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Rebecca Goldaper, far left, Aiden J. Kaplan, Natalie Macon, Marsha Silverman, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Stevens Martinez and Rory Lancman raised the Pride flag over Glen Cove Village Square during the ninth annual Pride celebration.

Celebrating love and history

Pride flag is raised over Village Square for ninth year

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The rainbow Pride flag has flown over Glen Cove Village Square each June for nearly a decade, but organizers of the annual Pride celebration said this year's ceremony on Monday carried renewed significance. Speakers at the ninth annual event highlighted both the progress made by the LGBTQ community and the challenges that remain, pointing to recent hateful social media comments and a national climate that has left many feeling vulnerable. Former City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who has helped lead the event since its inception, said the negative comments

posted online after the ceremony was announced served as a reminder that public displays of support remain necessary. "When this was posted on social media about a week ago," Silverman said, "the negative, derogatory, really disgusting and despicable comments that were put up on social media reminded me that it's more important now than it's been in my lifetime." She contrasted those comments with the many supportive responses from community members, saying they demonstrated the values she believes define Glen Cove. "That is what this is about," Silverman said. "It is about showing each other that we will be there for you, no matter what. No

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G.C.'s credit is downgraded by Moody's

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The Glen Cove City Council's approval of a \$4.9 million borrowing plan last month has reignited debate over the city's finances, after a May Moody's Ratings report downgraded Glen Cove's credit rating to Baa2 and warned that the city faces a projected budget gap tied to delayed sales tax revenue.

The report concluded that the city is expected to remain in a negative financial position through at least the end of 2026, citing structurally imbalanced budgets, a negative reserve position and elevated leverage as key challenges.

At the May 26 City Council meeting, Councilwoman Danielle Fugazy Scagliola said the downgrade highlighted concerns she raised during last year's budget process. Referring to the council's decision earlier in the month to delay the vote on the borrowing plan until late May, Fugazy Scagliola

said that elected officials have a responsibility to fully review major financial decisions before taking action.

"We did rush into our budget vote in November," she said. "And again, where that's left us now with a deficit, I don't think that we could be too careful in reviewing how we're spending the city's money."

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DANIELLE FUGAZY SCAGLIOLA
City councilwoman

Fugazy Scagliola pointed to roughly \$3 million in anticipated sales tax revenue that Moody's said will not arrive until 2027.

Later, she added that the report was not unexpected. "We have a hole in the budget," Fugazy Scagliola said after the meeting. "If you don't have \$3 million, you can't spend \$3 million. So then what happens? You have to cut things."

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck acknowledged the challenge, but expressed confidence that the city would successfully address it. "We will have a hole in our budget," she said during the meeting. "We are working on several things to correct

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HERALD SCHOOLS

Barry honored, GCTV wins big at Hofstra

Glen Cove High School's GCTV program earned regional recognition at the ninth annual Broadcast Alliance for Senior High Awards competition, hosted by the Lawrence Herbert School of Communication at Hofstra University on May 21, taking home a first-place award while longtime educator Chris Barry received a surprise Lifetime Achievement Award.

The BASH Awards celebrate excellence in student broadcast journalism and media production, bringing together high school media programs from across Long Island and the New York metropolitan area. The annual competition recognizes achievement in reporting, storytelling, production, anchoring and other aspects of student broadcasting.

This year's event proved especially memorable for Glen Cove, as students were recognized for their work both behind and in front of the camera while their teacher was honored for his decades of commitment to media education.

Barry, who has overseen Glen Cove High School's broadcast journalism program for years, received the BASH Life-



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

time Achievement Award, a distinction presented to educators who have made significant contributions to student broadcasting and helped shape future generations of journalists, producers and media professionals.

According to the district, the recogni-

tion came as a complete surprise. Neither Barry nor the GCTV students were aware that he would be honored during the ceremony.

The celebration continued after the awards program concluded. Upon returning to Glen Cove High School,

Barry was greeted by a crowd of students and staff members who organized a surprise welcome to recognize his years of dedication to the district and its student media program.

While Barry's honor was a highlight of the day, students also earned top recognition in competition.

Students from Barry's Broadcast Journalism class captured first place in the Best Community Feature category for a segment spotlighting the work of the Glen Cove Beautification Commission. The category was sponsored by WABC and presented by television journalist Chantee Lans.

The winning production team included studio anchors Jax Giordano and Isabella Damiano. The field production crew consisted of Damiano, Robert Gobbo, Joseph Damiano and Axel Aguilar.

Their feature showcased the Beautification Commission's efforts to enhance public spaces in the city through landscaping, projects and volunteerism. The segment combined on-location reporting, interviews and production

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EOC celebrates community action month

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Community organizations, service providers, families and residents gathered on Saturday to celebrate Community Action Month during a Family Day event hosted by the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Commission in partnership with Glen Cove Gardens Development LLC. The event offered resources, information, entertainment and opportunities for residents to connect with local organizations that provide support throughout the year.

The celebration highlighted the mission of the Economic Opportunity Commission, which serves low-income families across Nassau County through programs focused on food assistance, housing support, education, employment and youth services. Representatives from EOCs across Long Island attended the event, including EOC of Nassau County Chief Executive Officer Eric Poulson.

“This is our first Community Action Month event,” said Glen Cove EOC Program Director Irma Jeanty. She explained that May is recognized nationally as Community Action Month and that Glen Cove was selected to host this year’s gathering. “Working for community action is more than a job. It’s a mission,” Jeanty said, noting that the agency’s work centers on helping families access resources and support.

Jeanty said the event was designed not only as a celebration, but also as an opportunity for residents to learn about services available in the community.

“It’s for the whole community to come together and celebrate,” she said. “This is our time where we sit together and say, ‘How can we do better? What would you like to see happening in the community or in our program?’”

The event featured community vendors, nonprofit organizations, food, raffles and entertainment, including a performance by dancers from Glen Dance Studio. Organizers also recognized the contributions of volunteers, board members and local sponsors who helped make the event possible. The celebration also featured a raffle table sponsored by Gail and Wendy Waller, whose donations added to the festivities and helped create excitement for attendees throughout the afternoon.

Among those in attendance was Glen Cove resident Denishia Usher, 39, who said her connection to the EOC dates back to her own childhood. Now a mother of four, with three children participating in EOC programs, she said the agency has remained an important resource for her family.

“I come to participate in the program because it’s like an outreach,” Usher said. “We get to meet new people and find out more information about what we could benefit from.”

Usher encouraged more families to take advantage of EOC programs and events.

“They do help families out a lot,” she said. “More families should come out



Roksana Amid/Herald photos

Girls from Glen Dance Studio perform during the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Commission’s Family Day celebration, entertaining attendees as the community gathered to mark Community Action Month.

and participate in the functions because it’s beneficial. They never know what help they could be provided if they came out.”

Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson also praised the agency’s impact on the community. Hudson said he worked for the EOC as a youth worker while attending college and has seen firsthand the organization’s value.

“I think this is a great community event,” Hudson said. “The EOC really does a lot for people. It provides opportunities, job opportunities for our students. It provides just a great help for the community.”

Hudson credited Jeanty’s leadership with helping expand awareness of the organization and bringing residents together through events such as Family Day.

Poulson said the Glen Cove EOC office operates with a staff of three and assists roughly 400 families. He noted that those figures represent unduplicated families, many of whom receive multiple services throughout the year. Families may access food assistance, utility support, rental assistance, youth programs and educational opportunities simultaneously, he explained.

“We are the designated anti-poverty agency of Nassau County,” Poulson said. “Poverty is our business. That’s what we want to help low-income individuals get on a trajectory to find self-sufficiency.”

According to Poulson, the EOC employs roughly 300 people and operates 13 locations throughout Nassau County. He described the Glen Cove office as a “microcosm” of the broader services available countywide, with the shared goal of helping residents meet immediate needs while working toward long-term stability and independence.



Irma Jeanty, left, Glen Cove EOC Program Director, and EOC of Nassau County CEO Eric Poulson speak with attendees during the Community Action Month Family Day event, highlighting services and resources available to local families.



The raffle table, sponsored by Gail and Wendy Waller, featured donated prizes and drew excitement from attendees during the Glen Cove Economic Opportunity Commission’s Family Day celebration in honor of Community Action Month.



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Dear Great Book Guru, We are getting ready for the annual James Joyce Jaunt here in Sea Cliff on - of course - June 16: Bloomsday! Talking to friends about the Jaunt, one mentioned a great new book about London. It's a true crime tale by the author of SAY NOTHING - that amazing story of the Irish Troubles. Does it sound familiar?



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James Joyce Jaunter

Dear James Joyce Jaunter,

Patrick Radden Keefe's latest book is "London Falling" and it is by far the best book I've read this year. Divided into three parts, the book opens with the disappearance of teenager Zac Brettler.

We share in the mounting anxiety of his parents as days go by without any sign of their son. The police seem less than interested and his friends offer conflicting stories of his possible where-

abouts.

