in 1993.

Last year, Long Island residents donated more than 360,000 pounds of food, enough for more than 600,000 meals. Island Harvest aims to collect more than 500,000 pounds this year.

This year's collection campaign on Long Island is supported by presenting sponsor National Grid, lead sponsor JPMorgan Chase, and IPRO Healthcare, along with nearly 40 additional corporations.

Island Harvest Food Bank is a leading human-services organization whose mission is to end hunger and reduce food waste on Long Island. It has organized innovative programs and services aimed at enhancing hunger awareness, short-term case management, nutrition education, outreach and advocacy initiatives, its Healthy Harvest Farm, a Workforce Skills Development Institute, and efficient food collection and distribution.

Island Harvest's work directly supports children, families, seniors and veterans who turn to the organization in times of crisis, and supports a network of community-based nonprofits. Its Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, a nationwide network of food banks leading the effort to combat hunger in the United States. To learn more, go to IslandHarvest.org.

—Jeffrey Bessen



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Bill aims to prevent anti-religious attacks

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so proud to stand with Congressman Suozzi in protecting the rights of all Americans, regardless of where they pray — a synagogue, mosque or church. Their right to do so free of danger and harassment will now be granted.”

Leaders of several national advocacy and faith organizations attended the event, including representatives of the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, Hadassah and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, antisemitism has reached historic levels, with 9,354 incidents recorded in 2024, including 1,702 at Jewish institutions alone, underscoring concerns about the safety of those attending religious services.

“Religious freedom thrives where respect prevails,” Azhar Azeez, CEO of the Islamic Society of North America, said. “Let every place of worship be a sanctuary free from intimidation, obstruction or harassment so all people may practice their faith in peace, dignity and safety within every sacred space.”

The proposal has also drawn political criticism. Mike LiPetri, who is challenging Suozzi for his 3rd Congressional District seat in November, said he believed the congressman had not been sufficiently vocal on the issue in the past.

“Now in an election year he wants to take action?” LiPetri wrote in a statement to the Herald. “We’re not buying it.”

Rep. Laura Gillen, who was not in attendance, emphasized the need for additional protections.

“In the wake of rising hate crimes in our own backyard, we must safeguard our houses of worship and ensure every Long Islander has the freedom to gather without fear of violence,” Gillen wrote. “Estab-



Roksana Amid/Herald

Community and religious leaders and elected officials, including Rep. Tom Suozzi, center, gathered at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County to highlight efforts to ensure safe access to places of worship.

lishing buffer zones is a step in the right direction. I have also fought tirelessly to expand access to non-profit security and hate crime prevention grants on a bipartisan basis. These measures will give our religious communities vital tools to keep themselves safe.”

The legislation comes as legal challenges to similar local protections continue. Earlier this month, the New York Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against Nassau County, County Executive Bruce Blakeman and Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, arguing that the county’s Religious Safety Act — which establishes buffer zones around houses of worship — violates the

U.S. Constitution.

Suozzi stressed the importance of balancing constitutional rights with public safety, and added that the country is living in “increasingly volatile times.”

“I strongly support the bipartisan effort led by Congressman Tom Suozzi and Congressman Max Miller to establish a buffer zone protecting houses of worship across the country,” Michael Blitz, president of Congregation Tifereth Israel, wrote in a statement to the Herald. “In a time of rising threats and polarization, this measure affirms a simple principle: every person should be able to gather, pray, and live their faith without fear.”

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By Abbey Salvemini

For many folks a trip to the Long Island Children's Museum isn't just a childhood outing, it's a shared community memory. Now, those of us "big kids" who grew up visiting here will have a chance to step back inside but this time as grown-ups.

Relive the wonder of childhood at the museum's inaugural "Adults Only Nostalgia Night" on May 6. Open to guests ages 23 and up, this after-hours event (starting at 6:30 p.m.) offers a lively, playful reimagining of a beloved local destination — welcoming visitors to explore familiar exhibits in a whole new light, long after the kids have gone home.

"This has been something that's been talked about for years," Communications Coordinator Stephanie Silver says. "We have so many people who came here as kids and are now bringing their own children or even grandchildren. There's always been this desire to come back and experience it again for themselves."

