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Two kittens rescued from a Glen Cove home on Monday awaited care at Cove Animal Rescue. The shelter is housing dozens of cats that were removed from the residence as authorities continue an animal cruelty investigation.

More than 100 cats removed from alleged hoarding house

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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For years, Danielle Reiss and Adam Sontag said, they watched sick cats emerge from a neighboring Glen Cove property, repeatedly reporting their concerns to police and animal welfare organizations while fearing the animals were living in poor conditions.

Those concerns culminated Monday when authorities removed more than 100 cats from a home on St. Andrews Lane during an animal cruelty investigation.

Police arrested 54-year-old Olena Horbatko and charged her with 67 counts of animal cruelty, two counts of reckless endangerment

and one count of endangering the welfare of a child. Authorities said the investigation remained active and that additional charges might be filed as the rescue effort continued.

Reiss and Sontag said they were relieved that action was finally taken, but wish it had happened sooner. "We've known about this for years and tried to get something done," Reiss said.

The couple's first encounter with their neighbor came shortly after they moved to Walnut Road, adjacent to the St. Andrews Lane in August 2021, when an orange cat appeared in their yard.

"The cat looked like it had been lost for a

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Kiwanis Club Bike Challenge marks 30 years

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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For three decades, cyclists have gathered at Harry Tappen Beach, in Sea Cliff to ride the winding roads of Long Island's North Shore while raising money for children in need.

The Nassau Bicycle Challenge will celebrate its 30th anniversary on June 28, bringing riders of all ages and skill levels together for a community event that has raised more than \$325,000 for children's charities since its founding in 1997. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Club of North Shore Foundation, a nonprofit that supports programs including the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Cohen Children's Medical Center, the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, Kamp Kiwanis, Nosh Delivers and other youth-focused initiatives.

The ride began as a personal mission for Thomas DeStio, a

Sea Cliff resident and longtime Kiwanis member. His son, Tommy, was born prematurely in 1996 with serious health complications, and spent time in the critical care unit at what is now the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center in New Hyde Park.

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"He was very premature, and the kid was really in bad shape," DeStio recalled. "The only way I could come up with something to help was to create the bike ride."

An avid long-distance cyclist who had taken part in endurance rides across the country, DeStio saw an opportunity to combine his passion for the sport with a desire to give back.

"I kind of put two and two together," he said. "Kiwanis was a community-minded organization, and they gave me a tool to possibly put together a bike ride to raise money to give to the hospital."

Today, 36-year-old Tommy DeStio is a successful market-

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Actors prepare for literary performance

By JULIA CAPITELLI

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Performers and literature lovers will come together for the Sea Cliff Civic Association's annual James Joyce Jaunt next week. The adaptation of author James Joyce's "Ulysses" is performed in recognition of Bloomsday, celebrated globally on June 16 each year.

Civic association President Ann DiPietro and her husband, Dan, began the James Joyce Jaunt 15 years ago. It began as a small event with no more than five actors in costume reading excerpts from the novel. Since then, the performance has become a mobile one, with different scenes taking place in several locations throughout the village. It features more actors, and all scenes are adapted by Dan and Sea Cliff resident Fred Stroppe.

"It's evolved," Dan said, "quite a bit."

All events of the more than 700-page novel take place in one day, June 16, 1904. The date has become known as "Bloomsday," named for main character Leopold Bloom. Celebrations are held in communities around the world.

"There's something kind of powerful," Dan said, "about being part of a global event."

This year, the performance will be held in a single location, in the parking lot at Campground Craft Beer & Coffee on Sea Cliff Avenue. Dan said they chose to have it in one location because several regular attendees have expressed difficulty with the walking typically required during the jaunt. Moving throughout the village for different scenes is intended to simulate Bloom's travels through Dublin in the novel.

Stroppe explained that this year's preparation consists largely of mapping out the performance in the space. The majority of the actors are returning in the



Herald file photo

The Sea Cliff Civic Association holds the James Joyce Jaunt to celebrate of Bloomsday, recognized on June 16.

same roles they have held for several years. Stroppe said using one location may help focus the story because there will be no breaks between scenes.

"It's going to be interesting," he said, "just doing it in one flowing narrative and seeing how it comes together."

Dan praised Stroppe for his ability to "streamline" the novel's story for the performance. The jaunt focuses on telling the story of the developing father-son relationship between Bloom and the younger protagonist, Stephen Dedalus. Stroppe said they chose to dra-

matize scenes they thought would reach the audience.

Ann and Dan expressed admiration for Joyce's writing style and said that many people may be intimidated by the novel. Ann added that many attendees show interest in reading "Ulysses" following the jaunt.

"So often at the end," she said, "people will say, 'I never knew that James Joyce was so funny,' and it's true."

The performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Stroppe said he hopes to leave attendees with something to think about.

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Saoirse Fiedor is the 2026 valedictorian

By ROKSANA AMID

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For Glen Cove High School valedictorian Saoirse Fiedor, earning the top academic honor in the Class of 2026 was never about chasing a title.

Instead, the 18-year-old said her success grew from a quiet determination to do her best, a love of learning and inspiration drawn from generations of family members who overcame adversity and dedicated their lives to helping others.

Fiedor, who graduated with a 99.96 unweighted average and a 107.08 weighted GPA, completed 14 Advanced Placement courses while earning membership in the National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Ro Kappa and the World Language Honor Society. This fall, she will attend Binghamton University as a member of its University Scholars Program, where she plans to major in biological sciences.

She hopes to pursue a career in medicine, though she said she plans to keep an open mind as she explores opportunities in college.

“Right now I’m seriously leaning toward being an M.D.,” Fiedor said. “But I’m going to explore, see what suits my abilities and what suits my goals.”

Her interest in medicine stems in part from her family’s history. Fiedor’s

maternal grandmother, Moonja Ham, is a nurse who emigrated from Korea. Her late granduncle left Korea to study medicine in Germany after the family lost nearly everything during World War II. After becoming a physician, he earned enough money to help Moonja Ham and another sibling attend nursing school.

Learning about those sacrifices left a lasting impression.

“I guess it helped me always get this attitude, like, if they could manage this, then I’m sure I can get through whatever I face,” Fiedor said.

More recently, watching her grandmother’s health decline in the years since the COVID-19 pandemic strengthened her desire to help others through medicine and scientific research.

“I really want to help people,” Fiedor said. “I want to be able to help people find new cures, especially for things that we don’t know about yet.”

While many high-achieving students describe intense parental pressure, Fiedor said her family took a different approach. Her mother, Gina Ham, works as a computer programmer designing surveys for market research, and she said her family always encouraged her to pursue her own goals.

“My mom was never like those tiger moms,” she said. “They always reminded me that I don’t have to be perfect. I always have a choice.”

That freedom, she said, helped fuel

her motivation because her accomplishments felt like her own.

During her four years at Glen Cove High School, Fiedor developed a particular interest in science and chemistry. She said she discovered that a subject many students find intimidating came naturally to her, helping solidify her interest in STEM fields.

Outside the classroom, music has remained an important part of her life. Fiedor began taking piano lessons in second grade and participated in the New York State School Music Association program before the pandemic interrupted her progression through the levels. She also played violin from fourth grade through middle school before teaching herself how to play the viola during her freshman year.

After borrowing a viola over February break, she spent the week learning the instrument through online resources and sheet music. By the spring concert, she had successfully switched from violin to viola.

“I wanted to branch out and see what I could do on my own,” she said.

Principal Allen Hudson, who has worked in the district for 21 years, said Fiedor’s academic record ranks among the most impressive he has seen.

“I have nothing but great things to say about Saoirse,” Hudson said. “She’s brilliant. I love the fact that she’s self-motivated.” Hudson added that her GPA



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

For Fiedor, earning the top academic honor in the Class of 2026 was never about chasing a title.

may be the highest he has encountered during his time in the district.

As she prepares to leave Glen Cove for Binghamton, Fiedor said the lessons she learned from her family remain her greatest source of motivation: work hard, stay compassionate and use knowledge to help others.

Peyton Angalet is the 2026 salutatorian

By ROKSANA AMID

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While many students spend their high school years searching for a direction, Glen Cove High School salutatorian Peyton Angalet found hers by combining two passions: science and helping others.

Angalet, 18, will graduate as the Class of 2026 salutatorian before heading to the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago this fall. She plans to study biomedical engineering. The field, she said, will let her merge her love of mathematics, physics and medicine while developing technologies that can improve lives.

“I still found medicine really interesting, and I really love physics and the engineering aspect of it,” Angalet said. “I thought I could combine the two without having to go to medical school.”

Her interest in biomedical engineering solidified during a health science and professions course she took last year. While the class exposed her to medical careers, it also helped her realize that medical school was not the path she wanted to pursue.

Instead, she became fascinated by the engineering side of healthcare, including the development of prosthetics, medical devices, brain-imaging technology and other innovations designed to improve patient outcomes.

“They have a lot of opportunities for developing new technologies that benefit people’s health and innovation in medicine,” she said.

Although Angalet has always excelled in science and mathematics, she said she has never limited herself to those subjects.