This first section delves into Zac's history, and we are shocked as are his parents to discover he has been living a double life posing as Zac Ismailov, son of a Russian oligarch. The second part of the book introduces a London few of us would recognize - a city's whose very survival has become dependent on corruption, oligarch money, and underworld criminals.

The third and final section focuses on Zac's parents as they try to put together the truth surrounding their son's bizarre transformation and eventual death. Throughout, they and the reader grapple with the question of whether we ever really can know even those we love dearly. Highly recommended.

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

NEWS BRIEF

Bronx man arrested in car fraud case

Detective Heffernan and Police Officer Darren Pittman arrested a 32-year-old man from the Bronx on May 27 and charged him with Grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, criminal possession of a forged instrument, identity theft and criminal impersonation. The arrest was linked to May 2025, when a 32-year-old man from the Bronx allegedly listed a 2022 Honda SUV for sale on Facebook Marketplace. A Glen Cove resident agreed to purchase the vehicle for \$18,000.

On May 2, 2025, the defendant drove the vehicle to Glen Cove and met with the victim. The defendant provided what appeared to be a valid vehicle title, the vehicle's keys, and a New York State driver's license. Everything appeared to

be in order, and the sale was completed for \$18,000.

Shortly after the purchase, the victim attempted to register the vehicle with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The victim was shocked to learn that the title was fraudulent and that the displayed Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) had been altered.

The victim contacted the Glen Cove Police Department, and an investigation was initiated. Officer Darren Pittman was able to uncover the vehicle's true VIN and discovered that the Honda had been reported stolen from New York City.

During the investigation, Detective Heffernan and Officer Pittman obtained video footage of the transaction.

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Raising the flag carries profound meaning

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matter who you are, we as a community in Glen Cove care about each other. Pride began as a protest stemming out of the Stonewall Riots," she said, referring to the protests in Manhattan's Greenwich Village in June 1969. "It was a fight against oppression, a demand for equality."

Pride honors those who fought for acceptance in earlier generations, Siverman said, and she challenged attendees to continue that work. "So today we stand proud not just for ourselves, but for future generations," she said. "Where acceptance, hopefully, is the norm. Where love knows no boundaries and where everyone can live fully and freely."

One of the ceremony's youngest speakers was Natalie Macon, a Glen Cove High School senior and the president of the school's Gender and Sexuality Alliance. Macon described Pride as the freedom to embrace one's identity without fear.

"Our community does this flag-raising every year, and it's so important for this to happen," she said. "It helps show that Glen Cove, our town, is a safe community, and one to be proud of."

Macon said support systems are vital for LGBTQ youth. "In a world that is so full of hate, it is important that we have a space to be ourselves," she said. "A place to explore and discover and not be afraid that we'll be rejected or turned away from parts of ourselves."

Macon added that acceptance can make a profound difference in a young person's life. "To have people that welcome and support us, even without fully understanding, is absolutely crucial to the development of queer youth and queer people in the community," she said.

Stevens Martinez, Director of Intergovernmental



Roksana Amid/Herald

Stevens Martinez presented a citation to Glen Cove High School senior Natalie Macon for her work with the school's Gender and Sexuality Alliance club. To Macon's left is former Councilwoman Marsha Silverman.

Affairs on Long Island for Gov. Kathy Hochul, who also grew up in Glen Cove, spoke about coming out as a teenager, before same-sex marriage became legal in the United States. Looking out at the crowd, he praised the progress made by the community and the opportunities available to today's students.

"I remember being one of only a handful of people who felt like we could come out at the time," Martinez

said. "But I know that there were so many others who didn't come out because of the prejudice and the fear that people had at the time."

He commended Macon and the Gender and Sexuality Alliance for creating a supportive environment at the high school. "It's incredible just how far we have come as a community, especially here in Glen Cove," Martinez said.

Aiden J. Kaplan, assistant director of operations and programs at PFY, formerly known as Pride for Youth, told the attendees that visibility remains essential, particularly as the LGBTQ community continues to face discrimination and uncertainty.

"When a Pride flag flies over City Hall, it sends a message that cannot be ignored," Kaplan said. "It says that we see you, you belong here, and your community stands with you."

PFY serves people of all ages throughout Nassau, Suffolk and Queens, he said, offering mental health services, housing and food assistance, gender-affirming care, case management and social programs. Gatherings like Glen Cove's annual ceremony, Kaplan added, carry significance beyond symbolism.

"The transgender teen who feels alone, the person questioning whether they should come out, the family looking for hope, the child worried that their family will reject them — that message reaches people we may never meet," he said.

The event also included a statement from GLAAD President and CEO Sarah Kate Ellis, read by Glen Cove High GSA adviser Rebecca Goldaper. The message praised the city's commitment to inclusion while warning of ongoing legislative and cultural challenges facing LGBTQ communities nationwide.

"Raising a Pride flag is a simple act, but it carries profound weight," Ellis wrote.

GLEN COVE HERALD — June 4, 2026

6 Long Islanders rally for transgender rights

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By ALYSSA R. GRIFFIN

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Transgender, gender non-binary and intersex residents, joined by family members, friends and allies, gathered outside the Theodore Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola on Saturday for a rally celebrating identity, resilience and community solidarity while drawing attention to legislative and social issues affecting transgender people.

The event, hosted by Gender Equality New York, brought together advocates and supporters from across Long Island amid what organizers described as a period of increasing anti-transgender rhetoric and legislation affecting transgender rights.

“This gathering is more than a rally. It is a declaration of our pride and a reminder of the collective power we hold when we rise together,” Juli Grey-Owens, executive director of GENY, said. “Our voices matter. Our lives matter. And we refuse to be silenced, erased or pushed back into the shadows.”

Participants emphasized visibility, equality and the protection of civil rights for transgender, nonbinary and intersex people, with several organizations coming from across the Island, including the Long Island Progressive Coalition, Rockville Centre Pride and Freeport Pride.



Alyssa R. Griffin/Herald

Juli Grey-Owens, executive director of Gender Equality New York, spoke on the steps of the Roosevelt Executive and Legislative Building in Mineola during Saturday's rally.

Karin Johnson, co-founder of Rockville Centre Pride, thanked the ralliers for continuing their fight for equal rights.

“You make the world more beautiful, more interesting and more amazing,” Johnson said. “I am filled with gratitude for your magnificent resistance, and the world will be, too.”

Throughout the afternoon, attendees listened to speeches from advocates, joined in songs celebrating community and resilience, and joined in chants call-

ing for transgender rights and equality, saying, “We are here! We will not disappear!”

Joe Sackman, executive director of the Long Island Progressive Coalition, spoke about his own experience with a close friend who reached out to him for help to navigate her transition years ago.

“Twenty years later, I stand here today with you, not just as an ally, but a spirit knowing that all of us are on journeys,” Sackman said. “Some of us have

had head starts, some of us have had harder struggles and bigger hurdles to continue, and we all need help on this journey.”

Ralliers voiced their opposition to discrimination and discussed challenges the members of the transgender community face. Speakers highlighted the experiences of people who they said cannot safely live openly as their authentic selves, and called for continued advocacy to ensure equal opportunities and protections.

“Remember this moment, remember this feeling, remember this truth,” Grey-Owens said in concluding the rally. “We are visible, we are united and we're not going anywhere. Our futures are not up for debate.”

Gender Equality New York advocates for the rights of transgender, gender non-binary and intersex people throughout New York state. Through advocacy, education and community outreach, the organization works to increase public understanding, address discrimination and promote equal rights.

GENY's work is centered on four core pillars — advocacy, education, connection and empowerment — and focuses on addressing barriers to economic, educational, racial and social equity while promoting a more inclusive society, according to the organization. For more information, visit GenderEqualityNY.org.

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Moody's downgrade reignites budget dispute

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that, as we have every single year that I've been the mayor."

Councilman John Perrone, who supported the borrowing plan, said that Moody's concerns about the missing revenue stream deserve attention. "It was the reliance on that revenue stream that balanced this budget," he said.

Perrone said he questioned the speed with which the 2026 budget was adopted last fall. "Maybe perhaps it should have been reviewed a little longer," he said. "When they pushed that budget through, they rushed to vote on that."

Still, he said, the city must now focus on finding solutions. "This was a tough call to make," Perrone said. "The money is not going to be there. And how does that affect us? We have to now look at where are we going to make up that deficit."

He said that discussions were already underway about potential new revenue sources.

Anthony Basile, a professor of accounting at Hofstra University, said the rating downgrade appeared to be tied largely to the city's growing debt burden and budget challenges. While he acknowledged that Glen Cove's finances have improved since 2021, he said that Moody's was concerned that the city's cash position improved partly because it took on additional debt, increasing its leverage ratio.

Basile pointed to Moody's conclusion that the city's Baa2 rating reflects "years of poor operations and structurally imbalanced budgets," and said the city is now facing both a budget deficit and rising debt obligations. Municipalities should be cautious about taking on additional debt to address temporary budget shortfalls, he said, particularly when revenue is delayed. Referring to the sales tax revenue that will not materi-



Courtesy Glen Cove City Livestream

A May Moody's credit report found that the city faces a projected budget gap tied to delayed sales tax revenue.

alize until 2027, he noted that once it begins flowing regularly, "there may not be a need to raise taxes."

