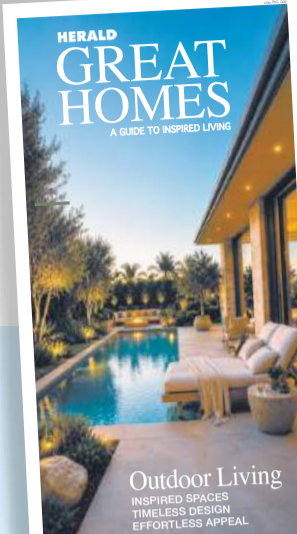


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A perfect day for the Greek festival

Enjoying a sunny, breezy Saturday at the Greek Festival, hosted by the Holy Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church of Old Brookville at Garvies Point in Glen Cove, were, from left, Alexandra Y.; John, Alexander and Eleni Arbuckle; and George Y., as they sampled the food, music and festivities along the waterfront.

Fans gather at World Cup watch party

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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The world's largest sporting event has arrived in Glen Cove. An estimated 500 people gathered in Morgan Park last Friday for the first of three FIFA World Cup watch parties organized by the Glen Cove Junior Soccer League, transforming the waterfront park into a community celebration of soccer complete with food, raffles, music and a giant outdoor screen.

Now organizers are preparing for two more free watch parties, including a June 27 screening of Portugal-vs.-Colombia, at Pascucci Field, and a July 19 championship watch party in Village Square.

For Brett Newman, the league's second vice president, the series began with a simple goal: giving back to the community that supports youth soccer in Glen Cove.

"It's really a way to give back to the families in the community as a thank-you for sup-

porting the league and always signing their kids up," Newman said.

The Junior Soccer League serves 700 to 800 players each season, with 250 to 300 playing on travel teams and the remainder competing in intramural programs. Children as young as 3 play, while travel teams include players through their late teens.

The World Cup, Newman said, offers a unique opportunity to bring families together around a sport that is part of the fabric of the city. "The World Cup comes around every four years," he said. "To be a part of it in this country, who knows when we'll see that again?"

The first watch party drew people from across Glen Cove, despite rainy weather that delayed the start of festivities. Once the rain passed, children filled the playground and open fields while volunteers prepared for the evening's broad-

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Neglected cats now available for adoption at Cove Rescue

By **ROKSANA AMID**
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Over a week after authorities removed more than 100 cats from a Glen Cove home, many of the animals are beginning a new, happier chapter of their lives.

The cats rescued from a St. Andrews Lane residence are now eligible for adoption after owner Alena Horbatko signed an animal forfeiture agreement relinquishing custody of the animals.

It marks a major turning point in a case that drew widespread attention after Glen Cove police, the Nassau County SPCA and other agen-

cies discovered more than 100 cats living inside what authorities described as hazardous and unsanitary conditions. Horbatko, 54, pleaded not guilty in Glen Cove City Court on June 6 to 67 misdemeanor counts of animal cruelty, two counts of reckless endangerment and one count of endangering the welfare of a child. She was released on her own recognizance, and her next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. Aug. 10. A separate court appearance regarding city code violations is scheduled for July 1.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said the cats have spent the past week receiving medical treatment, vaccinations and spay-neuter services before

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NEWS BRIEFS

Summer events at the senior center

The Glen Cove Senior Center will host a weeklong lineup of programs beginning June 22, offering a mix of social gatherings, live entertainment, wellness activities and educational experiences for older adults and the broader community.

Festivities begin Monday, June 22, with a Father's Day Luncheon from 12 to 1 p.m. The event will honor fathers, grandfathers and father figures with an afternoon of food, music and community celebration recognizing their roles in families and the city. Later that day at 1:15 p.m., Mary Molloy will return for a sponsored performance by New York Life. Molloy's set will feature familiar classics, storytelling and an engaging stage presence.

On Wednesday, June 24, the center will continue with a 1960s Era Celebration Luncheon from 12 to 1 p.m., highlighting the music and cultural spirit of the decade through a themed meal and nostalgic atmosphere. At 1:15 p.m., Sunrise of Glen Cove will sponsor "Mocktail & Mingle," a social program featuring non-alcoholic beverages and opportunities for conversation and connection among participants.

That evening, the Gotcha Covered Band will present "Circle of Friends"

from 6 to 8 p.m. The ticketed event, open to the public, will include live music, dinner and a welcoming atmosphere for families and friends of all ages.

On Thursday, June 25 at 1:15 p.m., Glengariff Rehab will sponsor an Urban Zen Meditation Workshop. The program will incorporate guided meditation, aromatherapy, gentle movement and mindfulness techniques designed to promote relaxation and overall well-being.