“I’ve always been more science and math oriented,” she said. “But I wasn’t really sure what I wanted to major in or really study and pursue in life until last year because I still find history and English and the arts really incredible and amazing to learn in.”

Angalet also serves as president of the school’s newspaper, helping oversee coverage of student life, events and achievements. The publication regularly highlights everything from Spirit Week and homecoming festivities to student accomplishments and volunteer efforts.

“We mostly do stuff centered on school just to keep people interested in what’s going on at the school,” she said.

Principal Allen Hudson praised Angalet’s leadership and dedication to producing content that resonates with students.

“Each time the school newspaper is created, I get the privilege to see it before it’s distributed to everyone,” Hudson said. “Peyton does a phenomenal job of really looking and finding things that would be of interest to students.”

Hudson said the publication succeeds because it is written from a student’s perspective.

“The reality is we’re the adults — we think we really kind of know what’s going on — but it’s not about us, it’s about them,” Hudson said. “To have someone of the caliber of Peyton, who’s extremely smart, working on that really is great for us.”

She served as president of the Math Honor Society and participating in the National Science Honor Society. Through those groups, she has organized and participated in tutoring programs, STEM-focused outreach activities, Earth Day initiatives and events designed to encourage students to develop an interest in mathematics and science.

One volunteer experience that stands out to Angalet was working with children during St. John’s of Lattingtown’s annual country fair.

“I love working with kids,” she said. “I think they’re really cool and honest to talk to.”

That compassion is one of the qualities Hudson believes will serve her well in the future.

“The fact that she says she loves kids — not everyone loves kids,” Hudson said. “But I think that speaks volumes as to who she is, who she’s going to be, and she will be extremely successful.”

Angalet credits her parents, Stephen



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Angalet will graduate as the class of 2026 salutatorian before heading to the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago.

and Jennifer Angalet, for encouraging her educational pursuits. Her father works in communications engineering, helping maintain systems used by emergency services in Port Washington, while her mother is an information technology analyst for the Glen Cove City School District.

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Book Review: "The Gift" by Edith Eger

Subtitled "14 Lessons to Save Your Life", "The Gift" is authored by clinical psychologist and Holocaust survivor, Edith Eger, who died recently at age 98. The book arose out of her awakening to what two decades of silence about her trauma was doing to her and to those around her. A key insight is that while we cannot always choose what happens to us, we are always free to choose our reaction and our attitude towards it.

Reflecting on the theme of post-traumatic growth syndrome, Dr. Eger writes that "subjected to loss, torture, isolation, and the constant threat of death, I discovered the tools for survival and freedom that I continue to use every day in my clinical psychology practice as well as in my own life." Our worst experiences can be our best teachers. "I am here to tell you that the worst prison is not the one the Nazis put me in. The worst prison is the one I built for myself", writes Eger.

Seeing as our thoughts and beliefs determine, and often limit, how we feel and what we do, this book helps to identify our mental prisons and gives us the tools to free

ourselves from them. Agency, or the freedom to choose, is the key. While suffering is inevitable and universal she says, we can always choose how we respond in ways that serve us. Learning to "respond", by reflecting and choosing, rather than "reacting", makes all the difference. By using our power to choose, we harness our inner strength.

Dr. Eger shows us that as long as we avoid our feelings, we are denying reality and doing considerable damage to ourselves in the bargain. Who says you can't, besides you? The author recommends you spend a day listening to your self-talk. "Pay attention to what you're paying attention to -- that's what you reinforce."

The opposite of depression is expression, says Eger — what comes out of our body doesn't make us ill, what stays in there does. "Forgiveness is release."

This book teaches us how to live while we are living. As Norman Cousins well put it, "Death is not the greatest loss in life. The greatest loss is what dies inside us while we live."

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Film Fest Fan

Dear Film Fest Fan,

I recently read "A Better Life" by Lionel Shriver. This is a darkly controversial novel set in Brooklyn's Dimas Park - a neighborhood of lovely, large Victorian homes.

Gloria is a recently divorced mother of three adult children. She is struggling with debts, and her aging house is getting more and more difficult to maintain.

The story is viewed from the perspective of her youngest son Nico. Having graduated from college, he is living at home and making no attempt to find a job. When Gloria hears about a new city-

wide program - Big Apple Big Heart - that pays homeowners to board recent immigrants, she sees a way out of her financial bind.

From the start, Nico is not happy.

When Martine arrives, she immediately bonds with Gloria and her daughters. Martine is the poster child for the program - eager to help with the household chores and great company.

It is only when disturbing facts about her family emerge and inconsistencies in her story arise that we begin to wonder if Nico was justified in his hostile attitude. But we are also left to wonder if he is a reliable narrator.

As the months go by and tensions build, we sympathize with Gloria and Martine but wonder if Big Apple Big Heart can possibly work. A disturbing story but 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 40-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested June 3 by Officer Caruso on multiple Glen Cove warrants and charged with aggravated unlicensed operation, aggravated unlicensed operation, unlicensed operation, passing a red traffic signal and equipment violations. The arrest occurred on Glen Street.
- A 35-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested June 5 by Officer Meli and charged with criminal obstruction of breathing, harassment, menacing and endangering the welfare of a child. The arrest occurred on Brewster Street.
- A 25-year-old Bronx man was arrested June 5 by Officer Fretto and charged with grand larceny. The arrest occurred on Bridge Street.
- A 31-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested June 3 by Officer William Telese and charged with driving while intoxicated. The arrest occurred on Charles Street.
- A 56-year-old Glen Cove man was arrested June 5 by Officer Bedell for criminal possession of a weapon.

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Challenge has 'a very festive atmosphere'

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ing executive, a husband and a father-to-be. His journey from medically fragile infant to thriving adult remains a source of inspiration for his father, and for the event he created.

The ride, formerly known as the Nassau-to-Suffolk Bicycle Challenge, now focuses exclusively on Nassau County. Riders can choose between a 25-mile route or a more demanding one that's 10 miles longer. Both begin at the Harry Tappen Beach Boat Basin and wind through some of Long Island's most scenic North Shore communities, including Locust Valley and Bayville, offering waterfront views and the Gold Coast's rolling landscapes.

"It's not a race," Leslie Kle, treasurer of North Shore Kiwanis and one of the event organizers, said. "We have all levels of riders. It's all fun."

Kle said that many participants return year after year, drawn by the event's welcoming atmosphere and charitable mission. "We've had riders that have come, if not all of the 29 years, then very many of those years," she said. "They would be upset to see it go. So we have a lot of loyal riders who continue to come back year after year."

Organizing the ride is a months-long effort. Planning begins in February, with permit applications, followed by sponsorship outreach, publicity campaigns and route preparation. Volunteers dis-



Courtesy Julia Salat

Tom DeStio, left, founder of North Shore Kiwanis's Bicycle Challenge, with the event's co-chairs, Leslie Kle and Roger Hill, thanked the event's sponsors for their financial support as it celebrates 30 years.

tribute fliers to bicycle shops, post signs throughout the area and coordinate food, refreshments and rider support.

The event includes rest stops in Bayville and Locust Valley stocked with water, sports drinks, fruit and snacks. Organizers also provide cue sheets, digital maps and extensive route markings

to ensure that riders stay on course.

"One of the things that we kind of pride ourselves on is we have every turn marked on the ride," Kle said. "When they come back, many of them say it's the best-marked ride that they're ever on."

More than 20 volunteers help manage

registration, staff rest stops and support riders throughout the day. Family members and members of North Shore Kiwanis's Young Professionals group also pitch in.

"We cheer every rider when they come in, and we celebrate them and congratulate them," Kle said. "We have raffles. We try to make it a little bit more of a party atmosphere."

Kiwanis President Chris Salmon said the challenge has become known for its camaraderie as much as its fundraising. "Rain or shine, a lot of people attend," Salmon said. "There's great fun and enjoyment. It's a very festive atmosphere."

Salmon emphasized that every dollar raised supports charitable causes. The club foundation also funds programs such as Klothes 4 Kids, which provides back-to-school clothing for children in need, scholarships; community food assistance efforts; and support for local families facing hardships.

For DeStio, the ride's longevity is proof that a simple idea can have a lasting impact. "It takes months to put that together," he said. "But everything led to helping out the hospital. This was a way we could give back."

Online registration is \$50 through June 23, with walk-in registration available on the day of the ride for \$60. Additional information is available at n2nbc.org.

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Over 100 cats are rescued from G.C. home

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while, because it looked sick and needed treatment,” Reiss recalled. “But I could tell it was an expensive breed of cat, and I thought somebody was probably missing this cat.”

After posting about the animal on Facebook, the couple said, they were contacted by someone involved in local cat rescue who was familiar with a nearby home and concerns about the animals there.

Sontag said they documented the cat’s condition, contacted police and even forwarded information they discovered online, including what they described as a website advertising cats for sale. “We were always told there was nothing they could do about getting into the house,” he said.

In recent years, the couple said, additional cats appeared in their yard, many showing signs of illness or injury.

“You’d walk past the house, you’d see cats in the yard that looked unwell,” Reiss said. “You could smell the house from the sidewalk. It was clearly obvious that there was something going on with the animals that lived in the home.”