"The message really should be that, if it's not necessary to borrow money, don't," Basile said. "Especially if it's just a short budget shortfall."

City Controller Michael Piccirillo defended the administration's financial management, and characterized the situation as temporary. "The City believes this is just a minor setback and one-time occurrence as certain revenue expected to be received in 2026 has been delayed until 2027," Piccirillo wrote in an email to the Herald.

The city, he said, is pursuing new recurring revenue opportunities, re-evaluating fees, renegotiating contracts and closely monitoring expenditures.

Piccirillo attributed the decline in reserves largely to unanticipated snowstorm response costs, overtime, pension contributions and staffing shortages in the city's EMS and fire dispatch departments.

He also highlighted Moody's positive assessment of the city's water fund, noting that reserves grew slightly in 2025 and are projected to continue increasing this year, marking what would be the eighth consecutive year of reserve growth.

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8 Reworld honors Long Island's sustainability champions

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Reworld recently honored many of Long Island's leading sustainability advocates, municipal leaders, students, organizations and community partners during the 2026 Herald Sustainability Awards of Long Island Presented by Reworld, on May 14 at The Heritage Club at Bethpage.

The event recognized those making meaningful contributions to environmental policy, conservation, education, municipal sustainability and community-driven programs across Long Island. Reworld also awarded local students with \$2,500 in prizes for their efforts to inspire sustainability and encourage the next generation of environmental leadership.

"Environmental progress depends on people and organizations who are willing to lead with purpose and take action in their own communities," said James Regan, Reworld's market area director. "Through our work across Long Island, Reworld helps communities reduce landfill reliance, recover valuable resources and create more sustainable solutions for managing waste. We are proud to support and recognize the leaders, students and community partners who are helping move Long Island toward a cleaner, stronger and more sustainable future."

Twenty honorees were recognized across six award categories throughout the evening celebrating leaders, organizations and students who are driving meaningful environmental progress across Long Island:

- Environmental Policy Leaders: Suffolk County Executive Edward P. Romaine and New York State Senator Siela Bynoe (District 6), recognized for their leadership on environmental protection, responsible growth and long-term sustainability across Long Island.

- Community Impact for Sustainability: Devon Giordano (Long Island Conservancy); Derek Betts (Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District); Corey Humphrey, C.P.E.S.C. (Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation District); Cynthia Seibold (Balloon Mission Inc.); Eileen Minogue (Book Fairies); Julie Tighe (NY League of Conservation Voters and Education Fund); Maxine Montello (New York Marine Rescue Center); and Robyn Silvestri (Save the Great South Bay).

- Environmental Leaders: National Grid Ventures, UBS Arena and Tritec Real Estate Company, honored for incorporating sustainability into ener-



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Hundreds of Long Island's business and political leaders at the dinner awards ceremony attended the 2026 Herald Sustainability Awards of Long Island Presented by Reworld, whose team is above.

gy, infrastructure, development and large-scale operations.

- Municipal Leaders for the Environment: Marty Bellew (Town of Islip Department of Environmental Control and Islip Resource Recovery Agency); and Nicholas Krupski (Southold Town Department of Solid Waste).

- College Student Champion for Sustainability: Vienna De Lombaerde (Senior, Hofstra University).

- Student Champion for Sustainability: Zoe Lazarus and Emma Klein (9th grade, Sayville High School); Charles Metzger (10th grade, Roslyn High School); and Matias Kalaitzis (12th grade, Hauppauge High School).

As the presenting sponsor, Reworld continues to support those at the forefront of environmental progress on Long Island. With facilities in Westbury, West Babylon, East Northport and Ronkonkoma, Reworld processes two-thirds of Long Island's waste, recycles 60,000 tons of metals and generates enough electricity to power 100,000 homes each year. Through its work, Reworld helps lower greenhouse gas emissions and support local communities in adopting more sustainable waste solutions.

Reworld remains committed to fostering sustainability throughout Long Island with programs that engage local schools, nonprofit organizations, municipalities and community partners. From educational initiatives and environmental awareness campaigns to local cleanups and community programming, Reworld



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Reworld Market Area Director James Regan, left, with honoree State Sen. Siela Bynoe and Reworld Lead Community Relations Specialist Maureen Early.



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Reworld's East Region President, Adel Omrani welcomed award winners and guests to the ceremony.



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Honoree Suffolk County Executive Edward P. Romaine, fourth from right, with his team.

continues to support the next generation of sustainability advocates while strengthening the region's commit-

ment to a cleaner, greener future.

- Jeffrey Bessen



Pride Month shines a spotlight on community and inclusion

By ALYSSA R. GRIFFIN & AIDAN WARSHAVSKY

of the Herald

Every June, Pride Month brings communities together to celebrate LGBTQ+ identity, history and advocacy through parades, educational events, performances and community gatherings. In Long Beach and across Long Island, the month also serves as an opportunity to promote visibility, inclusion and support for LGBTQ+ residents.

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■ Looking back on Pride Month's roots to Stonewall

The origins of Pride Month date back to the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York City. In the early morning hours of June 28, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village. At the time, raids targeting LGBTQ+ gathering places were common, but this encounter sparked resistance from patrons and neighborhood residents, leading to several days of protests in the surrounding streets. The demonstrations became a defining moment in the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States. In the months that followed, advocacy groups formed across the country, and on the first anniversary of Stonewall, activists organized the Christopher Street Liberation Day March in New York City, considered the nation's first Pride march.

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■ Pride Month highlights celebration, awareness and support

Although Pride Month is often associated with parades and celebrations, it also highlights the history of LGBTQ+ advocacy and the ongoing push for equality, visibility and acceptance. Advocacy efforts over the years have contributed to expanded legal protections, increased representation in media and public life, workplace protections and the legalization of same-sex marriage in the United States in 2015. Pride Month also serves as a time to recognize the challenges LGBTQ+ individuals have faced and the continued efforts toward inclusion and equal treatment. Throughout June, schools, libraries, businesses and local organizations frequently host educational programs, performances, panel discussions and community events.

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■ Local Pride Month events and outreach

Temple Emanu-El will host guest speaker Rachel Engel on June 5, as part of their Shabbat service Friday night. Engel, a Long Beach resident and temple congregant, will share her personal story and her connection with her sexuality and her faith. Since his tenure as rabbi at Temple-Emanu-El began in 2017, Jack Zanerhaft said he's invited guest speakers to create inclusion for all. "We believe everyone should have a place to pray, celebrate holidays, learn about heritage, and have a warm welcoming place for friendship and support," Zanerhaft said.

In Rockville Centre, RVC Pride, an LGBTQ+ organization, will host events throughout Pride Month. The group, established in 2022, organizes events such as its annual Pride Caravan.

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Shoppers browse local produce, artisanal goods and fresh foods at the Deep Roots Farmers Market, now held at Village Square in downtown Glen Cove.

Deep Roots Farmers Market at Village Square

The Deep Roots Farmers Market has become a vibrant gathering place in downtown Glen Cove, connecting residents with fresh, locally grown food and locally made products while supporting small businesses and regional farmers. Held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Square, the market runs for 23 weeks each season and features a variety of vendors offering produce, baked goods, specialty foods, artisan products and more. Beyond shopping, the market serves as a community destination, often featuring live music, family-friendly activities and special events in partnership with the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District. With its waterfront setting and focus on sustainability, healthy living and community engagement, Deep Roots has become a popular weekend tradition for residents and visitors alike.

—Roksana Amid



From left, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, board director; Mary Stanco, past president and board director; and Dr. Eve Lupenko Ferrante, vice president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, attend the Deep Roots Farmers Market at Village Square.



Families enjoy a morning at the Deep Roots Farmers Market in Village Square, exploring local vendors, fresh produce and community offerings. The weekly market has become a



Vendors greeted customers at the Deep Roots Farmers Market in Village Square, where local businesses and producers offer fresh foods, handmade goods and specialty products throughout the



Vendors showcase a variety of locally grown produce, artisanal foods and handcrafted products at the Deep Roots Farmers Market in Village Square. The weekly

Nassau honors 110-year-old naval air unit

By SEAN KENNEDY

Correspondent

With a celebration of history and patriotism, the “birthplace of American Naval aviation,” on Nassau County’s North Shore, was honored two weeks ago by Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman and other area officials as part of the nation’s 250th anniversary commemoration.

One of the earliest naval aviation programs was created at the Peacock Point Estate, in Lattintown. In 1916, a group of 28 students from Yale University formed the First Yale Unit, which was the first naval air reserve unit to enter service in World War I.

“We are known as the Cradle of Aviation,” Blakeman said of Nassau County on May 21, “but not that many people know about what happened here at Peacock Point.”

Nicknamed the Millionaires’ Unit due to the privileged upbringing of its members, the group took part in war battles and daring rescues. Descendants of its members who attended the ceremony included Henry P. Davison II, grandson of founding member F. Trubee Davison, on whose property the ceremony take place.