That idea recently gained momentum online after a nostalgic TikTok post comparing the museum's former Stewart Avenue location with its current home in Garden City went viral, creating a wave of former visitors in the comments reminiscing and sharing memories.

The result is an occasion designed to feel equal parts reunion and night out.

For three hours, the museum's galleries are open exclusively to adults, giving guests the rare opportunity to explore exhibits at their own pace. From the popular bubble station to newer installations, visitors can revisit old favorites or discover exhibits they may have missed.

"It's really about giving people the freedom to explore," Silver explains. "They can go wherever they want, spend as much time as they want, and just enjoy it without any responsibilities."

Beyond exploring the exhibits, the evening comes

alive with a DJ spinning crowd pleasing hits from across the decades, inviting guests to hit the dance floor or simply enjoy the music. Classic games add a touch of friendly competition, while photo stations capture the fun along the way. Together, these elements transform the museum into a vibrant, social "playground," a striking departure from its usual daytime pace. The result is a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where nostalgia, play and connection come together for a memorable night. Light bites and refreshments are available; admission includes two drink tickets for beer and wine. Organizers aim to create a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere where everyone can mingle, unwind, and rediscover a beloved space in an entirely new way — all without straying far from home.

Guests are also invited to take part in hands-on memory-making activities throughout the evening. Design your own I Heart LICM friendship bracelet to keep as a personal memento, or contribute to the Nostalgia Wall by posting photos and sharing stories from past visits. Over the course of the night, the growing display will reflect decades of community connection — ranging from childhood snapshots to treasured, multigenerational memories — woven together into a heartfelt collective tribute.

For Silver, that piece hits close to home.

"I grew up coming here," she says. "My own photos will be up there. It's special to see how many people have that same connection."

While designed to be lighthearted and fun, the museum's educational spirit remains an underlying thread throughout. Exhibits originally created to spark curiosity in children take on a new dimension for adults, offering a fresh perspective that invites reflection, rediscovery and a touch of wonder in a familiar setting.

"That's actually the easiest part," Silver adds. "Everything here is already grounded in education. The nostalgia just comes naturally."

If the evening proves successful (as expected), museum leadership aims to make this a recurring offering and potentially expand it in future seasons, building on what's anticipated to be strong community enthusiasm.

"We'd love to make this a reoccurring event," Silver says, enthusiastically. "But we also want to hear from visitors ... what they enjoy, what they want to see. This is really about the community."

Nostalgia Night will offer something that's familiar yet new: a chance to revisit a childhood staple, reconnect with friends or neighbors and see a well-known local institution in a completely different light.

"We want people to walk away feeling reconnected, not just to the museum, but to that sense of joy and creativity," Silver adds. "Play is just as powerful for us as adults as it is for the children."

And for those who recall spending rainy afternoons or birthday parties inside the museum's walls, this might feel somewhat like coming home — only this time, with music, companions and no curfew.



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MAY 8 **Ben Folds & A Piano**

Ben Folds, widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of his generation, brings his latest tour to the Tilles Center, joined by multi-talented actress-singer-composer Lindsey Kraft. Known for pushing genre boundaries, Folds first rose to prominence with Ben Folds Five before launching a wide-ranging solo career that blends sharp lyricism, piano-driven melodies and orchestral ambition. Over the years, he has released multiple solo albums alongside collaborative projects, earning an Emmy nomination and a devoted global following. His most recent pop album (2023) drew critical praise and played to sold-out audiences, followed by a holiday release in 2024. Folds' recent work also reflects his deep engagement with orchestral music, including a live album featuring a live orchestral performance of his hits recorded just before concluding his eight-year tenure as Artistic Advisor to the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center — an appointment that marked a first for the role. Today, he continues to move fluidly between pop tours and performances with leading orchestras worldwide, while also developing new work for film, television and theater. A bestselling author and former podcast host, Folds remains a restlessly creative force — an artist constantly expanding the reach of his music.

- **Where:** Tilles Center, LIU Post campus, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville
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MAY 2 **Spring
Sculpture Stroll**

Enjoy an hour of discovery and conversation at Nassau County Museum of Art. Travel across the museum's grounds to explore a selection of sculptures sited across our property. Each stop on the tour will delve into the choices, inspirations and materials of the artists and their sculptures. Rain date is May 3. \$20, \$10 members. Registration required.