On Monday, Glen Cove police received a call from Horbatko’s 18-year-old daughter, who reported concerns

about living conditions inside the residence she shared with her mother and 13-year-old sister. According to Detective Lt. John Nagle of the Glen Cove Police Department, officers entered the home with the daughters’ permission.

“We observed the awful living conditions,” Nagle said. “The filth, the animals, the animal secretions and the overwhelming odor of ammonia.”

Police launched an investigation, obtained a search warrant and began removing animals from the home. As the scope of the operation became clear, members of the Nassau County HazMat team joined Glen Cove police, investigators from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and animal welfare workers at the scene.

By Monday afternoon authorities had removed 65 cats and two dogs. On Tuesday, crews returned and removed another 53 cats, including a dead kitten.

Nagle said that many of the animals were suffering from health problems, including respiratory ailments and eye infections.

“The house is in disarray,” he said.

“There were various hiding spots and holes in the walls where the cats were. We’re trying to make sure we don’t leave any animals behind.”

Matthew Roper, director of law enforcement for the Nassau County SPCA, described the conditions inside

the house as among the worst he has seen. “Every floor of the house is covered in fecal matter,” he said. “Cat urine is everywhere. There are overflowing litter boxes in the kitchen. It’s covered with waste, garbage and food waste.”

Roper said that SPCA investigators were working with police to safely remove every animal from the property. “We’ll be here for the pendency of this until all the cats are removed safely,” he said, noting that humane traps and infrared cameras would be used to ensure that no animals remain hidden inside.

Many of the rescued cats were taken to Cove Animal Rescue, which suddenly found itself caring for dozens of additional animals despite already housing roughly 60 cats. Although the Nassau County SPCA had arranged for the animals to be transferred to a facility in the

Hudson Valley, they remained in Glen Cove because Horbatko did not relinquish ownership, according to Cove Animal Rescue Manager Diane Connolly.

Area veterinary facilities, as well, struggled to accommodate the cats. Connolly said that some that needed medical attention were initially taken to veterinary hospitals and then returned to the shelter after receiving emergency treatment. About 15 of the most seriously ill animals remained under veterinary care.

The rescued cats are currently quarantined while veterinarians evaluate their conditions. “The very young kittens, of course, are most needy,” Connolly said.

Despite the challenges, she said, staff and volunteers remain committed to caring for the animals. “I don’t know what gets you first — the cuteness of them, or the fact that this cuteness is disturbed by disease or whatever is going on with it,” she said.

The rescue effort has significantly strained the organization’s already limited resources. “We dipped very deep into our resources at this point, which are already shallow,” Connolly said. “We’re hoping that friends will come forward and recognize the fact that we did what we could.”

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Disruptive Spark founder helps businesses navigate AI

In a fast-moving business world, Susan Gatti believes most leaders are asking the wrong questions when planning for AI investment.

Instead of adopting the latest tools, the Disruptive Spark® founder says companies should begin clarity, mindset and trust.

“We want to be the voice in your head, guiding you toward factual decisions,” Gatti said during a recent interview. “Being good stewards of your reputation, your company and the people who work for you, that’s what matters.”

Gatti is a Long Island-based business advisor, speaker and founder of Disruptive Spark®, a boutique performance consultancy that works with growth-minded leaders and mid-sized businesses. Drawing on decades of leadership experience, she helps organizations navigate change, improve operational performance and embrace emerging technology without losing sight of company culture or human connection.

As businesses feel mounting pressure to adopt artificial intelligence and automation tools, Gatti said many executives are operating from fear messages.

“Leaders are being told, ‘Do something with AI or we’ll be left behind,’” she explained. “That pressure to be relevant,



mixed with the reality that many organizations don’t yet know what needs to be done, leads to uncertainty that causes indecision.”

That’s where Disruptive Spark® steps in.

Rather than pushing businesses toward expensive technology, Gatti focuses first on identifying the problem a company is trying to solve, then following a proven decision model to help business leaders make smarter decisions.

According to Gatti, most companies struggle with three operational pain points: inefficient repetitive tasks,

customer service friction and concerns around security and financial risk. AI can help solve those issues if leaders approach implementation strategically.

Market challenges are putting pressure on local companies to operate more efficiently, while protecting their relationships and reputation. “Every dollar counts right now,” Gatti said. “AI tools that allow businesses to go deeper with the client base they already have are more valuable than constantly chasing new customers.”

Disruptive Spark® helps companies navigate transformation. Gatti believes

resistance is a big reason large-scale technology initiatives fail.

Early in her career, she recognized the problem was often less about the technology and more about how organizations communicated and prepared for change.

Disruptive Spark® now works with organizations to reduce resistance by building readiness campaigns before implementation begins. The company offers leader education, communication strategies, readiness assessments and coping practices that empower teams to feel calmer, more comfortable and more engaged during transitions.

“We found that when people understood the value for them personally, adoption rates skyrocketed,” Gatti explained.

One service Disruptive Spark® offers is helping organizations establish ethical AI standards and clear communication policies.

“I would double down very quickly on creating AI ethics and standards,” Gatti said. “Everybody is experimenting with AI, whether the company has sanctioned it or not.”

By creating guardrails, businesses can



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Richard Kessel appointed chair of NHCC

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Richard Kessel, chairman of the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, has been tapped by Gov. Kathy Hochul to be the next chairman of the Nassau Health Care Corporation, the public benefit corporation that oversees Nassau University Medical Center, in East Meadow, and the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility, in Uniondale.



RICHARD KESSEL

A regional leader for decades, Kessel, of Merrick, is known for his expertise on energy and consumer issues and has an extensive background in public service. He previously served as chairman of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency and as chief executive officer of the New York Power Authority. Kessel, 76, has a bachelor's degree from New York University and a master's from Columbia University.

"Richard Kessel brings decades of leadership experience in government, public policy and complex organizations," Hochul said of Monday's appointment in a statement emailed to



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Gov. Kathy Hochul has appointed Richard Kessel as chairman of the Nassau Health Care Corporation, which oversees Nassau University Medical Center.

the Herald. "His proven record of public service, commitment to Long Island and ability to navigate challenging issues make him exceptionally well-suited to lead the board as NHCC continues its mission of providing high-quality care to the communities we serve."

Kessel's appointment to the NHCC board means he will step down from NIFA. His position there will be filled by Moshin Meghji, a current NIFA board member.

The finance authority, another public benefit corporation, monitors and oversees Nassau County's finances. It assumed direct financial oversight of

NUMC in 2020, a move that was met with heavy opposition from previous hospital leadership. As part of the state's takeover last year, it mandated that NHCC conduct a comprehensive study outlining the long-term viability of NUMC. The study is to be submitted to NIFA by Dec. 1.

The NHCC chair's position has been vacant since March, when former Chairman Stuart Rabinowitz stepped down. Rabinowitz had served in the role since June 2025, after being appointed by Hochul when state officials assumed leadership of the public hospital and its governing body.

Leadership change at NHCC

New chairman: Gov. Kathy Hochul appointed Richard Kessel, chairman of the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, to lead the Nassau Health Care Corporation.

Leadership change: Kessel succeeds Stuart Rabinowitz, who stepped down in March after leading NHCC since June 2025.

Rabinowitz's departure came during a turbulent period for NUMC. Following a public battle between the hospital's former leadership and the state, New York assumed oversight of the hospital under provisions included in the 2025-26 state budget. The board was restructured to include 11 members, most of whom were appointed by Hochul.

When Rabinowitz stepped down, Hochul thanked him for his service, saying he "stepped up when Nassau University Medical Center desperately needed steady, serious leadership." She added that "his focus on accountability and fiscal management has helped put this critical safety-net hospital on the road to recovery."

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Reworld celebrates Long Island environmental leaders

By JOSEPH D'ALESSANDRO

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Herald Community Media and Reworld partnered to celebrate Long Island's leading environmental advocates and innovators during the Herald Sustainability Awards of Long Island, held May 14 at the Heritage Club at Bethpage.

The event recognized individuals and organizations making significant contributions to environmental sustainability while also honoring student leaders working to protect Long Island's natural resources.

"Nothing unites Long Islanders more than our natural environment, from beaches and bays to wetlands and parks — these treasures are our fountain of life, beauty and resources," said Stuart Richner, CEO of Richner Communications. "Tonight, we gather to honor environmental champions who are working tirelessly to protect

Long Island's natural ecosystem for future generations. Their efforts are challenging but vitally important and we thank them for their unwavering dedication."

The ceremony, emceed by comedian Tom Kelley, also featured awards for four Student Champions for Sustainability and a total of \$7,500 in student sustainability initiative prizes.

Adel Omrani, president of Reworld's East Region, highlighted the company's role in transforming waste into energy.

"You don't think of waste when you put it at the curb, and you usually don't think about disposal, but there's a lot of processes that goes into that," he said. "We generate electricity out of that and recycle metals. Just for Long Island, for example, we power 100,000 homes just from processing this waste and using it as fuel."

Omrani said collaboration among environmental leaders remains essential.

"It's a very big part of what we do as a community," he said.

Reworld Market Area Director James Regan stressed the importance of sustainable waste management on Long Island.