“We are, in this generation, extremely fortunate to have had members of all of our families play such an important



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Henry Davison II, far left, a descendant of a member of the First Yale Unit, and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman welcomed ceremonial flyover pilots Lt. Luke O’Sullivan and Lt. Raven Shanmugam at the America 250 celebration.

role in giving us the gift of liberty that we enjoy today,” Davison said. “We never take it for granted, and we are very grateful for their efforts.”

The families of the unit’s members

used their financial resources to bolster the U.S. Naval Reserves, which was in its infancy at the time. The stories from the First Yale Unit made it clear that no matter their social status, these young

men would potentially sacrifice their lives in order to defend America and its values.

“My grandparents could have used their social status to be able to avoid being drawn into the conflict, and yet they decided that they were going to lead the way into battle,” Davison said. “In their mind, there was an explicit understanding that ‘to whom much is given, much is expected.’”

The event included a ceremonial flyover of U.S. Naval aircraft, as a T-45 Goshawk flew across the Long Island Sound. Navy Lt. Raven Shanmugam and Lt. Luke O’Sullivan, both pilots in the Training Squadron 9 Tigers of the Naval Air Station Meridian, in Mississippi, orchestrated the flyover. After the pilots arrived at the event, Blakeman thanked each one for their service to the country.

“We’re incredibly proud that you’re with us to join in this celebration on the 250th anniversary of America,” Blakeman said.

Local officials echoed the importance of the nation’s servicemen, women and veterans. “From the Revolutionary War to the present day, generations of Americans have answered the call to serve and protect our freedom,” Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino said. “We’re proud of our veterans, and truly proud of all America has to offer.”

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Long Island catches FIFA World Cup fever

By JORDAN VALLONE

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When the 2026 FIFA World Cup arrives in the New York metropolitan area this month, Long Islanders won't need tickets to MetLife Stadium to feel part of the action. Local venues are already preparing for what could become one of the region's largest shared celebrations in decades.

This year's World Cup — the largest international soccer tournament — will be co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. Matches will be played across North America, including at eleven stadiums on U.S. soil. Close to home, MetLife Stadium, Gillette Stadium and Lincoln Financial Field will see action, although during the tournament, the venues will be known as New York/New Jersey Stadium; Boston Stadium; and Philadelphia Stadium, respectively.

Games will be played between June 11 and July 19. This is the first tournament to feature an expanded, 48-team format. 12 groups with four teams each will complete in the earliest stage of the tournament, before teams advance to the Round of 32, the Round of 16, and lastly, the final stages of the tournament.

New York/New Jersey will host the finals on July 19 at 3 p.m.

While MetLife is slated to become a centerpiece for the tournament, regionally, soccer fans can expect festivals,

viewing parties and tourism events, all catered around the World Cup.

Nassau County viewing party

Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman announced that Nassau County Parks, Recreation and Museums Department and The Island FC will host a public viewing event for the United States and Australia FIFA World Cup 26 match on June 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park in East Meadow.

The free, ticketed event will feature a live broadcast of the match, giveaways, family-friendly activities and concessions. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for viewing on the theatre grounds. Free parking will be available in parking fields 6 and 6A.

Fans must register for free tickets at TheIslandFC.com or NassauCounty-Tourism.ticketspice.com.

"Nassau County is proud to partner with The Island FC to bring this exciting event to Eisenhower Park," Blakeman said. "FIFA World Cup 26 is the biggest sporting event in the world. This is a great opportunity for residents and families to come together to celebrate the game and enjoy a world-class com-

munity experience right here in Nassau County."

The event marks the first official community activation hosted by The Island FC as the club prepares for its inaugural professional season.

"This is about more than watching a soccer match; it's about bringing Long Islanders together around the beautiful game," said Travis Lamprecht, president of business operations for The Island FC. "Long Island has an incredible soccer culture and deep passion for the sport at every level. We're proud to partner with Nassau County on our first community event and create an experience that feels welcoming, energetic, and truly representative of this community."

For updates, visit TheIslandFC.com or NassauCountyNY.gov.



Stony Brook viewing party

Free ticket registration is open for the New York State United — 2026 World Cup Watch Experience on Long Island, set for June 12 at Stony Brook University's LaValle Stadium.

The free public viewing event will feature live broadcasts of two FIFA World Cup matches on the stadium's video board — Canada vs. Bosnia and Herzegovina at 3 p.m. and USA vs. Para-

guay at 9 p.m. Fans can request tickets online for one or both events.

The evening match will be preceded by an 8 p.m. performance from rock band Third Eye Blind.

Organizers said the event will include interactive soccer experiences, entertainment, food and beverage offerings, and other programming celebrating Long Island and communities across New York State.

"I am proud of our efforts to bring the World Cup — a truly global moment — directly into communities across New York State, which includes opening the ticket registration today for the New York State United 2026 World Cup Watch Experience on Long Island," Gov. Kathy Hochul said. "By creating free, family-friendly viewing events across New York, we're making it easier for families, fans and communities to come together, celebrate the world's game and create lasting memories — while continuing to invest in the future of youth soccer in the state."

"This event will provide an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the incredible moments and history that come with the World Cup," Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine said. "I can't think of a better place than Stony Brook University to host the watch party."

More information and ticket registration are available on the event website.

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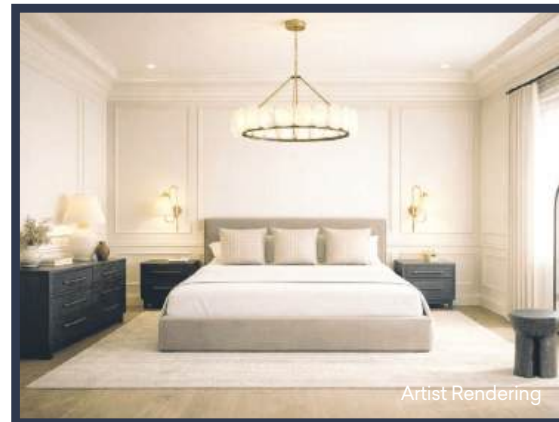


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Helping girls manage periods with dignity

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Period poverty is a challenge many young women face in silence, but a new initiative from I Am My Sister aims to make sure local girls have access to the menstrual products they need year-round.

The Glen Cove-based nonprofit, founded by Lela Watson, is launching its HER Box program on July 1. HER, which stands for Health Essential Resources, is a free monthly subscription service that delivers menstrual products and other wellness items directly to girls' homes at no cost.

The idea grew out of advocacy efforts by members of the I Am My Sister club at Glen Cove High School, who successfully pushed for menstrual products to be made available in student bathrooms rather than only through the nurse's office.

"Some years ago, there was a huge push to make sure that period poverty was addressed," Watson said. "In New York, every school is required by law to provide menstrual products to students."

While access improved within the school building, Watson and club members began discussing what happens when students are away from school.

"What happens with these girls in the evenings, if their cycle comes? What happens on weekends, and really what

happens during the summer when they do not have access to the nurse's office or the bathrooms in the school?" Watson said.

Those conversations led to the development of the HER Box program, which Watson described as a way to fill a gap while preserving dignity and providing support.

"We wanted to do it in a way that was going to maintain their dignity, give them access to their resources and still be a support system via a sisterhood," she said.

Participants who enroll will receive a monthly package containing either sanitary pads or tampons, depending on their preference. Tampon recipients will also receive panty liners. The boxes will include feminine wipes, health information, period trackers and handwritten affirmation cards intended to provide encouragement and support.

Watson said the organization decided to move the launch date up from the fall because of growing concerns about affordability.

"Because the cost of living has gone up and people are struggling with the cost of gas and food going up, we're really concerned about access to care and resources in the summertime," she said.

According to Watson, the program costs roughly \$10 per month per participant, including supplies, packaging and mailing costs. She hopes community

donations and sponsorships will help sustain and expand the initiative.

The effort has already received support from former Congressman Tom Suozzi, who contributed \$1,000 to help launch the summer program and pledged to connect the organization with potential donors and product suppliers.

In a statement to the Herald, Betsy Davidson, Suozzi's press secretary, said, "It's important that all of our students have the essentials they need and deserve to live a healthy lifestyle."

Victoria Franco, assistant principal at Glen Cove High School and adviser to the I Am My Sister club, said students played a critical role in identifying the need and advocating for change.

"We had a meeting and some of our girls talked about how the feminine hygiene products were only available at the nurse's office," Franco said. "It definitely created barriers for students who needed immediate or discrete access."

Working alongside school administrators and custodial staff, students successfully advocated for the installation of feminine hygiene product dispensers in student bathrooms throughout the school.

"The girls are really making a change," Franco said. "They advocated for change in our school, and now we're looking to expand access even further."

The HER Box program is open to girls up to high school age, including



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I Am My Sister, a Glen Cove-based nonprofit, founded by Lela Watson, is launching its HER Box program on July 1.

younger students who may have already begun menstruating. Organizers say enrollment will be confidential, with products delivered discreetly to participants' homes.

Watson hopes the initiative not only provides essential supplies, but also sparks greater awareness of period poverty and the challenges families face.