Programming continues Monday, June 29 at 1:15 p.m. with a Cooking Class led by Chef Keith, offering hands-on instruction where participants prepare a meal together and share it afterward in a communal setting.

The series concludes Tuesday, June 30 at 1:15 p.m. with Mad Science's "Fire & Ice" Show, sponsored by New York Life. The interactive presentation will feature dramatic science experiments designed to engage audiences of all ages. Membership at the Glen Cove Senior Center is open to older adults ages 60 and above who reside in Nassau County.

-Roksana Amid

Residents urged to conserve water

The City of Glen Cove is urging residents to conserve water and refrain from using lawn sprinklers as a temporary prohibition on lawn watering remains in effect following technical difficulties caused by a recent storm.

City officials announced that lawn sprinkling is prohibited until further notice while crews continue working to address issues affecting the municipal water system. Residents are being asked to limit water use whenever possible to help maintain a reliable supply during a period of high seasonal demand.

The local restriction comes as Nassau County remains under a drought warning issued by New York State. On May 14, Gov. Kathy Hochul directed the state Department of Environmental Conservation to elevate Nassau and Suffolk counties from Drought Watch to Drought Warning status due to ongoing dry conditions, below-average rainfall and declining groundwater levels.

According to state officials, Long Island experienced a precipitation deficit of approximately four inches during the previous three months and about nine inches over the previous six months. Reduced streamflow and lower groundwater levels contributed to the

decision to increase the drought designation.

While a drought warning does not trigger mandatory statewide water-use restrictions, state officials have encouraged residents, businesses and municipalities to voluntarily reduce water consumption. Recommendations include limiting outdoor watering, repairing leaks, running dishwashers and washing machines only with full loads, and using water-efficient fixtures whenever possible.

Glen Cove officials said the temporary lawn sprinkling prohibition is necessary both because of the ongoing technical issues and the heightened demand for water during the summer months.

Residents are encouraged to monitor the City of Glen Cove website and official social media channels for updates on the water system and the status of the lawn sprinkling restriction.

City officials thanked residents for their cooperation and patience as crews work to restore normal operations and ensure a dependable water supply for the community.

-Roksana Amid

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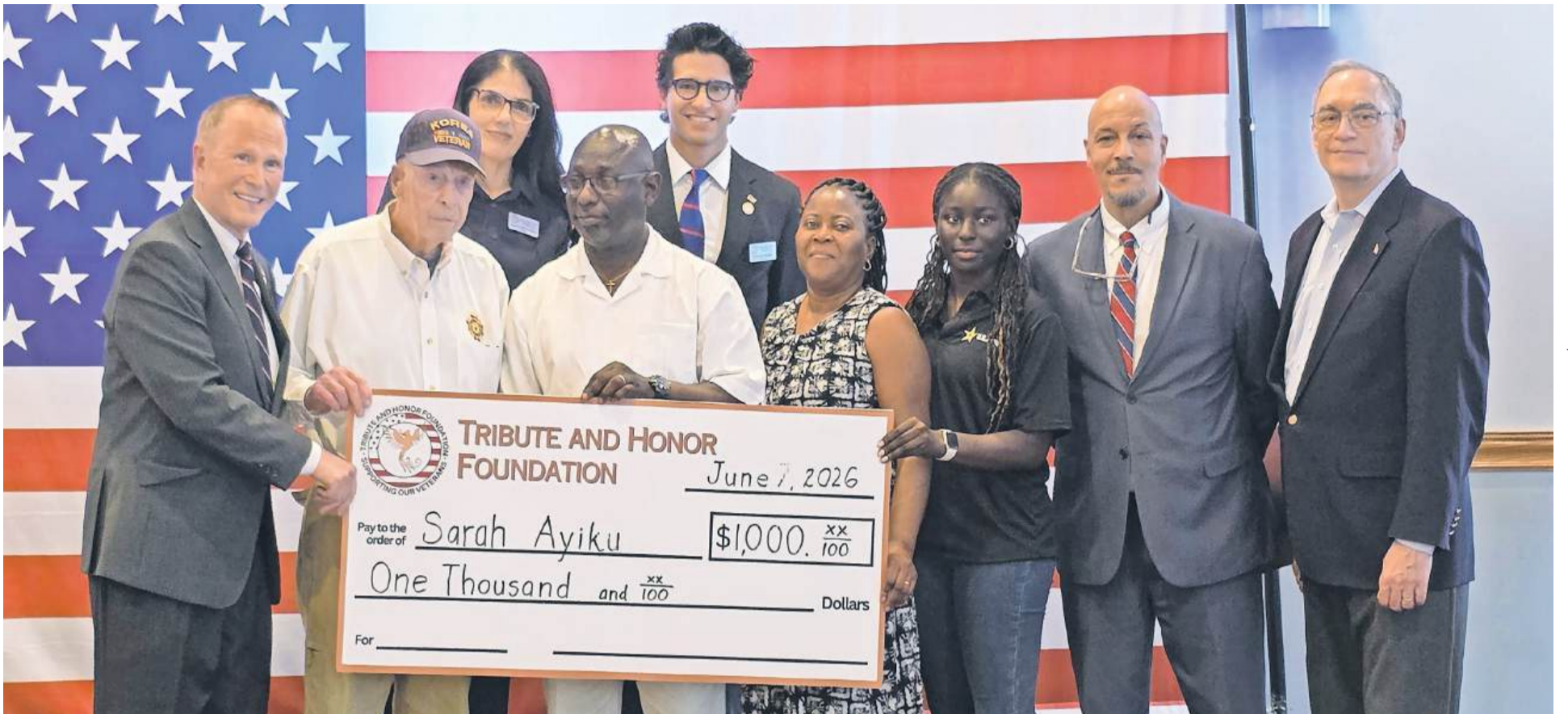