"For Long Island, an issue like sustainable waste management is extremely important given how populated it is and how limited resources are," he said. "Reworld, for us, has a focus to continue to partner with all



Tim Baker/Herald

The Sustainability Awards powered by Reworld brought together leaders, innovators, and advocates committed to building a more sustainable future for Long Island

these great champions of sustainability to ensure we have sustainable waste management for decades to come."

New York State Senator Siela Bynoe spoke during the dinner portion of the event.

"I have really had the environment in mind as I've been in my various roles in government," she said.

Bynoe's life experiences motivated her to pursue environmental advocacy, witnessing increased cancer rates due to local contamination in the Caribbean and disproportionate harm done to marginalized communities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"I set off on a path to make sure that we can conserve water, make sure we have clean water, and make sure that we are doing what we can to ensure that we sustain this community, this county and this state (so) that we have a bright future," she said.

Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine, a longtime environmental advocate, discussed his commitment to protecting Long Island's future.

"I'm very concerned about the direction we're going as a state and as an island, and I'm looking to change that direction by doing a number of things," he said.

Romaine cited efforts to improve municipal waste management, expand solar energy infrastructure and advance environmentally friendly policies.

"I could have retired long ago, but there are things that I want to accomplish," he said. "We need to see change."

Among the evening's featured speakers was sports broadcaster and former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason, who reflected on his connection to the Great South Bay.

"When I was a kid, between the ages of 14 and 17, I spent a lot of my summers on the Great South Bay — I was a clammer," he said. "It was great, but there were areas of the Great South Bay that we couldn't clam in because it was considered polluted... It took many years for it to turn around and to start going back the other way, and it's one of the things I'm most proud about."

Esiason praised young environmental advocates being recognized at the event.

"I'm very, very proud of them, and very proud of what they're trying to do for the beaches of the Great South Bay," he said.

Girl Scouts Emma Klein and Zoe Lazarus, of Savyille High School, Roslyn High sophomore Charles Metzger and Hauppauge High se-

nior Matias Kalaitzis were all winners of the Student Champions for Sustainability Award. The four were recognized for their civic service, from cleanups to awareness efforts.

National Grid Ventures, the main natural gas utility for over 600,000 residential and business customers in Nassau and Suffolk counties; Tritec, primarily known for mixed-use developments, transit-oriented communities and commercial property management across Long Island; and UBS Arena, the home of the New York Islanders, were all recognized with team awards.

As the presenting sponsor, Reworld continues to support environmental progress across Long Island. The company operates facilities in Westbury, West Babylon, East Northport and Ronkonkoma, processing two-thirds of Long Island's waste, recycling thousands of tons of metals and generating electricity for local homes while helping reduce landfill use and greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information about Reworld and its initiatives that support various community empowerment and environmental programs fostering positive change locally and globally, visit ReworldWaste.com.

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Honoree State Senator Siela Bynoe, District 6.



Honoree Suffolk County Executive, Edward P. Romaine with special guest, former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason.



The duo team honorees for the Student Champion Award: Sayville High School 9th graders Emma Klein, left, and Zoe Lazarus.



College Student Champion Honoree Vienna De Lombaerde, who attends Hofstra University.



A special thank you to Adel Omrani, President of Reworld East Region, whose vision and leadership helped bring this inspiring celebration of sustainability to life.



National Grid Ventures' honor team included Kamona Ayres, left, Robert Wittmer, Tom Garry, Alanna Russo, and Retha Fernandez.



Student Champion honorees: Roslyn High School 10th grader Charles Metzger, left, and Hauppauge High School graduating senior Matias Kalaitzis with special guest Kyle Palmieri of the New York Islanders.



Sponsors for the night (back, from left) included Ricardo Salce, Bobby Green, Rudy Winkler, Rob Balbierz, James Regan, Bill Murphy, David Sharp, Adel Omrani, Maureen Early, Ed Sandkuhl, Matt Augi, Brian Aerne and (front, from left) Kamrun Haque, Vickey Ardounis, and Rehan Simonia from the team at Reworld.



Tianna D'Italia, left, Michael Sciortino, Mike Santeramo, Joe Giarraputo, Caroline Shipps, and Erin Nourijanian of UBS Arena's honoree team.



Michael O'Leary, left, Robert Kent, Shannon Coughlan, Jim Coughlan, Jimmy Coughlan, and Chris Kelly of TRITEC Real Estate Company's honoree team.

Downtown Sounds celebrates 30 seasons

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Downtown Sounds will celebrate its 30th season this summer with a nine-concert lineup, a new second stage for emerging performers and a hometown band helping kick off the series on July 3.

The Friday night concert series, organized by the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, has grown from a modest gathering of local jazz musicians performing for small crowds at the corner of Glen and School streets in 1997 into one of the city's signature summer attractions, drawing audiences large enough to require street closures.

Organizers say the milestone season reflects years of listening to audience feedback and adapting the series to changing musical tastes.

"In addition to enjoying the music, members of the Downtown Sounds Committee are on hand at concerts observing and listening to feedback from audience members," Jill Nossa, executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown BID, said. "Doing so guides us as we choose the bands for our lineup each year."

This year's lineup leans heavily into genre-based tribute acts, a strategy that Downtown BID Assistant.

The season opens July 3 with Social Gold, a high-energy party band that performs contemporary Top 40, pop, hip-hop and country hits. Other featured acts include Dr. K's Motown Revue on July 10, Decadia on July 17, Mission Prog on July 24, Pop Divas Through the Decades featuring The Chicettes on July 31, Adrian Anthony's Grupo Hipnosis on Aug. 7, The Incredible AM/FM Time Machine on Aug. 14, Head Over Heels on Aug. 21 and That '70s Band on Aug. 28.

One of the biggest additions this year will be a second stage at the north end of School Street. The new performance area will showcase local solo artists, duos and small bands while encouraging concertgoers to explore downtown restaurants and businesses.

The inaugural act on the second stage will be Brake, a four-member rock band featuring Glen Cove natives and brothers Koorosh and Brandon Leibovitz.

Brake consists of Koorosh Leibovitz on drums, Brandon Leibovitz on lead guitar, vocalist and rhythm guitarist Jake Levine of Plainview and bassist Nick Ripe of Massapequa. The band has been together since roughly 2020 and evolved from a trio into its current four-member lineup when Ripe joined in 2023.

According to Leibovitz, the group performs music spanning several decades and genres.

"We kind of hit every decade," he said. "Our background is a lot like rock and roll. We do a little funk, some more contemporary stuff, like alternative rock."

The original Brake lineup featured the Leibovitz brothers and Levine, who recorded several singles in 2020 before



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Downtown Sounds draws crowds between 1,000 to 2,000 people.



Downtown Sounds volunteers Kaylee Rios, Zoe Nossa, Nahla Gomez, Paula Valle and Ella Nossa had their faces painted by Joanie Baloney.



In 2024, the Downtown Sounds concert series kicked off with the music of the Dance Mechanics.

releasing their debut album, *Breakfast*, in spring 2022. Since adding Ripe, the band has performed at venues across Nassau and Suffolk counties while continuing to write and perform original

music. Their setlists mix classic rock, blues, funk and modern alternative rock with original songs, including their fan-favorite single "Bacon, Egg and Cheese." For Leibovitz, the opportunity to per-

form at Downtown Sounds carries special significance.

"Just being a Glen Cove native and performing in my hometown, also just kicking off this new second stage thing going on downtown, I think it's a great idea," he said. "It's sort of a dream come true."

He said the addition of the second stage will help bring more activity to downtown Glen Cove and create opportunities for local musicians.

"It's just really a privilege to kick off the summer concerts here and be part of that," Leibovitz said. "We can't really thank Jill enough and the downtown BID for giving us the opportunity to play."

Leibovitz encouraged residents to support both the music and local businesses.

"We'd love to see people come down, support live music in Glen Cove, because that's really what we need," he said. "We want to activate our downtown. We want to bring the arts downtown, supplement that with our lovely restaurants and local businesses."

Fred Guarino, owner of Tiki Recording Studios and longtime chairman of Downtown Sounds, said the combination of established crowd favorites, first-time performers and the new second stage could make the anniversary season one of the strongest in the series' history.

"We've had some great seasons, but this one is shaping up to be the best one yet," Guarino said. "With the variety of music that will be on display on two different stages, there is sure to be something for residents of all ages and musical tastes."

The free concert series will run every Friday from July 3 through Aug. 28 in downtown Glen Cove.