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As the world turns its attention towards the World Cup matches in Canada, Mexico and the U.S., Long Island communities may stand to get a bit of an economic boost from the tournament this summer.

World Cup could deliver economic boost to L.I.

By **ANDREW FRANCIS**

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While much debate has surrounded the sports and soccer fan experience tied to the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup — from concerns over rising ticket prices to reports of steep train fares for matches — experts say Long Island businesses could see a significant economic boost from the tournament coming to the region.

New Jersey's MetLife Stadium, the home of American football teams New York Jets and Giants, will host eight soccer matches, including two playoff games and the championship final match. Despite the fact that no games will be played in New York, FIFA's temporary renaming of MetLife Stadium as "New York/New Jersey Stadium" markets the New York metropolitan area to the thousands of fans who will be following the tournament.

Steve Kent, chief economist and director of the Long Island Association's Research Institute, says that the World Cup promises to be economically beneficial for Long Island.

"I think that our general view is that it would be a positive for the Long Island region," Kent said. "We're already seeing watch parties starting to be established. For example, Stony Brook University is going to have one at LaValle Stadium... and I think all of those things will bring incremental dollars to Long Island."

While Long Island hotels may be a bit out of the way for some fans visiting New York and attending World Cup matches, Kent believes that local businesses may be able to capitalize on the interest the tournament sparks amongst

residents.

"I also think that you may even see more spending at restaurants, caterers and supermarkets as people start to take in food to watch some of these things at home," Kent explained. "It's a worldwide event and it's increasingly something that the people of Long Island are more and more interested in."

This growth in interest has been seen in rising rates of adult and youth participation in soccer across Long Island. The Island F.C., a professional men's and women's soccer club based in Uniondale that plans to join the MLS Next Pro league in the 2027 season, has contributed to soccer's popularity on Long Island through hosting youth soccer academies and other events locally.

"Long Island has had one of the deepest soccer traditions in soccer history in the country especially in the youth space and then also the traditional space," said Travis Lamprecht, The Island F.C.'s president of business operations. "I think what's unique about

Long Island is that it's always been a hotbed for the sport. So, with The Island F.C. launching, and then obviously what the World Cup coming here, it's a celebration of what has been growing for a long time."

In recent history, the Long Island Association has also noticed other major sporting events nearby, like the 2025 Ryder Cup that was held on a golf course in Farmingdale, directly impact Long Island economically. While it is not yet clear how directly Long Island will be impacted by the World Cup, local intrigue alone can make the summer very profitable for many businesses and communities.

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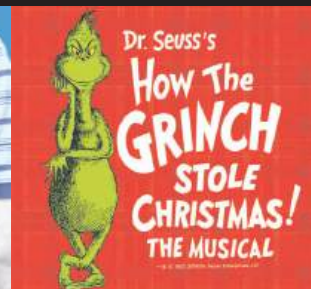
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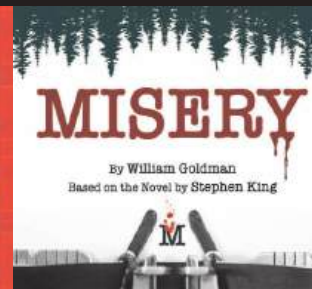
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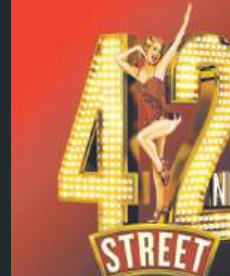
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Classic Strawberry Shortcake



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From vine to basket

Red, ripe and ready to pick

By Karen Bloom

June brings one of the region's most anticipated harvests — strawberry season. For a few fleeting weeks, local fields burst with rows of bright red berries, offering the unmistakable sweetness and flavor that only fresh-picked fruit can deliver. It's a seasonal tradition that invites families outdoors to enjoy sunny days and fill baskets at nearby U-Pick farms.

While spring fades into summer, strawberries reach their peak here, ripening throughout June and rewarding pickers with fruit far sweeter than supermarket varieties shipped from afar. The short harvest season makes each bite feel like a celebration of early summer.

And the enjoyment doesn't end at the farm. Back home, those ruby-red berries can take center stage in everything from simple snacks to homemade desserts and refreshing seasonal recipes, bringing a taste of our Long Island summer to every table.

Classic Strawberry Shortcake

The quintessential treat is always in style.

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 package (16 ounces) strawberries
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 3/4 cups milk

Hull strawberries and cut each in half. Combine half of strawberries in a bowl with 2 tablespoons sugar. Combine cream and vanilla with remaining sugar and set aside. Stir cream occasionally to dissolve sugar.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and trace outline of an 8-inch circle. Set aside.

Whisk together flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. With a pastry cutter or 2 knives, cut in 4 tablespoons butter until

mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in milk until dough just comes together. Pat dough into an 8-inch circle using outline on parchment paper as a guide. Bake about 30 minutes or until lightly golden brown.

Remove from oven and let cool 5 minutes on pan. Using a serrated knife, slice crosswise in half and carefully separate. Spread insides with remaining room temperature butter. Combine strawberries and cover bottom shortcake layer with half of the strawberry mixture. Replace top cake layer on bottom layer and cover with remaining strawberries. Serve warm, cut into wedges and drizzled with sweetened cream.

Strawberry Arugula Salad

This colorful salad makes a healthy, flavorful statement on your summer table.

- 5 ounces arugula
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 pound strawberries, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup finely chopped red onion (about 1/2 small onion)
- 4 ounces crumbled goat cheese or feta, or 1 ripe avocado, diced
- 1/2 cup roasted and salted sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup halved and thinly sliced radish (about 3 medium)
- 1 medium jalapeño, very thinly sliced (omit if sensitive to spice)

Balsamic vinaigrette:

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 tablespoon maple syrup or honey
1 clove garlic, pressed or minced
Pinch of fine sea salt, to taste
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Assemble the salad: On a large serving platter or in a large serving bowl, layer the ingredients as listed.

Prepare the vinaigrette: In a liquid measuring cup or small bowl, combine all of the ingredients and whisk until fully blended. Taste, and add more salt or pepper if needed. The dressing should be nice and tangy, but you can add more maple syrup for balance if desired.

When ready to serve the salad, drizzle vinaigrette on top, and toss to combine. Serve promptly. (If you're planning to have leftovers, store the salad and dressing separately and toss before serving.) Stored separately, leftovers will keep well for 3 to 4 days.

Strawberry-Ricotta Pastry

Perfect for a party or simply indulging yourself, these addictive pastry puffs make it hard to stop at one.

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- 1/2 cup, plus 1 tablespoon, heavy cream
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar, divided
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 basket fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1/2 cup homemade, part-skim or whole milk ricotta cheese
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Heat oven to 400 F.

Cut both puff pastry sheets into nine squares. Make slit in corner of each square toward middle of pastry. Fold corners to other corners to create pinwheel shape. Brush pastry with 1 tablespoon heavy cream. Combine 1/4 cup granulated sugar and ground cinnamon then sprinkle on each puff pastry.

Bake 12-15 minutes until pastry is golden brown and raised.

In medium saucepan on medium to high heat, pour in remaining granulated sugar and water. Once sugar is dissolved, pour in fresh strawberries. Bring mixture to boil then simmer 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally, until strawberries are broken apart and semi-thick sauce is created. Let chill in refrigerator 2 hours. To chill faster, put in freezer 45 minutes.

In medium bowl, using mixer, whip heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Set aside. In separate medium bowl, combine ricotta cheese, powdered sugar and vanilla extract. Mix until fluffy. Return whipped cream to ricotta mixture and whip 1-2 minutes until mixture is light and fluffy.

Spoon ricotta cream into center of each puff pastry pinwheel. Spoon strawberry compote in middle of ricotta mixture.



Northwinds Symphonic Band

Sands Point Preserve's reserve's historic mansions and waterfront grounds are the majestic backdrop for a lively musical afternoon. Northwinds Symphonic Band returns with "Broadway, Movies, and Light Classics." The concert (indoors) features treasured tunes from the big screen to the Broadway stage. Conductors Helen P. Bauer and Brandon Bromsey's entertaining program of instrumental and vocal selections from popular movies and Broadway shows, as well as familiar classics, with music from "Cyberworld 3D," favorites from "Star Wars" and much more. The concert also pays tribute to Louis Armstrong with Satchmo! A special appearance by Broadway performer Karen Murphy and tenor Joe Stroppel are among the highlights. Consider bringing a picnic lunch to enjoy on the majestic grounds prior to the concert.

Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m. \$10. 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point. Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road. For information, visit sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901.



David Lee Roth

Get ready to jump! Diamond Dave is back! The iconic, high-flying frontman of Van Halen is bringing his legendary swagger and a massive arsenal of rock anthems to the Paramount stage. Fans can expect a high-octane night packed with timeless hits like "Jump," "Panama," and "Runnin' with the Devil." This tour marks a massive return for the rock legend, who officially ended a five-year hiatus from the stage last May with a triumphant, headline-making debut at the M3 Rock Festival. Far from a stripped-down nostalgic act, Roth backs up his signature showmanship with a powerhouse new eight-piece band to perfectly replicates those massive, classic Van Halen harmonies. Between the fresh musical muscle and Roth's undiminished, charismatic stage presence, this promises to be an unforgettable night of nostalgia and high-energy rock 'n' roll.