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Sarah Ayiku is one of this year's recipients of the Ben Farnan Scholarship.

Ayiku recognized for commitment to service

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For Glen Cove High School graduate Sarah Ayiku, a commitment to serving others has already defined her high school career. This fall, that commitment will continue when she enters the U.S. Army to train as a combat medic.

On June 7, Ayiku was recognized for that dedication when she received the 2026 Ben Farnan Scholarship during a ceremony hosted by the Tribute and Honor Foundation and Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336.

Ayiku was honored alongside North Shore High School graduate Christian Choi, who will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The scholarship is named for Ben Farnan, a Korean War veteran who received both the Bronze Star and Silver Star before returning home and continuing a lifetime of community service. Foundation leaders said the award recognizes young people who demonstrate leadership, service and a commitment to their country.

Gaitley Stevenson Mathews, founder of the Tribute and Honor Foundation, said Ayiku exemplifies the qualities the scholarship was created to celebrate.

"This is what is extraordinary to me," Mathews said. "Not only do you have the stuff it takes as far as the academics and serving in that way, but over and beyond as a youth leader and in the community and the school, you go beyond. That takes a self-motivated person."

Mathews said that type of dedication is especially important among those who choose military service.

"It takes a special person with extraordinary skills who can serve our nation and care for our people," he said. "We could not be more proud of you."

Before presenting the scholarships, Mathews reflected on the importance of military service and the legacy left by veterans such as Farnan.

"All of our freedoms that we enjoy would not be possible were it not for our veterans," Mathews said. "In these young people, we see the beginning of caring and wanting to do good by your country and serve your country and protect our nation and our liberty."



Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews spoke about his admiration and respect towards service members.

Farnan congratulated both recipients, calling them "eminently qualified" and praising their decision to pursue military careers.

"It's an excellent time to be a part of the military," Farnan said. "I congratulate both of you on a job well done, and I wish you much success in your future endeavors."

Glen Cove High School Principal Allen Hudson said Ayiku represents the very best of what it means to be a GC Knight.

"Sarah truly embodies what it means to be a GC Knight," Hudson said. "Throughout her time at Glen Cove High School, she has distinguished herself through academic excellence, leadership, service and active involvement in our school community."

Hudson noted that Ayiku earned a 99.93 grade-point average and accumulated 28.5 credits before graduation. She was also recognized as a Senior Spotlight honoree and became a familiar face through Glen Cove High School's GCTV program.

An award-winning student journalist, Ayiku earned first place in the Human Interest Feature category at



Ben Farnan said this is an excellent time for youth to serve their country.

the Broadcast Alliance for Senior High School Awards hosted by Hofstra University for a story about a survivor of the Rwandan genocide who visited the school.

Hudson also highlighted her success on the school's girls flag football team, where she emerged as one of the team's top players after taking up the sport just two years ago.

"What makes Sarah remarkable is her dedication to serving others," Hudson said. "Her decision to serve our country while pursuing a career centered on caring for others speaks volumes about her character."

Speaking on behalf of Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Councilman Michael Ktistakis praised Ayiku's compassion and determination.

"Your commitment to helping others and your willingness to serve your country reflect your strong character and sense of purpose," Ktistakis said.