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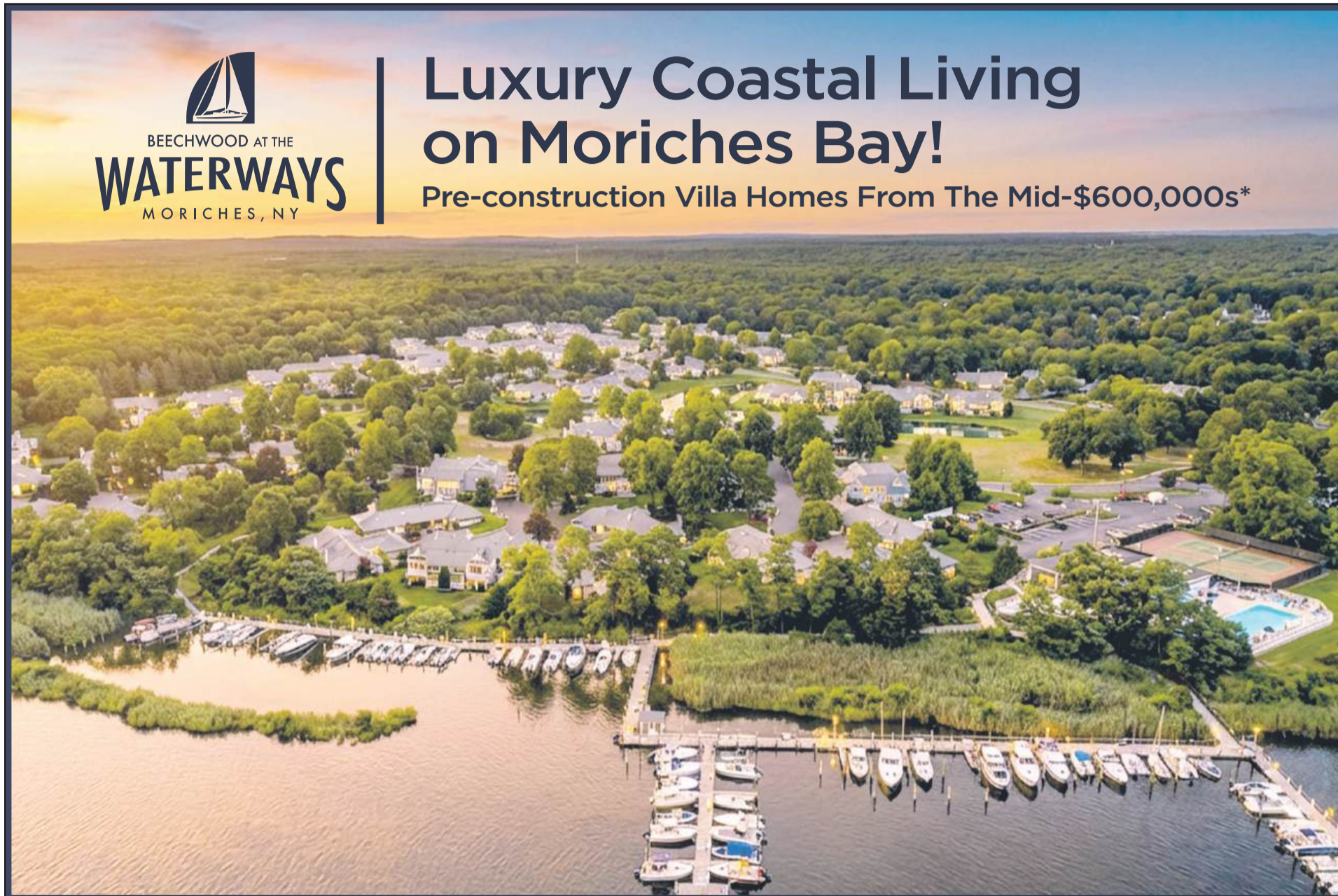


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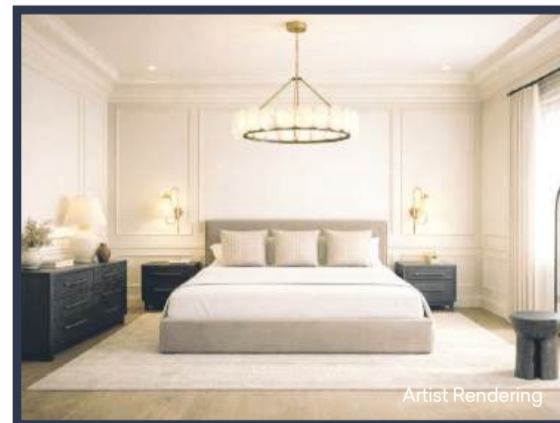
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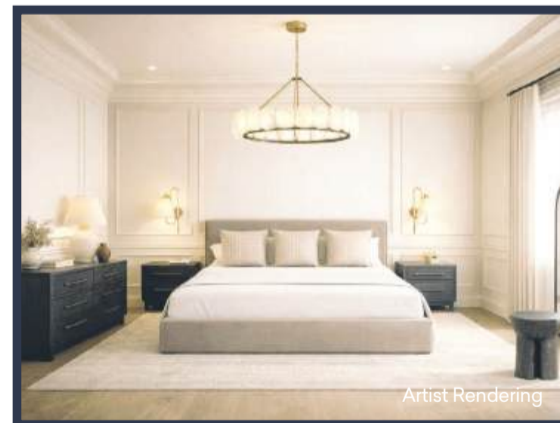


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LIRR expands service for golf's U.S. Open

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The 126th U.S. Open Championship, which begins next week, is being played at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club — known as one of the “cathedrals” of golf — for the first time since 2018.

Eric Steimer, senior director of U.S. Championships at the United States Golf Association, said the USGA's transportation strategy is intended to reduce congestion around the site while providing multiple travel options for fans attending the tournament.

The plan, developed in collaboration with the Long Island Rail Road, Suffolk County and New York state officials, will be in effect from June 15, three days before the tournament starts, until June 21, the day it ends.

Steimer said that the 15-person team that planned transportation operations recognized early that travel logistics would be one of the event's biggest challenges. “Any time we're out here in eastern Long Island at Shinnecock Hills, transportation is a challenge,” Steimer said. “We're doing a lot of different things to really try to mitigate that.”

As it did eight years ago, the LIRR's Montauk Branch will provide transportation to and from the tournament. A temporary station will be constructed in Tuckahoe, across from Shinnecock Hills, on the south side of County Road



USGA/Fred Vuich

With the 126th U.S. Open set to tee off at Shinnecock Hills, the USGA and transportation companies like the LIRR announced travel plans for the tournament.

39, adjacent to Stony Brook University's Southampton campus. A temporary pedestrian bridge will span the roadway.

From June 15 to 17, the LIRR plans to operate 10 inbound trains and dozens of outbound trains, more than double the service it provided in 2018. During the championship rounds, June 18 to 21, 12 inbound trains and 13 outbound trains are scheduled to operate.

“The Long Island Rail Road is ready,” its president, Rob Free, stated in a news release. “Avoid the traffic and use our

exceptionally reliable service to and from Shinnecock Hills for all the golf action. Extra staff will also be on hand at Southampton to help customers throughout the championship for a great customer experience.”

Steimer explained that this year's transportation differs from 2018 because satellite parking operations have moved from Gabreski Airport to Calverton Executive Airpark.

“We will have complimentary parking and complimentary shuttle buses to and from the championship,” Steimer

said. “Anyone that looks at Calverton on a map is going to see that it's pretty far away from Shinnecock Hills, but at the same time it is very accessible for anyone that's coming from points west or coming along the Long Island Expressway.”

For residents of Southampton, Sag Harbor, Easthampton and neighboring communities, Steimer recommended using a rideshare program operating from Stony Brook Southampton's campus.

Hamton Jitney will operate shuttle service for spectators traveling from Montauk, Amagansett, Sag Harbor, Bridgehampton, Water Mill and Southampton. Pickups and drop-offs will be located near Admission Gate 2 on the Stony Brook campus.

Fans traveling from New York City will have the option of using Blade helicopter service from June 18 to 21, with return flights scheduled each evening after play ends.

Steimer urged commuters not to arrange drop-offs on County Road 39, and said there would be increased police presence at intersections around the golf course.

“This is a plan that's been carefully articulated with local experts to be able to implement this plan,” he said. “Now is the time to bring it to life.”

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STEPPING OUT



'Good times never seemed so good...' Neil Diamond's tunes are always in style

By Karen Bloom

For those who can't get enough of Neil Diamond, perhaps the next best thing to seeing him perform, is when Robert Neary takes on legendary singer-songwriter's persona.

The multi-hyphenate performer brings his acclaimed show, "So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience," to Tilles Center, on Sunday, featuring his band and a special "hometown" guest performance. The East Meadow High School Chamber Choir concludes the concert with a six-song finale, under the direction of Chorus Director Samantha Schick. The collaboration is especially meaningful, as Neary is an alumnus of East Meadow High School, and the production's trumpet player, Stephen Engle, formerly served as head of the music department at the school.

The stage, TV and film star has created an acclaimed tribute experience. The show celebrates the timeless songs and storytelling of Neil Diamond, with the beloved hits from Diamond's extensive catalog including "Sweet Caroline," "Cracklin' Rosie," "America," and many more. Known for his remarkable vocals, Neary has earned praise for delivering a heartfelt and high-energy tribute to one of America's most iconic entertainers. The concert was also filmed as a documentary feature that is now streaming on Amazon Prime Video, where it continues to receive rave reviews from audiences nationwide.

With decades in the entertainment industry, Neary has starred in three Broadway lead roles and appeared in more than 60 major television and film guest-starring roles. He has also built a worldwide social media following of more than half a million fans. Neary created "So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience" in 2019 and, alongside New York-based band The Mystic, developed the show into the nationwide hit it is today. The production continues to sell out venues across the United States and is now set to expand internationally.