Sunday, June 7, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.

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JUN 4 **On Exhibit**

Nassau County Museum of Art joins in the celebration of America's 250th anniversary.

Its landmark exhibition explores how Long Island has reflected and shaped the story of American art. From Revolutionary-era portraiture and folk art to nineteenth-century landscapes, Impressionism, and the bold innovations of Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art, the exhibition highlights how every major art movement found expression here. From Brooklyn to Montauk, Long Island's natural beauty, coastal light, and close connection to New York City inspired generations of artists and gave rise to thriving art colonies and postwar creative communities. Featuring paintings, decorative arts, and historical objects displayed together in immersive settings, the exhibit celebrates the region's enduring influence and its rich artistic legacy. On view through July 12.

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

JUN 5 **Knitting/
Crocheting
Club**

Meet up with other knitters or crocheters at Glen Cove Public Library on Fridays. Whether you're new to knitting or you've been doing it for years, it's always more fun with friends! Start a new project or bring a current one. Participants should bring their own needles and yarn.

- **Where:** 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 10 a.m.
- **Contact:** glencovelibrary.org or (516) 676-2130

**First Fridays: Secrets
of the Synoptic
Garden**

Step into one of the most unique gardens in the region with Arboretum Director and expert horticulturist Vincent Simeone when Planting Fields First Fridays series continues. In this engaging guided tour, Vincent brings the Synoptic Garden to life, an extraordinary living collection planted in the 1960s and arranged alphabetically from A to Z by scientific name. As you explore, you'll discover a curated "best of" selection of ornamental trees and shrubs that thrive on Long Island and throughout the greater New York area. \$25 per person. Registration required.

**JUN 13** **Big Bad Voodoo Daddy**

Contemporary swing revival band Big Bad Voodoo Daddy visits the Paramount ready to cut loose. Since their formation in the early '90s in Ventura, Calif., the band has toured virtually nonstop, performing on average over 150 shows a year, and has produced a sizable catalog of recorded music. Early on, during their legendary residency at the Derby nightclub in Los Angeles, they reminded the world, in the midst of the grunge era no less, that it was still cool to swing. The band, co-founded by singer Scotty Morris and drummer Kurt Sodergren, was at the forefront of the swing revival of that time, blending a vibrant fusion of the classic American sounds of jazz, swing, and dixieland, with the energy and spirit of contemporary culture. Taking inspiration from the creators of this uniquely American art form, the band's original horn-infused music and legendary high energy show introduces the genre to a new and younger generation while remaining cognizant and respectful of the music's rich legacy. Together for over 32 years, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy — famously named after an autograph by blues legend Albert Collins — has appeared in concert venues across the world, sold millions of records, and had their music appear in movies and television shows. With sold-out concerts from the Hollywood Bowl to Lincoln Center, appearances with many of the country's finest symphony orchestras, and television appearances ranging from Dancing with the Stars to Super Bowl XXXIII, the band continues its decades long mission to celebrate and revitalize jazz and swing music — America's original musical art form — and bring joy to audiences around the world.

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

- **Where:** 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 10-11 a.m.
- **Contact:** plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210

JUN 6 **Deep Roots
Farmers
Market**

Shop local and organic foods, fresh produce, arts and crafts. Also enjoy entertainment waterfront views and family-friendly activities during the weekly outdoor farmers market season.

- **Where:** 100 Village Square, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine
- **Contact:** deeproofsfarmersmarket.com

Art Exhibit Reception
View Safia Fatima's Living Waters exhibition at Glen Cove Public Library. With an artist reception.

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

JUN 7 **Grenville
Baker Boys
and Girls Club
Pickleball
Tournament**

The Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club hosts a fun and active pickleball tournament at Stanco Park.

- **Where:** 9 Glen St
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-noon
- **Contact:** (516) 676-1460

Art talk

Nassau County Museum of Art hosts an engaging conversation with New York-based artist Dee Shapiro. She's known for her richly detailed abstract paintings that explore geometry, color, and the expressive possibilities of form. Here she discusses the works featured in NCMA's exhibition "250 Years of Art on Long Island," examining how her abstract practice connects to the region's artistic legacy and reflects broader themes of innovation, continuity, and creative identity of artists on Long Island. \$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

JUN 8 **Glen Cove
Education
Foundation
Golf Classic**

Support the Glen Cove Education Foundation at its annual golf outing featuring a full day on the course and community fundraising activities.

- **Where:** Glen Cove Golf Course, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 801-8140

JUN 9 **Harmonize
with Long
Island
Harmonizers**

Love to sing? So do the Long Island Harmonizers. The Barbershop Harmony Society chapter is a chorus of more than 20 singers, now welcoming new members. The ensemble performs four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style, entertaining at local venues and events. All are welcome to visit one of their weekly rehearsals. Come listen, meet the chorus, and — if you'd like — join in and sing. No musical experience necessary, just a love of singing and a desire to have fun making music together.

- **Where:** Faith Lutheran Church, 231 Jackson Ave, Syosset
- **Time:** Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** Call: Rich, (516) 521-4779, or Dennis, (516) 680-8036, or visit longislandharmonizers.org

JUN 28 **Kiwanis
Bicycle
Challenge**

Ride in support of others. The 30th Anniversary Nassau Bicycle Challenge (formerly Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge) supports the work of the Kiwanis Club of North Shore Foundation. It supports charities such as Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, Kamp Kiwanis, NOSH, Boys and Girls Club and charities aligned with those of Kiwanis International "Serving the Children of the World, including Kiwanis' signature programs of Clothes 4 Kids. The beautiful ride through the Gold Coast features picturesque vistas and idyllic waterfront settings. Choose from a 25-mile loop with 1,060 feet of vertical climb or the more challenging 35-mile ride. Routes are clearly marked and ride is equipped with a rest stop. Snacks and water provided. Sponsorships also available. Online registration ends June 23, but walk-ins are welcome. Online registration is \$50, day of is \$60.

- **Where:** Starting at Harry Tappen Beach, Sea Cliff
- **Time:** Staggered starts, 8 a.m. or 8:30 a.m., rain or shine
- **Contact:** n2nbc.org July 4

Having an event?

Items on the Calendar page are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to kbloom@liherald.com.

‘Internal landscapes’ come to life at arts council

By JULIA CAPITELLI

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Art has always been an important part of life for Sea Cliff resident Hannah Bierwiler; from growing up around paintings made by her grandfather, who she said has been a big inspiration, to becoming a certified art therapist. She now has an exhibit of her own paintings on display at the Sea Cliff Arts Council. This is her first exhibit.

Bierwiler said it took several conversations with people in her art studio suggesting she display her work before she agreed.

“Eventually I caved in,” she said. “I said, ‘Okay, fine, I’ll do it.’”

Her exhibit, titled “Internal Landscapes,” opened on May 15 and explores emotion through the use of color and form. Roughly 100 people attended the opening, and Bierwiler sold several paintings.

“I was so happy with the turnout,” she said. “It was sweeter and more magical than I could have ever thought of, and it was great. The community and all of the support that showed up was really beautiful.”

In college, Bierwiler studied biology. She said she was torn between studying science and art but that the two eventually came together when she got her art therapy certification.

While Bierwiler is not currently working as an art therapist, she said that she uses that knowledge to inform her work, including the piece in this exhibit.

“It’s about how my internal landscapes can be processed through color,” she said, “and, in an abstract way, what feelings can look like on a canvas.”

Bierwiler described her typical art style as abstract, experimental and playful. With this exhibit, she said, her goal



Roughly 100 people attended the opening of Hannah Bierwiler’s exhibit on May 15.

was not to send a specific message but to leave much to the interpretation of the viewer. She explained that while she paints, she considers her own intentions and then how a viewer might receive the work.

“It’s supposed to be playful, it’s supposed to be happy and joyous,” Bierwiler said, “and that’s really my hope for my paintings, is to bring light and happy feelings.”

Mark Sobel, the arts council’s producer-at-large, described Bierwiler’s paintings as “compelling” and said her use of color is what makes her work unique. He added that the exhibit has been well-received by the community.

“People are coming and knocking on our door at hours that we’re not even open,” Sobel said, “and I’m getting phone calls, ‘Can you come? Can I see the exhibit?’ which is great.”

Bierwiler’s work will be on display through the end of June.



Hannah Bierwiler described her art style as abstract and experimental.



Photos courtesy Hannah Bierwiler

Hannah Bierwiler is a local artist and certified art therapist.

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(516-465-2880) upon a deposit of One-Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each complete set. Checks for deposits shall be made payable to the NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT and may be uncertified. All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at the above referenced websites. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs. Plan holders who have obtained hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with the printer for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda. The bid deposit for hard copies will be returned upon receipt of plans and specifications, in good condition, within thirty days after bid date, except for the lowest responsible bidder, whose check will be forfeited upon the award of the contract.