- **Where:** Manes Education Center, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

Fairy Festival

Step into a day of enchantment at Sands Point Preserve, where nature and imagination at the 4th annual festival. Set across the preserve's forest, pond, meadow and beach ecosystems, this whimsical celebration invites families to explore the outdoors through a magical lens. Highlights include the Fairy House Walk, featuring imaginative creations by the community, along with music, hula hoop jams and interactive performances. Meet mystical characters like the Queen of the Celestial Fairies, mermaids and the Tooth Fairy, enjoy magic shows with Grig the Felf and immersive theater by the Maidens of Myth, or join in a fairy dance, maypole celebration and imaginative tea party. Also nature walks, spring planting, wilderness skills creative stations for fairy crafts and art. A Magical Marketplace, food trucks and plenty of bubble-filled surprises round out the experience. \$95 per car.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

Fine Craft Fair

Venture out to Nassau County Museum of Art for the Fine Craft

Fair with the Long Island Craft Guild. Discover unique handmade works by local and regional artisans, including ceramics, jewelry, textiles, woodwork, glass, sculpture, and more. Whether you're searching for a special Mother's Day gift or looking to add a unique piece to your home, the Long Island Craft Guild Fine Craft Fair offers extraordinary items for everyone — each is crafted with care, creativity, and exceptional talent. Make sure to visit the museum afterwards to view the exhibitions.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; also May 3
- **Contact:** nassaumuseum.org or (516) 484-9337

MAY 3 **Photography
Exhibit**

Glen Cove Public Library hosts a photography exhibit showcasing the creative work of Glen Cove High School students. It highlights student perspectives through a range of photographic styles and subjects, offering a look at emerging young talent within the community. Visitors are invited to explore the display and support local student artists during this

one-day showcase.

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

Art talk

Nassau County Museum of Art hosts an engaging conversation between acclaimed artist Adam Straus and noted art critic, writer, and filmmaker Amei Wallach. Together, they'll discuss Straus's artistic process, share insights from his current and past work, and present images that illuminate the evolution of his practice. Their dialogue offers a unique window into the artist's creative journey and the broader role of art in reflecting and responding to our contemporary world. \$20, \$15 seniors, \$10 students, members free. Limited seating and registration required.

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

MAY 5 **Pre-Council
Meeting**

Discussion and review session held prior to the regular City Council meeting.

- **Where:** City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 676-2000

MAY 14 **Garden Party**

The Glen Cove Beautification Commission hosts its annual Garden Party at The Metropolitan, featuring small plate appetizers, beer, wine, soft drinks, coffee, and dessert. A cash bar will be available for cocktails. Gift basket donations and sponsorships are welcomed. \$95 fee.

- **Where:** 3 Pratt Blvd., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 6-8:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** Barbara Peebles at bpeebles@optonline.net

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Honoring 50 years of service with Kiwanis

By WILL SHEELINE

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The North Shore Kiwanis Club celebrated longtime member Scott Whitting for 50 years of service to the organization and honoring his military background during a dinner held at the Greenvale Townhouse Restaurant.

The April 15 event, which featured dinner, speeches and a ceremonial cake, honored Whitting's decades of commitment to community service as well as his distinguished time in the U.S. military.

In a later interview, Club President Chris Salmon said planning for the celebration began several months earlier, after Whitting had been honored for his military service on Veteran's Day of last year. Organizers later realized the recognition coincided with Whitting's 50th year as a Kiwanis member.

"We decided it was great time to honor him for both things," Salmon said, "both his 50th year in the North Shore Kiwanis Club and his military service."

The evening's program included remarks from several speakers who highlighted Whitting's longstanding involvement in club initiatives and his impact on the community. Doug Barnaby of Sea Cliff, one of only two members who have been in the club longer than Whitting and who has known him for more than five decades, reflected on his early days in the club and his consistent leadership in volunteer efforts.

Whitting has played a key role in many Kiwanis projects, including fundraising events that support community programs. Among them is the Sea Cliff Mini Mart, which helps fund initiatives such as providing clothing and school supplies for children in need.

"Any type of those events that took place over the years," Salmon said, "Scott was always like a key player."



Photos courtesy North Shore Kiwanis Club

Club members gathered at the Greenvale Townhouse Restaurant to honor fellow member Scott Whitting.