"I've always been a fan," says Neary, of Diamond. "I even learned how to play the piano to Hello Again and knew I could emulate his voice since high school. I was an actor for 40 years, but in 2018, the business for me, started to slow down. After hearing he was



- Sunday, June 14, 3 p.m.
- Tickets available at tillescenter.org or ticketmaster.com or (516) 299-3100
- Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville

retiring due to Parkinson's, I set out to create the best Neil Diamond tribute I could."

And audiences certainly agree.

"We always hope that for the two hours they come to our show, they [audiences] are able to forget about the craziness going on in the world, and relive the happy moments with the Neil Diamond's iconic music. People relate to his music and so many favorites bring so many people back to those beautiful days," Neary continues.

Part of the show's enduring appeal is Neary's commitment to honoring Diamond's catalog while keeping the performance dynamic and engaging for both new and returning audiences.

"I went right to his 50th anniversary hits album and compared each

song to the success of each one and chart history. We now touch on 28 of them in a full show. We do various medleys that are able to incorporate more songs and with the fabulous multimedia, it really brings the songs to life. I also go into the audience for Sweet Caroline and high five and hug on as many people as I can," Neary adds.

Over the years, the production has evolved into a full-scale theatrical concert experience.

"I set out to do exactly what it has become. So having it all continue to fall into place, has been all part of the plan. We continue to evolve in our production. It started with eight members on stage and 22 songs. We now have amazing background singers, a violinist and a full multimedia presentation that is amazing. We also have included a full overture highlighting Neil's career through the decades."

His band, The Mystic, certainly adds to the experience.

"I am beyond blessed to have this amazing band," Neary says, enthusiastically. "I met them playing at a huge Halloween party and asked if they would like to join me in this venture and they said, yes. To have this band and the comradery that they possess, having been together for 30 years, is just icing on the cake. We have such a great time on stage as well as touring together and it shows. Countless accolades say how amazingly tight the band is and that we all look like we are having fun."

One could say that that that this performance's special closing is the icing on the cake for Neary.

"I'm incredibly proud to return home and share this experience with students from East Meadow High School. Music education played such an important role in my life, and having these talented young performers join us for the finale makes this performance especially meaningful. It's going to be a really memorable afternoon," he continues.

"I've always wanted to add a choir, and with this Tilles show, being as big as it is, I figured now's the time to make it happen. My best friend from junior high Stephen Engle, suggested them and I immediately said, "Of course!"

Neary, who now resides in Melville after leaving East Meadow all those years ago to pursue his dreams in L.A., is delighted to be back on his home turf, especially reconnecting with his high school.

"It feels wonderful. So humbling and so blessed to be back where I was when my career was only a dream away. The first time we played Eisenhower Park, was very emotional and now to play the Tilles Center with the EMHS choir, on such a grander scale, is even more unbelievable."

Robert Neary enthusiastically gets his audiences involved in this celebration of the singer-songwriter's enduring catalog of hits.

Photos courtesy Robert Neary



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., they've toured virtually nonstop, performing on average over 150 shows a year, and 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. 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. The band continues to celebrate and revitalize jazz and swing music and bring joy to audiences around the world.

Saturday, June 13, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com.



Conversations in art

Nassau County Museum of Art hosts an engaging conversation with curator and collections expert Lauren Brincat, whose work and expertise helped shape the current exhibition "250 Years of Art on Long Island." Brincat, Chief Curator and Director of Collections at Preservation Long Island — a key lending partner to the exhibit — offers an in-depth exploration of the show's themes, giving visitors a closer look at the wide-ranging artworks and historical objects on view. Her talk illuminates how the exhibit brings together painting and decorative arts to trace the evolution of Long Island's artistic identity across the centuries. She also discusses the collaborative research and curatorial process behind the exhibition, highlighting how artists, collectors and communities have contributed to shaping and preserving the region's visual legacy.

Sunday, June 14, 3 p.m. \$20, \$15 seniors, \$10 students (members free). Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor. Register at nassauuseum.org or call (516) 484-9337.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

JUN 11

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 12

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

Glen Cove Junior Soccer League World Cup Watch Party

Watch Team USA take on Paraguay on a 35-foot screen during a community World Cup watch party featuring a barbecue, raffles and giveaways. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or beach chairs.

- **Where:** Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove
- **Time:** Barbecue at 7 p.m., game begins at 9 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 671-4600

JUN 13

Deep Roots Farmers Market

Shop local and organic foods, fresh produce, arts and crafts. Also enjoy entertainment



JUN 23

Daniel Tosh's: My First Farewell Tour

Get ready for an evening of sharp observations and quick-fire punchlines that are Daniel Tosh's signature irreverent style when he brings My First Farewell tour to The Paramount stage. Acclaimed for his quick wit and deadpan delivery, he's built a devoted following through both stand-up and television. After graduating from the University of Central Florida with a degree in marketing, he moved to Los Angeles to pursue comedy full-time. His career gained national attention following a standout appearance on The Late Show with David Letterman in 2001, leading to appearances on programs including Comedy Central Presents, Premium Blend and The Tonight Show. Tosh became a household name as the creator and host of Tosh.0, the long-running Comedy Central hit that paired viral internet videos with his trademark commentary and satirical take on pop culture. The series became one of the network's most successful and enduring comedy programs, helping cement Tosh's reputation as one of stand-up's most recognizable voices. Expect an energetic set filled with new material, unexpected twists and the unapologetic humor that has defined Tosh's career.

- **Where:** The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington
- **Time:** 7 and 9:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com

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

JUN 14

Conversations in art

Nassau County welcomes all to talk with Lauren Brincat, Chief Curator and

Director of Collections at Preservation Long Island, which lent many works to the 250 Years of Art on Long Island exhibition. Lauren offers an in-depth look at the exhibition, highlighting the remarkable range of artworks and artifacts that tell the story of Long Island's artistic heritage. She will explore how artists, collectors, and communities have shaped the region's visual culture over two and a half centuries, sharing insights into the research, curation, and preservation that bring these stories to life. Limited seating; registration required. \$20 \$15 seniors, \$10 students (members free.)

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

Hempstead House Tour

See the grand rooms inside the massive 50,000-square-foot Tudor-style mansion at Sands Point Preserve, the former summer residence of Howard Gould (1912-1917) and later Daniel and Florence Guggenheim (1917-1930). For adults, but children 5+ are allowed. \$10 per person.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** Noon and 1:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

JUN 16

Harmonize with Long Island Harmonizers

Love to sing? So do the Long Island Harmonizers. The chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society 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 audiences at libraries, assisted

living facilities, hospitals, and local 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 is 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

Pre-Council Meeting

The Glen Cove City Council holds a pre-council meeting to discuss upcoming agenda items and city business.

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

Planning Board meets

The Glen Cove Planning Board reviews development proposals and other planning matters. All are welcome.

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

JUN 17

Creative Spirits: Gold Coast Glamour & French Design

Visit Planting Fields

Arboretum program with Winterthur Museum's Associate Curator of Art and Visual Culture Kendra Kearis. Explore how the elite women on the North Shore shaped domestic environments through adopting French revival styles. \$35 per person. Register on the Planting Fields website.

- **Where:** 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay
- **Time:** 6 p.m.
- **Contact:** plantingfields.org or call (516) 922-9210

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 Klothes 4 Kids. The beautiful ride through the Gold Coast features picturesque vistas and 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

Having an event?

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

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NYU Langone Health has announced plans to build a new academic medical center in Melville, which would include a hospital with more than 500 private inpatient rooms.

NYU Langone plans major medical center

By **HERNESTO GALDAMEZ**

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NYU Langone Health has announced plans to build a new academic medical center in Melville, a multibillion-dollar project that would expand healthcare services on Long Island while creating thousands of jobs and establishing a new hub for medical education and research.

The proposed campus, located on a 45-acre parcel in the Huntington Quadrangle near the intersection of the Long Island Expressway and Route 110, would include a hospital with more than 500 private inpatient rooms, a 70-bay emergency department, advanced operating suites and diagnostic imaging facilities.

The development would also house the NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine and dedicated research space, creating a comprehensive center for patient care, education and scientific discovery. The project remains subject to state and local approvals, including environmental review.

“This is one of the most ambitious and exciting projects ever undertaken by NYU Langone,” said Dr. Alec C. Kimmelman, dean and CEO of NYU Langone. “The benefits to Long Island will allow us to better serve patients across Nassau and Suffolk Counties with the highest-quality care, in a modern facility that offers the latest technologies.”

NYU Langone completed the purchase of the Melville property on May 21 for \$135.5 million. Officials said the site was selected for its accessibility and ability to accommodate a large healthcare campus while preserving green space and supporting broader redevelopment plans for the Melville Town Center.

Construction of the project is expected to generate up to 8,000 union construction jobs and an additional 2,500 indirect jobs throughout the region. Once completed, the facility is expected to employ thousands of permanent workers.

The announcement marks another major expansion for NYU Langone on Long Island, where the health system already operates more than 120 physician practices and employs more than 13,000 people. The organization added NYU Langone Hospital—Suffolk to its network in 2024 and has continued expanding outpatient and specialty services across Nassau and Suffolk counties.