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Rudy Ruettiger's inspiring story

Recently Joe Cairo, former St. John's basketball great Frank Alagia and I had the chance to meet Rudy Ruettiger, the inspiration for the cult classic film "Rudy," based on Ruettiger's improbable football "career" at Notre Dame. Ruettiger was in town to speak at Nassau Community College's graduation.

Cairo and I are graduates of Notre Dame, and Alagia was heavily recruited by Notre Dame before deciding on St. John's. We're all longtime followers of college sports, and no collegiate sports program has had a more storied tradition than Notre Dame football. The Fighting Irish

have had, by last count, 94 All-Americans, 50 College Hall of Famers and seven Heisman Trophy winners.

Ruettiger was none of these. He played for a total of less than 40 seconds, and made one tackle in Notre Dame's final home game of the 1975 season, his senior year, against Georgia Tech. Because the Irish were leading 24-3 when Coach Dan Devine put Ruettiger

in the game, that tackle had zero impact on the game or the season.

Yet Rudy's is one of the first names millions of sports fans will raise in a conversation not just about Notre Dame football, but college football in general.

More than 50 years after his single moment of gridiron glory and 33 years after the film premiered, "Rudy" remains a cable television mainstay. Why?

Because Ruettiger's story is what so many consider college sports, Notre Dame and the American Dream to be all about: hard work and a fighting spirit overcoming the odds.

Raised with 13 siblings in the very-blue-collar steel mill town of Joliet, Ill., Ruettiger demonstrated neither the academic nor the athletic skills to be accepted, let alone play football, at Notre Dame. He was dyslexic and underweight, a poor high school student and a mediocre football player. But his lifelong dream, like that of so many Catholic ethnic kids of his generation, was to play football at Notre Dame.

After serving in the Navy in the Vietnam War, Ruettiger began his quixotic quest to be admitted to Notre Dame. As the film recounts, after personal entreat-

ies to university priests and officials, he was admitted to its affiliate, Holy Cross Junior College, adjacent to the big school's campus. He got a janitorial job and a place to sleep in the bowels of Notre Dame's football facilities while studying at Holy Cross.

Then, after several rejections and much tutoring, he was admitted to Notre Dame as a junior, and set out to make the football team as a walk-on.

He played on the practice team, going up against the varsity as it prepared for upcoming games but receiving no assurance that he would ever take the field at Notre Dame Stadium himself. But in that final game in 1975, he did.

As Ruettiger is the first to tell you, his story isn't about football heroics. It's about the American Dream of working hard to overcome hard times and disappointments without complaint or self-pity. It's about Notre Dame's commitment to academic and athletic excellence while staying loyal to lasting beliefs and principles. Its athletes had to measure up to the same academic requirements as other students, and experience the same living conditions. The players who were on the field on

Saturdays were in the classrooms, dining halls and dorms with other students during the week.

The day after our meeting, as I was writing this, Ruettiger called to continue our conversation. He and I are both concerned about how much things are changing in college sports. While college athletes are entitled to fair compensation, now, with the transfer portal, players sign lucrative contracts and can move from college to college one year to the next, season to season. Star players can transfer to play for a college team for one year, after barely setting foot on that school's campus, and then play for a rival college the following year. This takes away the sense of identifying with players who share your experience — even so many Notre Dame "subway alumni" who have never attended the school but share its aspirations.

As a guy who has been through so much, however, Ruettiger has confidence that college sports will prevail, and he will continue to believe in his inspirational film and message. Whether the odds are great or small, whether in life or on the gridiron, old Notre Dame will win over all. Go, Irish!

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



PETER KING

The tale of his brief moment in the spotlight at Notre Dame is a cult classic.

Much of what Ben Franklin said is being ignored

I have just celebrated another birthday, and there is no denying that I am up there in years on this planet. I take every birthday seriously, but in my case they're a reminder that none of us are going to be around forever, and some of us have only a short time

left to share our experiences with our friends and family.

The world around us is moving at such a rapid pace that it's impossible to keep up with the blizzard of news that we endure each day. As we prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of

our wonderful country, I often think about the Founding Fathers and the challenges they faced to tell the nation about their vision of what they wanted America to become, and about our responsibilities as its citizens.

Benjamin Franklin offered us many words of wisdom during the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention. He famously remarked, on leaving the

convention, that he and his colleagues had given us "a republic, if you can keep it." He further offered, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

Franklin argued that self-governance relies directly on the moral character of its citizens. And lastly, he stated, "This Constitution can only end in despotism ... when the people shall become so corrupted." Those remarks were a warning that the system would fail if the people lost their capacity for self-governance. That's a lot of wisdom to digest, and it takes time to unpack all of it.

If I had to choose one example of how we have failed to heed Franklin's words, it is the U.S. Congress. Starting around the fourth grade, history teachers tell us that we have three "equal" branches of government. That used to refer to Congress, the Supreme Court and the president. But today we have a neutered Congress, a feuding Supreme Court and a president who has successfully taken control of the levers of government to

advance his personal agenda.

I rarely comment about the happenings in the Republican Party, because I have enough issues with my fractured Democratic Party. But watching television the other night, I felt some sadness about Texas Sen. John Cornyn's primary defeat. I relate to Cornyn because of my 23 years in the State Legislature. Government is only as good as the people who serve in it, and Cornyn, a Republican, was a hardworking, productive senator. I feel the same way about Louisiana's Republican Sen. Bill Cassidy, who incurred the ire of President Trump for voting to impeach him after the January 6, 2021, Capitol riot. Cassidy, a physician, contributed much to the Senate, but also lost a primary last month.

What would Franklin think about the \$1.776 billion slush fund created by Trump to reward the Jan. 6 rioters for their misdeeds? A number of Republican senators who have been silent on so many issues have spoken out against this money grab. Think of the significance of this concept. All of the money

What would he think of our Congress, and a slush fund, and unapproved wars?

given out will remain confidential. There are no restrictions on who can apply. People who assaulted Capitol policemen could walk away with taxpayer money.

The people who crafted our Constitution did so with the hope that we would avoid future wars, and only start them with the consent of Congress. The president has called the Iran war a "military operation" and a "skirmish," but it has dramatically depleted our supply of sophisticated weapons. Depriving Iran of a nuclear weapon is important, but when the conflict is over, Iran will be better off, and capable of waging terror in the region for years to come.

Benjamin Franklin, and the many other signatories to the Constitution, hoped that we would, in time, become a better nation. These are the thoughts that occupy me as I enjoy another birthday. I worry not for me. I worry for my children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We owe them a more perfect union.

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Keep your pets out of hot vehicles

We all know the dangers of leaving your child in a parked car, especially in the summer. But what most people don't realize is the deadly consequences that can result from leaving your pet in a parked car, too.

This danger is not exaggerated; it's science.

A parked car acts like a greenhouse, trapping heat inside that builds with alarming speed. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the temperature inside a vehicle parked on an 85-degree day can reach 104 degrees in just 10 minutes, and within an hour can soar more than 40 degrees above the outdoor temperature.

Even on days that feel merely warm — not scorching — the heat in a sealed vehicle can become lethal.

Many pet owners still cling to dangerous myths. Parking in the shade isn't enough. Cracking the windows doesn't offer meaningful relief. Leaving water in the car changes little. Once heat becomes trapped, the temperature rises rapidly and relentlessly.

What makes the situation even more dangerous is that animals can't cool

themselves the way humans do. People sweat efficiently. Dogs and cats rely primarily on panting. But when the air surrounding them is already hotter than their bodies, panting can actually worsen the problem by drawing in even hotter air. Heatstroke can occur in just minutes.

Certain kinds of pets face even greater risks. Older and overweight animals, and short-muzzled breeds such as pugs and bulldogs, struggle to regulate body temperature under normal conditions. Inside a hot car, they can quickly suffer brain damage, organ failure or death.

The warning signs of heatstroke are often easy to spot: heavy panting, frantic behavior and excessive drooling are early signs of distress. Bright red gums, vomiting, stumbling or collapse signal a medical emergency. At that point, every second matters.

If a pet appears to be overheating, it should immediately be moved to a cooler area and relieved with cool — not ice-cold — water while emergency veterinary care is sought. Ice water can shock the body and worsen the situation.

Unfortunately, many tragedies occur because owners convince themselves they will "only be gone a minute." But a

quick stop in a store, coffee shop or pharmacy can turn deadly if a line forms or there's another distraction.

If you see a pet left in a car, call 911. It's always better to be safe than sorry.

The issue is serious enough that New York, and many other states, have laws addressing animals left in dangerous conditions inside vehicles.

New York Agriculture and Markets Law Section 353-d prohibits confining a companion animal in a vehicle during extreme heat or cold when doing so puts the animal in imminent danger of death or serious physical injury. The law authorizes police officers, firefighters, emergency responders and humane officers to remove the endangered animal if necessary. A pet owner can also face criminal cruelty charges if an animal is injured or dies after being left in a hot car.