The celebration also spotlighted Whitting's military service. A Green Beret, he served in West Germany during the Cold War and later volunteered for a second tour in Vietnam as a medical specialist supporting advanced operations.

Salmon said those stories left a strong impression on attendees, particularly newer members. According to Salmon, the event underscored the importance of recognizing community members who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to service.

"My big takeaway for the meeting was the wow factor that we got from some of the newer members," he said, "or those who didn't know Scott about his service."

To learn more about the North Shore Kiwanis Club and their work, visit NorthShoreKiwanisLI.com.



Scott Whitting, right, was honored both for his volunteer work with the North Shore Kiwanis Club and military service as a Green Beret medical specialist by club members, including Club President Chris Salmon.



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Scott Whitting received a ceremonial cake highlighting his five decades of service and membership to the North Shore Kiwanis Club.

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OPINIONS

Federal funding has helped science thrive on L.I.

While the headlines have focused on science funding cuts at elite national universities, we shouldn't lose sight of the local impact. Long Island is home to major research centers, including Brookhaven National Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the Feinstein Institutes at Northwell and Stony Brook University, among others.

The \$47 billion in cuts to the National Science Foundation and other federal sources of research funding affect those institutions, too. The administration has halted thousands of approved grants for projects focusing on infectious diseases, energy management and quantitative computing, while also releasing staff and curtailing new funding, causing major upheavals in research.

Some now argue that the United States model for research, involving universities, research institutes and private corporations, should change because there's too much reliance on unstable federal support. Fair enough, but first we should ask how we got here, and how federal support became so important.

Our current research enterprise originated in World War II. Reflecting on the

immense and immediate response of universities and scientific laboratories to the war effort, Dr. Vannevar Bush, an engineer at MIT, accepted President Harry Truman's invitation to write a report on what worked and how to plan for the future.

Bush assembled several committees of experts to examine the issues, and wrote an essay entitled, "Science: The Endless Frontier." In it he summarized the various reports and recommended goals and a strategy for the president to consider.

First, Bush highlighted the fact that many of the discoveries and advances that aided the war effort were made by scholars who had migrated to the United States from countries under totalitarian rule. One conclusion was that immigration was an important source of intellectual talent. A second was that the war had kept millions of Americans from advanced education, and that we should create a program that offered them opportunities to earn college and higher degrees. The G.I. Bill was one result.

A third conclusion was that the country needed systemic support for ongoing research and advanced learning not limited to defense. The National Science Foundation was another result.

The models that Bush's report inspired have worked well for over 80

years. They include support for federal student aid, immigration policy and grant programs for basic and applied research at universities and private companies.

The war also gave birth to the Grumman Corporation, which mass-produced aircraft as well as an innovative wing configuration that made it possible to fit more planes on aircraft carriers. The story of how this unique folding feature was developed from a model using two paper clips and a soap eraser is engineering legend. That same spirit launched the lunar module that transported two astronauts to the surface of the moon.

Another example is Brookhaven National Laboratory, established on an unused Army base in 1946 by a consortium of nine major universities. Today it is a leader in high-energy physics, materials chemistry, national security and nonproliferation, neurosciences and computational sciences.

The Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research at Northwell Health, established in 1999, is home to 50 research labs, 2,500 clinical trial studies and 5,000 professional and support staff. They conduct research in molecular medicine, genetics, cancer, neuroscience, behavioral science and bioelectronic medicine.

A significant source of science innovation is Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, home to eight Nobel Prize winners in physiology and medicine. It has an education division that awards doctoral degrees, hosts international conferences and partners with regional medical schools affiliated with Hofstra/Northwell and Stony Brook University.

Stony Brook's prominence is grounded in biomedical science, including work that led to the development of magnetic resonance imaging, which was recognized with a Nobel Prize in 2003. Other research is dedicated to understanding and addressing water quality challenges on Long Island, in the interest of restoring the health of bays and waterways, safeguarding fisheries and protecting the coastal environment that is so central to the region's identity and economics.

Together, these Long Island enterprises employ thousands and operate with millions of dollars in federal grants. They contribute to improved health outcomes and the economic well-being of individuals and communities. The products and services they develop create businesses, expand services and contribute tax revenue that supports our schools and public services. Rather than shutter these programs, let's work together to remember why they exist and consider how they can improve even further.