Accepting the scholarship, Ayiku thanked the foundation, her family and those who attended the ceremony.

"This really means a lot to me," she said. "I just want to say thank you to everybody who came here."



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Dear Great Book Guru,
I spent the weekend at Sea Cliff's first annual Film Fest and what an amazing event! It was a dream of Mark Sobel's and scores of other movie lovers brought the dream to fruition. I got to see many of the over thirty films shown around the Village, and one of my absolute favorites was Fred Stoppel's *BUZZKILL*. It reminded me of a novel I read years ago and would love to read again. Thoughts?

Fervent Film Fest Fan



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Dear Fervent Film Fest Fan,

Alice McDermott's *CHARMING BILLY* is also a perennial favorite of mine. McDermott grew up on Long Island so many of her books are set in Brooklyn and Queens - always with a strong Irish-American flavor. *CHARMING BILLY* is told from the perspective

of a young girl about a family myth - a cousin so charming, so handsome, so tragic that he wins the hearts of all who meet him, but also a melancholy, defeated alcoholic.

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things right.

A wonderful book about families and the myths that bind them together. Highly recommended!

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

CRIME WATCH ARRESTS

- Police Sgt. Peter Grella arrested a 33-year-old Glen Cove woman on June 11 and charged her with criminal possession of a controlled substance. The arrest occurred on Cedar Swamp Road.
- Police Sgt. Peter Grella and Police Officer Guastella arrested a 32-year-old Glen Cove man on June 11 and charged him with criminal possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of a vehicle identification number, unlicensed operation, operating a vehicle without an inspection, operating an unregistered vehicle and speeding. The arrest occurred on

Cedar Swamp Road.

- Police Officer Sican arrested a 40-year-old Glen Cove woman on June 12 and charged her with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. The arrest occurred on Guilfooy Street.
- Police Officer Sanchez arrested a 55-year-old Glen Cove woman on June 14 and charged her with driving while intoxicated, unsafe lane change and driving to the left of pavement markings. The arrest occurred on Glen Cove Avenue.

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

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Kids ran around as only children can — free and without care — as adults milled around the artificial-turf field and the seats of Kenneth P. LaValle Stadium on the Stony Brook University campus.

This was the first of a few World Cup watch parties staged by Empire State Development, which promotes business growth, job creation, and greater economic opportunity across New York. Several thousand people came for the soccer last Friday. The first game shown on the stadium screens was Canada vs.

I really love the USA, and I really want to support the team.

LOGAN HERNANDEZ
Terryville

got underway, and many had come to root for the United States Men's National Team, playing their first game of the quadrennial global tournament, which this year is being hosted across North America, with many of the games in the U.S.

Joe Nola, a Holbrook resident, brought his son Everett, 9, a soccer fan who started playing a few years ago and took to the sport.

"[I'm here] basically for him," Nola said of his son. "He started getting into soccer and the World Cup, and I started following it a lot more the last couple of years. He's really excited and so am I, so we've been waiting to check out more soccer, and saw this and thought it would be a full opportunity to watch the USA game."

A travel soccer team player, Everett was a bit shy, but his father said he has an affinity for the "beautiful game."

"As a family, we're trying to watch more and learn more about it, so this is, like, a really cool experience," Nola said, adding of Everett. "He plays goalie. He loves the pressure, for some reason. He drives his mother crazy with the stress. He's a big fan of [Matt] Freese [the American goalie] and a lot of the goalies that we see internationally."

Antonella Cortez, 11, from Setauket, who also plays on a travel team, was there to cheer on Team USA.

"I'm here to watch the game," she said matter-of-factly, adding that playing soccer is fun. Her favorite position? "Anything besides middle and goalie," she said.

Before the featured match of Paraguay vs. USA, in Los Angeles, the band Third Eye Blind performed a roughly 30-minute set in a driving rainstorm that seemed to end just after they struck

Bosnia and Herzegovina, being played in Toronto, as the event began at 3 p.m. Guests had a choice of watching the first game, the second game or both.

At 7 p.m., after those teams played to a 1-1 draw, the second session



Tim Baker/Herald photos

As the U.S. team scored three first-half goals against Paraguay, fans got to cheer often at the Stony Brook World Cup Watch Party.



Rock group Third Eye Blind performed a roughly 30-minute set before the U.S.-Paraguay game in Los Angeles.



Elmont resident Al Amin was a particularly colorful supporter of the U.S. team.

their final chords.

At halftime, the kids resumed their playful running around, and adults

made their way back and forth to the LaValle Stadium concession stands.