NYU officials said they will maintain a significant presence in Mineola, where they plan to expand emergency, cancer, cardiology and neurology services. Those programs will remain in Mineola even after the Melville campus opens.

The health system has also invested heavily in Nassau County in recent years. In 2024, it opened NYU Langone Ambulatory Care Garden City, a 260,000-square-foot facility housing 32 clinical specialties. The organization has also acquired the former Lord & Taylor building at 1200 Franklin Ave. in Garden City for future healthcare development.

The Melville campus will also serve as a new home for the NYU Grossman Long Island School of Medicine, a tuition-free medical school focused on primary care. According to NYU Langone, 40 percent of the school’s most recent graduating class will remain on Long Island to continue their medical training or careers.

Local officials welcomed the announcement.

“This is a tremendous victory for Long Island,” Suffolk County Executive Edward P. Romaine said in a statement. “This new facility will bring a new level of care and research, create jobs for thousands, provide educational opportunities and become part of the community.”

Ed Smyth, supervisor of the Town of Huntington, said the medical center could become a major component of the planned Town Center redevelopment.

Where to watch the World Cup on L.I.

The Cabana and Das Biergarten will be playing all World Cup games all day

By **NOAH PERETZ**

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This week marks the beginning of the World Cup. The first matches will be played on June 11. Two bars have committed to providing the best World Cup watching experience on Long Island.

The Cabana in Long Beach's West End, and Das Biergarten, nine blocks down in East Atlantic Beach, each have large TVs as well as TVs throughout their establishments, all of which will play World Cup matches.

"We plan on having all the games on, they're mostly afternoon games," Bob Johnson, owner of the Cabana, said. "We also had World Cup games on in 2022, but there's much more excitement this year because it's happening in the U.S., we wanted to use that opportunity."

Johnson also explained that there would be World Cup themed drink specials, bucket deals for beers and seltzers, and brunch deals for early games. He also teased a 'best dressed soccer fan' deal with a free drink reward. The Cabana has a stage in its outside seating area as well, so there will also be live music during some of the games.

Although Cabana and Das Biergarten are rival businesses by proximity, their owners are friends. "Drew



The outside bar at Cabana has the largest TV at the establishment. There are also six other TVs inside.



Noah Peretz/Herald photos

Das Biergarten has six additional TVs throughout the restaurant and at the bar.

[Andrew Hetzler] has always been a great friend, even though he'd tell you we're the music spot and he's the real World Cup place," Johnson joked.

Andrew Hetzler, owner of Das Biergarten, embraces his restaurant's title as the 'real' World Cup watching venue. "We'll be hosting every game," he said. "Especially big events for the U.S., Germany, and Mexico."

Hetzler said he would be advertising for the World Cup games on all Das Biergarten's social media, including its Instagram and Facebook. "I'll be running my ads in English, German, and Spanish, just for fun," he said. "I want to target all of our friends in the Latin community in the Long Beach area as well."

Das Biergarten will have food and

drink specials not dissimilar to Cabana, including a '2-liter boot of beer.'

Hetzler's restaurant has been hosting World Cup games as well as EuroCup games since 2018. "We opened in 2014, but it was right after the World Cup, and that was the one that Germany won too, so we just missed out on it," Hetzler said. "We've gotten big crowds every year since then, though."



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Recalling Robert Moses' plans for Fire Island

Sixty-four years ago, in the spring of 1962, I began working as a reporter on Long Island, and engaged immediately in my first big story — Robert Moses' plan to build a four-lane highway on Fire Island. It would have devastated much of the exquisite nature of that barrier beach, along with its 17 very special communities. I was 20 years old.



KARL GROSSMAN

After two years of grassroots opposition and journalism, in which I played a significant part, the highway scheme was stopped. In September 1964, President Lyndon Johnson signed legislation estab-

lishing Fire Island National Seashore. In those two years I merged investigative reporting with environmental journalism, a combination that has been a journalistic and academic focus of mine for the past six decades. Life has its circles, and I was delighted that Alexcy Romero, superintendent of the national seashore and a 1990 graduate of SUNY Old Westbury, was a guest speaker at the school on Earth Day. As

a professor at the university for 47 years, I taught investigative reporting and environmental journalism.

In his talk, Romero said, "I did not know how I was going to apply my environmental science degree." He found a highly positive application for it for more than three decades now at the National Park Service.

Romero has been the superintendent at Fire Island since 2018. "Everything we do is about protecting resources and providing a good, memorable visitor experience," he said. The title of his presentation was "Cities and Seashores," and its focus was "Long Island seashore conservation and working in public service."

Romero is originally from New York City, and when he was appointed superintendent, he said, "As a native New Yorker, I have spent many days enjoying the Great South Bay by boat, strolling the beaches of Fire Island, and have experienced some breathtaking sunsets that only Fire Island National Seashore has to offer. I look forward to working with all the communities, partners and talented staff managing this beautiful resource that many people have come to treasure."

In 1962 I had never been to Fire Island. But even though I was also from New York City, I became an Eagle Scout, relished nature, and my family camped in the summers at Wildwood State Park, in Wading River.

I got the reporter's job at the Babylon Town Leader, and when I arrived on my first day of work, the newspaper's publisher, James Cooper, and editor, John Maher, told me that Moses had just announced his highway plan for Fire Island, and they wanted me to go there that weekend and put together a story.

As Robert Caro wrote in his Pulitzer Prize-winning 1974 book, "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York," Moses had the New York media in his pocket. But that wasn't the case with the Town Leader. Moses had a home in Babylon, and through the years the newspaper took on Moses and his various projects.

I lucked out by connecting with Fire Islanders including TV journalist Charles Collingwood, playwright Reginald Rose, author Theodore H. White and some regular folks, who articulately explained how the island's nature and communities would be impacted by

the proposed highway. A walk in Sunk-en Forest made the environmental importance of Fire Island clear to me.

I wrote a story, the first of many. We discovered that the four-lane highway Moses built to the west, along Jones Beach, instead of being an "anchor" of the beach — as Moses insisted a highway on Fire Island would be — regularly needed to be bolstered with sand pushed along its edges by bulldozers working at night.

The first call I received the morning after my first story ran was from Murray Barbash, an environmentally committed builder from Brightwaters. Barbash and his brother-in-law, Babylon attorney Irving Like, co-author of the state's Conservation Bill of Rights, then organized a Citizens Committee for a Fire Island National Seashore. Their view was that Moses couldn't be stopped on the state level because of the enormous power he wielded in New York. If Fire Island were to be saved, it would have to be through the federal government. Also, a national seashore offered a positive goal, they felt. And happily, that's what came about.

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The lessons our leaders should take from the LIRR strike

The three-day Long Island Rail Road strike last month did more than disrupt commutes. It highlighted just how interconnected New York City and Long Island truly are.

For 72 hours, the effects rippled across the entire metropolitan region. State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli estimated that the work stoppage cost as much as \$61 million per day in lost economic activity.



TOM GRECH

The losses weren't confined to any one county or borough. They were shared by all of us, because our regional economy functions as one interconnected system.

I heard from employers immediately concerned about staffing shortages, delayed deliveries and declining foot traffic. The reason was simple: The workforce connection between Long Island and New York City is enormous.

According to Census data, around 240,000 Long Island residents commute into New York City for work, while roughly 310,000 New York City residents work in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Queens alone sends around 95,000 work-

ers into Nassau County and another 28,000 into Suffolk County every day. Queens residents are among the largest workforce pipelines for Long Island employers, particularly in health care, construction, retail, transportation and professional services.

When that flow stops, even briefly, the economic consequences are immediate.

Too often, some elected officials and commentators have tried to frame Long Island and New York City as competitors, as though economic success on one side of the city line somehow comes at the expense of the other side.

It doesn't.

We saw this dynamic emerge during the pandemic, when some suburban leaders openly encouraged businesses to leave New York City and relocate to Long Island. More recently, some politicians have continued to take rhetorical swipes at the city's struggles as a way to score political points.

But the LIRR strike demonstrated exactly why that mindset misses the big picture.

Long Island's economy is deeply dependent on New York City's economic strength, just as the city depends on

Long Island. Roughly 150,000 Suffolk County residents work in New York City's five boroughs, with many commuting into Manhattan and Queens every day. Nassau County's economic ties are even deeper. Meanwhile, businesses throughout the city rely heavily on Long Island residents as customers, employees and business partners.

Queens and suburban Long Island, in particular, share extraordinarily close economic ties.

Queens is home to Kennedy and LaGuardia airports, major health care institutions, construction projects and entertainment destinations that employ thousands of Long Islanders. Long Islanders help staff schools, hospitals, financial firms and transportation systems throughout the city. At the same time, Queens residents support Long Island's retail centers, restaurants, beaches and small businesses.

That's why the true competition facing our region isn't between Queens and Nassau or between Manhattan and Suffolk. It is coming from states aggressively attracting residents and employers away from New York City together. Florida. Texas. The Carolinas.

When families leave the metropolitan area because housing costs become unsustainable, Long Island and New York City both lose. When businesses relocate operations out of state, the economic pain is shared throughout the downstate region.