Robert Scott is president emeritus of Adelphi University and the author of "How University Boards Work."



ROBERT A. SCOTT

Research here has led the world, and Washington shouldn't forget that.

Advanced economics: the bacon, egg and cheese effect

Economic trends remain solid on Long Island and across most of the United States, yet consumers still seem "unhappy." Measures of sentiment, both local and national, are more downbeat than some relevant information would suggest.

For example, inflation, as measured in the consumer price index, continues to moderate from the highs of 2022, up 3.3 percent in March nationwide, while our region was up 3.6 percent. Even with higher gas prices likely to fuel an uptick in inflation overall, we've been seeing moderating trends.

Even so, the cumulative increase in inflation since early 2017 remains roughly 32 percent. Prices have gone up over the past five years, and consumers haven't forgotten it, even if the recent trends are more moderate — or even if they temporarily move in the wrong direction.

The perception that prices are still going higher can be partially attributed to what we call the Snickers Bar Effect: Consumers remember the prices of more frequent purchases. Economists at UBS began examining this issue in early 2024, and it remains highly relevant today. In 2020, the popular candy bar cost \$1.50, but today it costs \$2.39, an increase of nearly 80 percent. Most consumers, however, don't know how much their car insurance has gone up over the past few years.

We're all much more aware of the price increases on everyday products, which creates a sense that inflation is still surging. So, even though it has in fact been moderating, most consumers still feel that prices are too high.

For those who don't scarf down a mix of savory peanuts, caramel and chocolate for breakfast, lunch or a snack several times a week, let's drill down to a very Long Island-specific product: the bacon, egg and cheese sandwich. Nearly every neighborhood deli or bodega serves it, on a roll or a bagel. Our analy-

sis suggests that in 2015, the average price of a BEC was \$3, and in 2020 it was \$4.25. Today it's closer to \$7.50. People see the higher prices every morning, which reminds them daily that expenses are higher.

You're more likely to know about its price increases than those of your insurance.

To be clear, it isn't just Snickers, bacon, egg and cheeses or even overall inflation that weighs on purchasers on Long Island. Data shows that consumers are also worried about possible layoffs, the seeming likelihood of artificial intelligence replacing jobs, and the so-called K-shaped economy, in which high earners thrive while low earners struggle. These concerns are real, even if they aren't fully showing up in the hard economic data.

Recent survey data reinforces this point. A few months ago, PKF O'Connor Davies, in partnership with the Siena Research Institute, released its annual Long Island Economic Survey-Outlook 2026. Like consumers, Long Island businesses also seem more worried about the economy, even though current trends are solid. Economic sentiment in

the survey is the third lowest since 1995.

Even with March housing data showing continued strength and the stock market rebounding dramatically, affordability and inflation for residents of Nassau and Suffolk counties remain issues. If you bought a home five or more years ago, you are sitting on strong price appreciation. But if you're entering the market today, there aren't enough reasonably priced alternatives. Entry-level buyers are being squeezed, and affordability remains a major problem. That's why the Long Island Association and business leaders have been advocating for federal, state and local support for more housing development.

Sentiment matters, because it drives spending, hiring and investment decisions. When consumers and business leaders feel downbeat, they may pull back — even in a relatively solid economy. Until they begin to feel relief in their day-to-day purchases, housing becomes more attainable and there's less volatility in economic news, that disconnect is likely to persist, even if the numbers continue to tell a more positive story.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Long Island must make pedestrians safer *now*

A troubling pattern is emerging across Nassau and Suffolk counties — and it should force leaders in both to act with urgency. In recent weeks, there have been a number of serious and fatal crashes involving pedestrians in our communities, from Wantagh to Freeport, Rockville Centre and Lindenhurst.

In Wantagh on March 9, a 53-year-old woman was killed when a pickup truck struck her while it was making a turn at an intersection. On April 4, in Freeport, a 66-year-old man died after being hit while crossing Merrick Road, with police later charging the driver for a hit-and-run.

In Rockville Centre on April 10, a 76-year-old woman died of injuries she sustained when she was struck by a vehicle at an intersection. And in Lindenhurst on April 15, an 85-year-old woman was seriously injured when she was hit by a vehicle making a left turn.

These were not isolated incidents. They were part of a steady, devastating rhythm of crashes that too often end in tragedy for people doing something routine — crossing the street.