Young teens Logan Hernandez, from

Terryville, Liam Sobritch, of East Northport, and Connor Klinger, from Selden, all wearing USA jerseys, role-played interviewer and interviewee, so of course the natural thing was to interview them.

"I really love the USA," Hernandez said, "and I really want to support the team. I hope they win the World Cup." His analysis of the first half? "They played great. We need to space out a little more, but we could have this win."

"It was good," Sobritch said. "We scored three, so maybe [we] space out a little more."

"We need more spacing," Klinger agreed, "but [we're] amazing on the attacking."

From an own goal by Paraguay in the opening minutes to a score by Gio Reyna in the match's waning seconds, the U.S. team dominated in a 4-1 win. The next game for the Americans is Friday versus Australia.

Organizing events such as a World Cup Watch Party is not an easy feat.

"This is almost two years in the making," Dan Gross, Empire State Development's executive director for New York Special Events, said. "I drew up a plan. It really started with the governor. FIFA controls the tickets," he added, referring to the World Cup's governing body. "They control the ticket pricing. The need to make sure people have access."

Gross and colleagues drew up the plan to hold watch parties across the state. They developed a grant program so that all 10 state regions across New York could have watch parties as well.

"I am very proud to say we are the only state in the nation, from a states perspective, that is truly bringing the World Cup experience to all four corners of the state," Gross said.

For information on future news related to the World Cup Watch Experience, go to ILOVENY.com/fifa-world-cup/community-viewing-events.

Remaining cats were housed at City Hall ⁷

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being placed for adoption or foster care.

“They’re starting to go to their next place,” Panzenbeck said. “They’ve all been medicated, fixed, they’re getting their shots, and as soon as they’re ready, they’re going to be going to other locations.”

The city initially faced a challenge finding space for the animals as they were removed from the home over the course of several days beginning June 8. Once Cove Animal Rescue reached capacity, additional cats were temporarily housed in the basement at Glen Cove City Hall, where SPCA personnel, veterinarians and volunteers worked around the clock caring for them.

“All weekend, ever since the cats arrived, they’ve been there,” Panzenbeck said. “They’re feeding them, they’re cleaning them, they’re giving them their shots. There’s been vets there. It’s been wonderful.”

Diane Connolly, the manager of Cove Animal Rescue, said that the shelter staff initially expected that authorities might recover roughly 30 cats. But the number quickly grew. The shelter took in 45 animals during the first night of the operation, and later received more than 20 additional cats that had been taken to an emergency veterinary facility in Nassau for treatment.

“We got everybody put to bed by 11:30 at night,” Connolly recounted.



Courtesy Pamela Panzenbeck

Once Cove Animal Rescue reached its capacity for cats, the remaining animals were housed in the basement at Glen Cove City Hall.

At press time, the shelter was caring for nearly 70 cats, counting those rescued from the home and animals already housed at the facility.

The response from the community has helped the organization manage the sudden influx. “We have been blessed with so much food and paper towels and whatever people deemed important to us,” Connolly said. “It’s mind-blowing how much people did bring.”

Donations have arrived steadily since

the rescue operation began. “I know things are hard for people these days,” she said, “but they’re coming with box after box.”

Connolly noted that financial contributions remain important as well, to help cover veterinary care and other expenses associated with caring for dozens of animals.

And the rescue effort is not yet completed. Lt. Detective John Nagle of the Glen Cove City Police Department said

the home remains uninhabitable by the city’s Building Department because of unsanitary conditions, including the strong odor of ammonia. Tests conducted by the Glen Cove Fire Department and the Nassau County fire marshal’s office detected ammonia levels of 18 parts per million inside the residence, the threshold where eye irritation occurs.

Authorities continue searching for one or two cats believed to remain inside the house. Using thermal imaging equipment, a hazmat team has been trying to locate animals hidden behind walls and above ceilings. Humane traps containing food and water have also been deployed inside the home.

“We don’t want to leave any animal behind,” Nagle said. “They’re in the walls or in the ceilings. They’re all over.”

Meanwhile, Cove Animal Rescue is looking for additional volunteers to help care for the animals. Connolly said the shelter’s volunteers typically include many students, but participation often drops off at the end of the school year.

The organization currently relies on roughly 10 regular adult volunteers, and is encouraging more residents over age 18 to get involved.

Despite the challenges, those involved in the rescue effort say they are focused on the animals’ future. “It’s going to be a happy ending,” Panzenbeck said. “They’re all going to go to homes, and they’re going to get loved.”

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By WILL SHEELINE

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Republicans Mike LiPetri and Greg Hach are making their cases to voters ahead of next Tuesday's Republican primary in New York's 3rd Congressional District, with the winner set to challenge the Democratic nominee in November.