Instead of trying to outcompete one another for headlines or short-term political advantage, regional leaders should be working together to address the challenges we all face: affordability, transportation reliability, housing shortages and public safety.

The LIRR strike also reinforced another important truth: Infrastructure matters. Reliable transportation is the backbone of the downstate economy. Millions of people depend on the seamless movement of workers and consumers throughout the region every day. When that system breaks down, even temporarily, it reminds us how fragile — and how interconnected — our economy really is.

In the future Long Island and New York City will succeed or fail, rise or fall, together. That isn't political rhetoric. It is an economic reality.

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Taking care to the streets

When communities confront homelessness, the conversation often becomes trapped between competing concerns: public safety, housing costs, mental health, addiction and strained social services. But programs that make a real difference recognize a simple truth: Homelessness is both a humanitarian crisis and a public health crisis.

Addressing it requires more than temporary shelter or emergency interventions. It requires meeting people where they are — literally and figuratively. That is what makes street medicine and community outreach programs such powerful and innovative models.

Instead of waiting for vulnerable people to navigate a complicated health care system, outreach teams bring services directly to them. They visit train stations, commuter lots, wooded encampments, shelters and other places where homeless individuals live and gather.

The approach acknowledges a reality often overlooked in policy discussions: People struggling to survive day to day rarely have the ability to prioritize medical appointments, transportation, paperwork or insurance requirements. For many, simply getting through the next 24 hours is challenge enough.

Long Island's most recent Point-In-Time Count found more than 4,500 unsheltered adults and children in Nassau and Suffolk counties, the highest total recorded since 2007.

Behind every statistic is a person facing enormous barriers to proper health and stability. Chronic illnesses often go untreated. Mental health conditions worsen without care. Substance-use disorders become more dangerous. Small medical problems can become life-threatening emergencies.

Traditional systems are often not designed to reach people living in these circumstances. Outreach programs are.

What makes these efforts especially effective is their emphasis on trust. Team members may spend significant time with one person, providing medical evaluations, wellness education, supplies, referrals and, perhaps most important, human connection. People who often feel ignored, judged or invisible are treated with dignity and respect.

That trust-building is not a "soft" benefit. It is the foundation of successful intervention. People who trust service providers are more likely to seek treatment, follow medical advice, complete paperwork and engage with housing services. Those relationships can become the bridge that leads someone from instability to recovery and ultimately to permanent housing.

The results of street medicine programs across Long Island and the nation demonstrate the value of this approach. People have been connected to urgent medical care, chronic conditions have been managed before they became emergencies, and individuals have been guided

into stable housing. While the numbers may seem modest compared with the scale of the crisis, they represent something larger: individualized, community-based care that works.

Housing itself is a public health issue. Stable housing improves physical health, mental well-being, medication compliance and overall quality of life. Yet obtaining housing often requires medical evaluations and documentation that many homeless people struggle to access. Outreach teams help bridge that gap.

These programs also serve as a reminder that homelessness can happen to anyone. Job loss, illness, family breakdown, disability or financial hardship can push an individual into crisis. People do not choose homelessness, yet they are often judged as though they did.

Compassion alone will not solve homelessness. Neither will enforcement alone. Communities need practical, scalable solutions that combine health care, housing support and human connection.

Street medicine and community-based outreach programs are proving that such solutions exist. As homelessness continues to rise, communities should look closely at these models and invest in expanding them. If society wants to help people move off the streets, it cannot wait for them to come through the door. Sometimes the most effective solution is to bring the door to them.

LETTERS

Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick and Brown are silent on Israel

To the Editor:

In a pair of opinion pieces in the May 28-June 3 issue of the Herald, Assemblyman Ari Brown ("New York's radical mobs are testing America's spine") and State Sen. Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick ("Our state must do more to combat antisemitism") deplored the rise in antisemitism locally, nationally and globally. The two legislators called for stronger measures to protect Jews from harassment and the threat, or actuality, of violence.

No New Yorker of goodwill would oppose such protective efforts or deny that hatred of Jews is growing and spreading. It must also be acknowledged that Hamas is a terrorist organization that committed unspeakable atrocities in murdering 1,200 Israelis on Oct. 7, 2023.

But neither Brown nor Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick offers the slightest criticism



OPINIONS

How \$1 becomes \$1.60 on L.I.: the multiplier effect

Most Long Islanders have a pretty good feel for the local economy, with housing demand up, unemployment down and new businesses replacing older ones. What many people don't see is how all of those activities are connected.

A new apartment building isn't just a construction project. A restaurant isn't simply a place to grab dinner. A law firm does more than provide legal advice. Each of these businesses creates economic activity that extends well beyond its front door, generating jobs, income and spending throughout the region.



STEVE KENT

Economists call this the multiplier effect, and it impacts Long Islanders every day.

Our economy is often discussed in terms of individual industries — health care, education, construction, technology, hospitality, retail, professional services. Yet one of the reasons the economy has remained resilient through economic cycles is that no single industry dominates it. Instead, thousands of businesses of varying sizes create a diverse and interconnected economic ecosystem.

That diversity helps explain why Long Island's economy has grown into some-

thing much larger than many residents realize. Nassau and Suffolk counties together generate approximately \$256 billion in economic activity annually. If Long Island were a state, its economy would rank roughly 23rd in the nation.

While those numbers are impressive, the more interesting story is how that economic activity is created.

Consider a neighborhood bagel shop. When a customer purchases breakfast, the economic impact doesn't stop at the cash register. The bakery purchases flour, cream cheese, utilities, equipment, insurance, accounting services and transportation. Employees spend their wages at local stores, restaurants and service providers. The original dollars continue to circulate through the economy, creating value long after the first transaction takes place.

This process happens every day, in every corner of Long Island.

Over the past year, the LIA Research Institute has been examining these relationships through input-output analysis, a methodology used to measure the direct, indirect and induced impacts of businesses and institutions. The findings reinforce something many business owners already know from experience: local spending creates local prosperity.

Take a hypothetical Long Island law firm generating \$1 million in annual

revenue. The direct activity supports attorneys, staff and business operations. But the firm's impact extends to office suppliers, maintenance providers, technology vendors and numerous other businesses. When those secondary effects are included, the original \$1 million generates roughly \$1.6 million in total economic output throughout the region.

The multiplier effect becomes even more visible with large-scale investments. Consider the construction of a multifamily housing development. Before a single family moves in, the project generates significant economic activity through construction workers, architects, engineers, legal professionals, material suppliers, trucking companies, and dozens of supporting industries.

Our analysis of a hypothetical \$100 million apartment development found that the project could support more than 600 jobs and create roughly \$166 million in total economic output. This is in addition to the benefit of adding to our region's housing stock to address the high demand and low inventory, which pushes up prices.

That's why discussions of economic development should never focus solely on the initial investment. The broader impact often tells a much larger story. For example, the LIA Research Institute

estimated that the 2025 Ryder Cup generated roughly \$160 million in economic activity, not simply because spectators attended the tournament, but because visitors stayed in hotels, dined in restaurants and utilized transportation services. The ripple effects spread through our communities, strengthening the broader economy.

Long Island's economy is powered by thousands of interconnected decisions made every day by entrepreneurs, workers, consumers, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions and investors. From a neighborhood bagel shop to new construction, from a local law firm to an international sporting event, economic activity rarely stops where it starts. Every transaction creates additional opportunities that ripple across our region.

The next time you buy a bagel, hire an attorney, dine at a local restaurant or drive past a construction site, remember that you are seeing the multiplier effect in action.

On Long Island, dollars we spend at local businesses become wages for workers, revenue for suppliers and opportunities for families across our region. That's how \$1 becomes \$1.60 — and why the strength of our economy depends on the success of the businesses and institutions that keep that cycle moving forward.

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Our economy is powered by thousands of interconnected decisions we make every day.

LETTERS

of the Israeli government's military response to Hamas's barbarism. And silence on this score is used by bigots to assert — falsely — that all Jews are complicit in the slaughter of Muslims.

Reputable sources, including the Israel Defense Forces, confirm that Israel has killed over 70,000 Palestinians in Gaza in the past two and a half years. That toll is known to include several thousand children and hundreds of humanitarian workers.

In addition, Israel has killed more than 3,000 civilians in Lebanon in the past few months in retaliation for Hezbollah terrorist attacks that have taken the lives of about 100 Israelis.

The relentless, merciless and disproportionate response on Israel's part has caused support for the Jewish state to plummet in the U.S. and worldwide. Only 37 percent of Americans now view Israel favorably, according to a Pew Research Center poll. Sympathy for Palestinians has risen correspondingly.

Anti-Israel sentiments do sometimes take the form of antisemitism. But most U.S. activists, including the many Jews who denounce the actions of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, cannot be fairly accused of religious or ethnic bigotry.

Influential figures like Brown and Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick are not helping shield Jews by ignoring the causes of Israel's isolation. They also ought to be pointing out that Israel's security will not be enhanced through endless warfare that gives rise to new generations of Palestinian militants.

The cycle of hate, death and destruction is certain to continue until Israelis and Palestinians work cooperatively toward a two-state solution.

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