Even in Long Beach, where city officials are now reviewing traffic data in an effort to improve safety, the response remains reactive. Studying the problem isn't the same as solving it. Long Island has reached the point where analysis

must give way to action.

The uncomfortable truth is that Nassau and Suffolk are still operating under an outdated suburban model of road design that prioritizes speed and vehicle flow over human safety. Wide lanes encourage faster driving. Long crossing distances expose pedestrians to danger. Intersections are designed for convenience, not caution.

We do not need to reinvent the solution. We need to look west.

New York City, through its Vision Zero initiative, has spent years reshaping its streets with a different philosophy: that no loss of life on the road is acceptable. That approach has led to lower speed limits, redesigned intersections, pedestrian islands, expanded enforcement and a fundamental shift in the way streets are used. The results haven't been perfect, but they have been meaningful. Fatalities have declined over time, and the conversation has changed.

Now the city is going even further, considering a "full stop" rule that would require drivers and cyclists to remain stopped at intersections until pedestrians have completely crossed the street — not just cleared their immediate path. It is a simple idea with powerful implications: The pedestrian comes first, fully and without compromise.

Long Island should not wait to see how that proposal plays out. The princi-

ple behind it is already clear, logical, and overdue here.

And not every solution requires tearing up asphalt. Some changes can happen quickly: reducing speed limits on local roads, increasing enforcement of failure-to-yield laws, improving signage and crosswalk visibility, and launching public-awareness campaigns that reinforce a culture of caution.

The data makes this urgency undeniable. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, roughly 90 percent of crashes in the United States are tied, at least in part, to human error — speeding, distraction, poor judgment. That means safer systems are not optional; they are essential. Road design must anticipate mistakes and reduce their consequences.

Long Island has the benefit of proximity to one of the largest real-world laboratories for traffic safety reform. The question is whether its leaders are willing to learn from its city neighbors. How many more deaths will it take before that happens?

The recent fatalities in our area shouldn't fade into the background of the next news cycle. They should serve as a call to action. Nassau and Suffolk must act now to prioritize pedestrians, redesign dangerous roads and adopt proven safety measures. The cost of waiting is already far too high.

LETTERS

Ferretti favors status quo amid the housing crisis

To the Editor:

The "local control" lauded by Hempstead Town Supervisor John Ferretti in his April 16-22 op-ed, "REVIVE Act is the wrong solution to the housing crisis," is spelled NIMBY, for Not In My Backyard, and he spells it out by rote. On Long Island, local control is widespread, a slogan for a politician's assertion of veto power.

It is, in effect, a feudal remnant of the creation days of "suburbia," shaped by the interests of bankers, builders, insurance and real estate. It was an illusion then, and is now a distraction from broader visions needed for a better future. Mr. Ferretti's claim that REVIVE is the wrong solution suggests some better choice on offer. The one he offers is the status quo — a denial, in effect, that any crisis exists.

The REVIVE Act will benefit the same interests named above, and will not solve the housing crisis alone, but "house" construction is core to any solution, and thus the right one for the present.

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OPINIONS

When words stop meaning anything

Once, words like “won,” “control,” or even “lawyer” carried obligations. They required something of the speaker: evidence, verification, a tether — however strained — to reality. To say a war was “won” meant something had ended. To claim “control” meant something could be demonstrated. Even an insult had to lean, however loosely, on fact.

Not anymore.

We aren’t simply living through an era of political lying. A lie still needs something real to distort. What we are seeing now is something more corrosive: language engineered so that it no longer answers to reality at all.



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Consider the now-familiar claim that a war is “for the most part won,” or that an adversary has been “decimated.” These aren’t conclusions drawn from observable outcomes. They are verbal end-states — arriving fully formed, requiring no confirmation. When Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth predicted that the United States and Israel would achieve “complete control of Iranian skies” in under a week, the statement wasn’t a measurable forecast. It was a declaration of inevitability. When

reports surfaced shortly thereafter of a U.S. fighter jet being downed, the original claim didn’t collapse. It absorbed the contradiction.

That is the tell.

A meaningful statement carries risk.

It can be wrong. If I say a bridge is closed, you can go see for yourself. But now consider the claim: “We are winning.” What would make that false? If we advance, it proves the claim. If we stall, it’s temporary. If we lose ground, it’s tactical. If casualties rise, it shows resolve.