LiPetri, a former assemblyman from Farmingdale, and Hach, a Hicksville native, attorney and Air Force veteran, have both focused their campaigns on affordability, public safety and what they describe as the need for stronger representation in Washington.

LiPetri, 35, who lost to Rep. Tom Suozzi by roughly 2 percentage points in 2024, said the political environment and the support for his campaign make 2026 different. "2026 is a game changer," LiPetri said, pointing to Republican support at the local level. "President Trump has given us a ringing endorsement in this race."

Hach, 55, said his campaign's origin stems from frustration with both parties and what he views as ineffective representation. "The complete catastrophe that our Congress is, and the fact that we haven't been represented in this district for a long time," Hach said. "People don't trust our members of Congress anymore. And why the hell should they?"

Both candidates identified affordability as a major concern for Long Islanders. Hach said he is focused on reducing costs, supporting small businesses and eliminating what he called unnecessary barriers to entrepreneurship. "We need to reduce taxes — we need to reduce compliance issues," he said, "and the bars to getting into business and starting small businesses



MIKE LIPETRI



GREG HACH

for regular people."

LiPetri called for tax relief, incentives for first-time homebuyers and support for young families.

Immigration and public safety are also key issues to both candidates. LiPetri defended his support for stricter immigration enforcement despite public unpopularity with the Trump administration's immigration policy after the deployment of ICE agents in Minneapolis last December, saying that government resources should prioritize American citizens.

"I think American citizens should be concerned that Democrats are focusing on illegal aliens rather than American citizens first," LiPetri said. "People are going to be actually relieved to know that we have to have a common-sense, next-generation representative in there that's going to put them first."

On law enforcement, LiPetri called for denying fed-

eral funding to sanctuary cities, increasing support for police and tougher penalties for violent crimes and fatal drug trafficking cases.

Hach called for greater resources for prosecutors, qualified immunity protections and a return to "broken windows" policing — more aggressive enforcement of minor crimes to discourage more violent ones, best known for the "stop-and-frisk" strategy.

"You let the small things go, the big things come, and you see that over and over again in the district," Hach added. "If we're not protecting [the police] legally, then we're not going to be getting protected at the highest level from our law enforcement people."

The candidates also addressed national security issues. LiPetri voiced strong support for Israel and endorsed a hard line toward Iran. "The terrorist Republic of Iran must not have a nuclear weapon," he said. "Period."

Hach likewise argued that Iran poses a significant threat, and that U.S. leaders before Trump waited too long to address it.

Hach also emphasized cybersecurity, particularly protecting older Americans from scams and financial crimes. He said he is exploring new approaches to cybersecurity enforcement and defense.

"Anybody that gets those text messages over and over again from [scammers posing as] UPS and E-ZPass and the IRS," Hach said, "understands how big a deal it is with respect to cybersecurity."

LiPetri pointed to water quality and drinking water infrastructure as longstanding concerns. He said he has advocated for solutions including recharge basins, injection wells and infrastructure improvements to help protect Long Island's aquifer.

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Rides like bumper-cars were a big hit at the festival.

Greek Festival returns to Garvies Point

Visitors enjoyed the sights, sounds and flavors of Greece at the Church of the Holy Resurrection's annual Greek Festival at Garvies Point from June 11 to 14. The waterfront celebration featured the aroma of grilled souvlaki and freshly baked pastries, traditional Greek music and dancing, and a bustling midway operated by Newton Shows. Co-sponsored by the City of Glen Cove and RXR, the festival drew families and community members for four days of food, entertainment and cultural traditions overlooking Hempstead Harbor.

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Visitors had the chance to purchase religious texts and imagery at he Greek festival.



Kimberly Hudson, Dr Alexa Doeschner and Anne Markoulis enjoyed the bright and sunny day at the Greek festival.



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ERASE Racism hosts forum on inequality

By ANDREW FRANCIS

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The Long Island-based advocacy group ERASE Racism held its 25th Anniversary Benefit event earlier this month, giving out awards for anti-racism and anti-discrimination work and awarding scholarships to students who embody the organization's values.

Hundreds of guests crowded the Garden City Hotel on June 3 for a cocktail hour and to take part in ERASE Racism's silent auction, where items ranging from artwork to lottery tickets were bid on for up to thousands of dollars. The funds will go to ERASE Racism advocacy initiatives for public education and housing equality.