But laws alone cannot solve the problem. Public awareness and personal responsibility matter most. The safest choice is also the simplest: If your pet can't come inside with you, leave it at home. No errand, appointment or convenience is worth risking your four-legged best friend's life.

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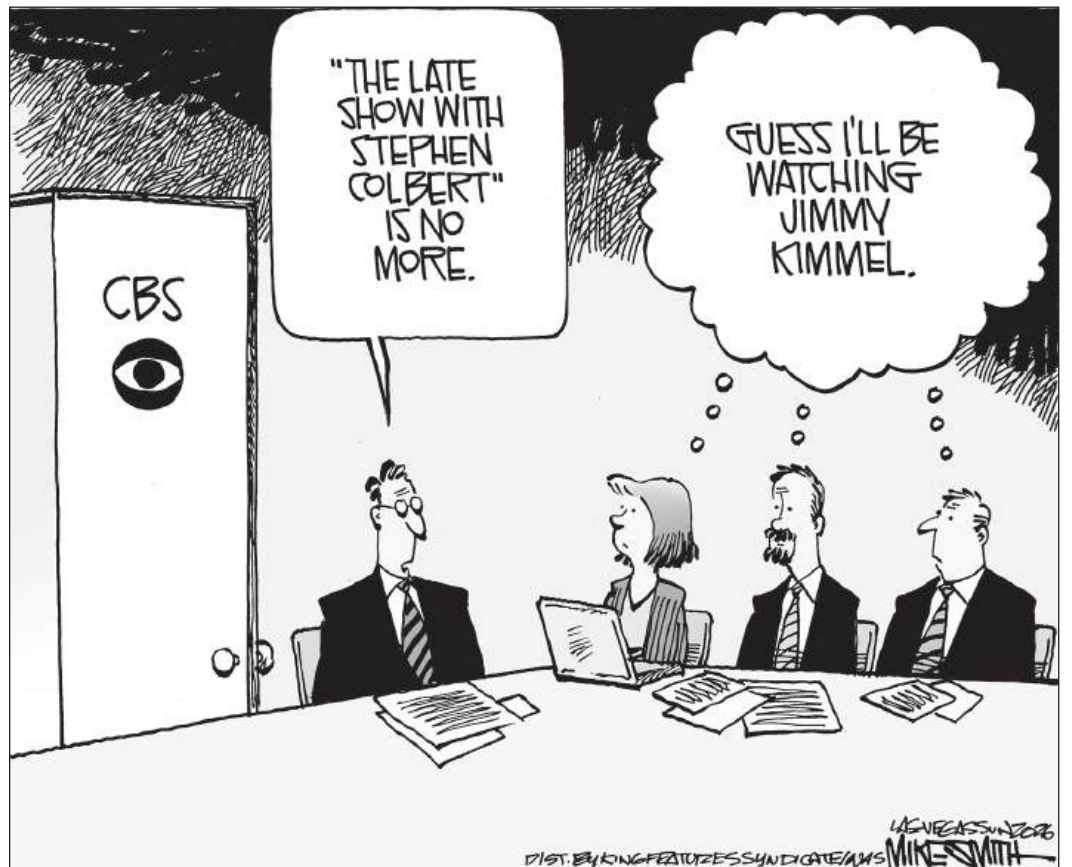
Battery energy storage is still too risky

To the Editor:

I have lived on Long Island for many years, and it's part of my DNA. I was shocked to read the op-ed in the May 14-20 issue, "Battery energy storage isn't just an experiment. It works," by Nick Guariglia, the advocacy manager of the New York Off-shore Wind Alliance. It was a completely one-sided commentary by an insider to the battery storage proposals floating around Long Island.

One basic, and most important, concern Mr. Guariglia didn't mention is the lack of technology for avoiding lithium battery fires. The fires that have occurred in the U.S. and around the world caused by overheating energy-storage batteries are well documented. Fire departments, and fire marshals, across the U.S. acknowledge the lack of knowledge, appropriate tools and training of volunteer firefighters that's necessary to manage these fires. Firefighters simply depend on hours of watering the batteries until the fire is extinguished.

This archaic process of putting out a fire costs thousands of gallons of expensive water, and the chemicals that burning lithium-based batteries release into our communities, and our Long Island waterways, are a key concern in the towns where these bat-



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The importance of good guardianship

I've been hearing a consistent and concerning message from constituents, judges, hospital leaders and advocates across my district and throughout New York: Our state doesn't have enough nonprofit guardians to meet the growing need.

Guardianship is meant to be a last resort — a carefully tailored legal intervention used only when necessary to

protect those who cannot safely manage essential decisions about their health, finances or living arrangements. When it works as intended, it helps people stabilize their lives, access critical services and live safely in the least restrictive settings possible.



**CHARLES
LAVINE**

But too often, I'm hearing about what happens when no guardian is available.

Judges are struggling to identify qualified guardians for people who lack financial resources or family members able to serve. Hospital administrators and discharge planners tell me about patients who are medically ready to leave but remain stuck in beds because no one is legally authorized to arrange home care, apply for benefits or consent to placement. Families and service providers are left trying to navigate an

already complex system without the authority they need to help.

This isn't an abstract problem. It is a systems challenge with real consequences for health care capacity, court efficiency and the well-being of vulnerable New Yorkers. Across the state, patients who no longer require acute medical care are remaining in hospitals for months because a guardian cannot be identified. Nearly all of these people have limited financial resources, and many have no family able or willing to step in. Without a legally authorized decision-maker, even routine steps toward discharge become impossible.

I've heard directly from providers about the toll this takes. Extended hospital stays can lead to isolation, functional decline, infections and other preventable complications. Hospitals aren't designed to serve as long-term residential placements, yet that is effectively what they become when no guardian is available.

The financial impact is also significant. A single hospital bed can cost more than \$7,000 per day. When patients remain hospitalized solely due to the absence of a guardian, it strains our health care system and is an unnecessary cost for taxpayers.

We don't have enough nonprofit guardians, and those we do have are

unevenly distributed across the state. Existing providers are doing extraordinary work, often serving thousands of New Yorkers, but many programs are operating at or near capacity. In some regions, courts have few, if any, nonprofit guardians available to appoint.

To close the "guardianship gap," I am sponsoring the Good Guardianship Act in the Assembly. This bill would establish a statewide initiative of nonprofit guardians that would allow us to build on existing expertise while expanding services to underserved areas. It would help courts make timely appointments, support consistent standards of care, and reduce unnecessary delays that

ripple across systems. In addition, the legislation is structured to allow the state to support implementation through future budget appropriations and existing nonprofit guardianship infrastructure.

This approach also aligns with the goals of Gov. Kathy Hochul's Master Plan for Aging, which calls for coordinated support that allows older adults and people with disabilities to live safely and with dignity in their communities.

Nonprofit guardians play an essential role in that continuum of care, coordinating medical treatment, securing stable housing and preventing financial

exploitation. Their work often helps people avoid unnecessary institutionalization.

Let me be clear: Investing in nonprofit guardianship isn't about expanding guardianship unnecessarily. It must always remain a last resort. But when it is needed, the system must be able to respond — responsibly, equitably and without delay.

This initiative would alleviate prolonged hospital stays, delayed transitions to community care and fragmented decision-making. It is also a matter of fairness. Access to a qualified guardian should not depend on where someone lives, what resources they have or whether a family member is available.

If we fail to act, these gaps will continue to place pressure on our courts, our health care system, and families already navigating difficult circumstances. If we act, we have an opportunity to strengthen accountability, improve efficiency, and ensure that vulnerable New Yorkers receive the support they need.

As the legislative session's conclusion draws near, I urge my colleagues and the governor to support a statewide initiative of nonprofit guardians. When guardianship is necessary, it should work as intended — protecting rights, promoting independence and helping people move from crisis toward stability. This investment will help us get there.

Charles Lavine represents the 13th Assembly District.

We don't have enough nonprofit guardians, and many programs are full.

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teries are proposed to be installed.

Let's be clear: Our communities are *not* opposed to innovative ideas for generating much-needed added energy, but that shouldn't come with a high risk of exposing our children and families to lithium batteries that have not yet proven to be manageable, but *have* proven to be fire-prone when they overheat. Let's not ignore these facts and offer one-sided comments to the public.

Mr. Guariglia also failed to mention the critical nature of base-load generation, the foundation of consistent and reliable energy production. Before considering additional supplementary energy sources such as wind and solar, we must strengthen our existing power generation structure by repowering the E.F. Barrett, Northport and Port Jefferson power plants, and increasing their efficiency by converting them to combined-cycle-generation capacity from existing single-cycle generation. This will almost double their power output.

We must expand the capacity of the upstate Nine Mile Point nuclear power plants 1 and 2. Utilize the availability of clean natural gas to New York state via the new pipeline known as the North East Supply Enhancement project to supply Long Island plants. Take full advantage of the existing cross-Sound cables that transport energy to and from Long Island, as well as the Neptune cable, from Sayreville, N.J., that transmits electricity generated in the Midwest to Long Island.

Funding the above must take precedence over expending resources on inconsistent power generation from wind and solar projects or risky battery energy storage systems.

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