Every possible outcome is folded back into confirmation. The claim holds not because events support it, but because events no longer matter.

The pattern repeats elsewhere. Hegseth also claimed that grieving families of fallen soldiers urged him to “finish the job” in Iran — a statement directly contradicted by at least one of those families. But the power of the claim did not depend on its accuracy. It provided an emotional credential, a pre-emptive moral endorsement. Whether it actually occurred is almost beside the point. The words arrive already carrying their intended effect.

Or consider the spectacle of then Attorney General Pam Bondi telling Rep. Jamie Raskin, “You’re not even a lawyer.” This wasn’t merely false —

Raskin is a respected attorney, a magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School and a longtime law professor — it is a statement that treats verifiable reality as irrelevant. The assertion does not seek to persuade; it seeks to replace.

It invites the audience to inhabit a world in which credentials can be erased by declaration.

We see the same structure in claims by Kash Patel that the FBI “uncovered” a hidden annex proving a plot by Hillary Clinton to fabricate the Russia investigation — despite the absence of any evidence supporting the claim. Or when President Trump insists that “nobody”

anticipated Iranian retaliation, though experts and Iranian officials had publicly warned of exactly that. Or when he speaks of “very good” and “productive” conversations with Iran that Iranian officials themselves deny ever occurred.

Individually, these can be dismissed as exaggeration, error, or fabrication. Collectively, they reveal something else: a method.

These statements don’t describe events; they pre-package them. They don’t report reality; they attempt to render it unnecessary.

Once language functions this way, accountability dissolves. If words no longer point to shared, verifiable condi-

tions, then disagreement becomes unresolvable. We are no longer arguing about what is true; we are reacting to what feels aligned, forceful, or familiar. Language stops being a tool for understanding the world and becomes a mechanism for insulating ourselves from it.

And this isn’t solely the fault of those who speak this way. It works because it satisfies a demand. In a landscape of complexity, uncertainty and danger, these statements offer something irresistibly simple: the feeling of clarity without the burden of evidence. They mimic knowledge. They deliver certainty on arrival.

We reward that.

But the cost isn’t abstract. When words detach from reality, reality doesn’t disappear. Missiles still land where they land. Soldiers are still injured or killed. Conflicts widen or contract regardless of whether they are described as progress or control. It simply proceeds without us — uninterpreted, unmanaged and, eventually, unrecognizable.

Once, saying something was true meant it could be tested. Now a claim is often treated as true simply because it was said. And when words no longer answer to reality, reality stops answering to us.

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LETTERS

Do your part to keep construction workers safe

To the Editor:

Last week was National Work Zone Awareness Week, a nationwide campaign reminding motorists that warmer temperatures bring an increase in construction activities along our transportation system.

Here on Long Island, the state Department of Transportation is scheduled to perform hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of paving and bridge projects this year. For the safety of the highway workers doing this work, NYSDOT will deploy signs, cones, barrels and attenuators to make these work zones as visible as possible. Motorists, however, must also do their part to ensure that our workers return home safely each night: slow down, move over and stay alert. Honoring this simple request can save a life.

Earlier this year, a NYSDOT worker was senselessly struck by a vehicle while setting up a closure on the Long Island Expressway. It’s a miracle that worker survived. Throughout this construction season, in an effort to better protect our workers, NYSDOT will be working with our police partners on targeted enforcement, and will be deploying automated speed-enforcement cameras in our work zones.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our highway workers safe.

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Jaime Vitale Joins the Langone Team

Jaime brings a strong foundation in communication and community connection to her new role. A North Shore native with deep local roots, she spent a decade as a NYC school teacher after earning her Master's in Literacy Studies.

Her background reflects a passion for helping others and guiding people through important life transitions. As a longtime resident and mom of three, Jaime understands firsthand what makes these communities so special.

Her transition into real estate is a natural progression, joining a high-caliber family team. She works alongside her father, John Langone—a respected industry veteran and former brokerage owner—and her sister, Deana Langone-Roper, an experienced, longtime member of the Langone Team.

Jaime is excited to combine her local knowledge and genuine care to support clients every step of the way. Reach out to congratulate her or connect for your real estate needs!



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