Students Ria Bhatia, of Jericho High School; Edwin Montes Dubon, of Uniondale High; Zamari Paul, of Malverne High; and Janeiry Savinon, of New Hyde Park High, were each awarded \$500 scholarships for winning a student essay contest. Malverne High student Matthew DaCosta was awarded the \$1,500 John Wenzel Scholarship for his work with ERASE Racism.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones and activist Monique Fitzgerald were honored with special awards for their advocacy against structural racism. Hannah-Jones's work on the 1619 Project, a New York Times Magazine and audio series



Courtesy ERASE Racism

Elaine Gross, founding president of ERASE Racism, left, hosted a "fireside chat" with Nikole Hannah-Jones on the continuing impact of racism on Long Island.

examining the beginnings of American slavery and its generational effects, was highlighted during the program.

Hannah-Jones and Elaine Gross, ERASE Racism's founding president, had a "fireside chat," discussing how racism continues to impact life for minorities, particularly Black communities, on Long Island and across the country.

"This is a hard time for civil rights organizations, because there is a very organized and powerful effort from the highest reaches of the government that basically is saying there is nothing

called structural racism," Gross told the Herald before the event.

She identified an April settlement between the U.S. Justice Department and the Town of Oyster Bay over alleged housing discrimination as an example of structural racism on Long Island. In the case, which was settled in U.S. District Court, the town was found liable for "intentionally discriminating against Black individuals" by giving the children of current residents priority in purchasing housing units under its Next Generation housing program. This allegedly hindered the ability of Blacks and

other racial minorities to buy homes in predominantly white Oyster Bay.

Hannah-Jones pointed out that racism on Long Island often is not a conscious effort by residents, but rather the result of the region's historically discriminatory structure.

"You as an individual white person don't have to be racist at all to have your housing choices and the benefits of your housing choices shaped by a structure that you have nothing to do with creating," she said.

Talking more about the 1619 Project and contemporary racism, Hannah-Jones contended that the sanitized way in which many schools and institutions deal with America's racist history is counterproductive to the goal of erasing racism.

"The truth about America is deeply heartbreaking," she said, "but I find the truth to be a liberating thing, because one can confront the truth that everything that is within the law is constructed. If you know that it's constructed, then you know it can be deconstructed."

Hannah-Jones acknowledged that she was not very optimistic about race relations and how discrimination is handled in the U.S., citing the current administration as a reason for such pessimism. But, she and Gross said they believe that as today's young people advocate for social justice, they have the potential to unlock a better future for Long Island and beyond.



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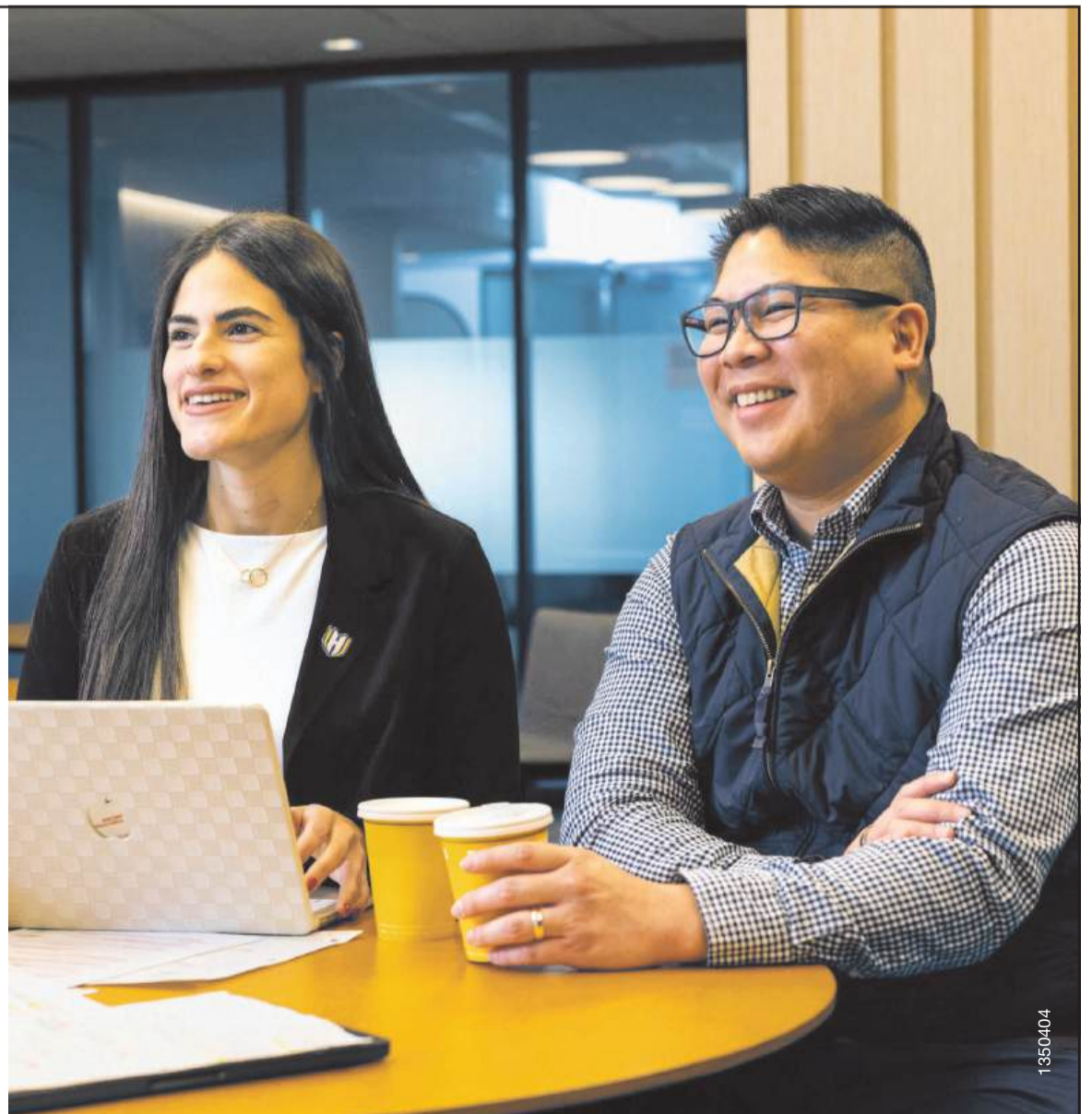
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Democrat voters to decide 3rd C.D. nominee

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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Democratic voters in New York's 3rd Congressional District will head to the polls June 23 to choose their party's nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives, in a contest between incumbent Rep. Tom Suozzi and challenger Danielle Welch.

Suozzi, 63, is seeking another term representing the district. An attorney and certified public accountant, he served as mayor of Glen Cove and Nassau County executive before being elected to Congress for the first time in 2016. After he left Washington to run for governor in 2022, ultimately losing to incumbent Kathy Hochul, voters returned Suozzi to the House in a 2024 special election and again in the general election later that year.

Affordability, Suozzi said, remains one of the most pressing issues facing Long Island residents. "Everyone knows that we're facing a cost-of-living crisis," he told the Herald. "From health care to housing, energy to groceries, prices are sky-high. To make matters worse, New Yorkers bear one of the heaviest tax burdens in the country, which only adds to our cost of living."

Suozzi said that one of his priorities in Congress is securing federal resources for the district. "One of my core missions in Congress is simple and direct:



Herald file photo

Rep. Tom Suozzi is seeking his fifth term after returning to Congress in 2024.

bring our money back home," he said.

He also pointed to concerns about rising prices and federal policy decisions. "The sticker shock Americans are feeling at the gas pump, in the grocery store, opening their utility bills and paying for health care aren't some abstract political talking points," Suozzi said. "The high cost of living is a daily reality for many families trying to make it through the week."

Welch, 35, of Bayside, Queens, is making her first bid for Congress. A first-generation college graduate and career public defender, she continues to



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Suozzi's challenger, Danielle Welch, is a public defender from Bayside, Queens.

work full time while raising a daughter with her husband.

Welch grew up in a military family in Virginia, and attended public schools before earning full-tuition merit scholarships to the University of Pittsburgh and New York University School of Law. During college and law school, she volunteered with community organizations and took on pro bono legal work.

After graduating, Welch entered public service rather than private practice, and has worked as a public defender since 2015.

According to her campaign website,

she is running because she believes elected officials should prioritize working families and vulnerable residents.

"The choice in this election isn't between the political left and the political right," Welch states on the website. "This year we are choosing between what is morally right and morally wrong."

She also says that her own experiences have shaped her campaign. "I am a first-generation college graduate, the mom of a young daughter, a proud union member, and a public defender," her statement on the website reads. "I have personally experienced many of the challenges that working class people face, and I understand the urgency they demand."

The primary is part of New York's congressional election cycle ahead of the Nov. 3 general election. Candidates seeking a place on the ballot faced an April 6 filing deadline.

New York's 3rd Congressional District spans northeastern Queens, the North Shore of Nassau County and portions of northwestern Suffolk County. According to the 2020 census, congressional districts in New York each represent an average of more than 777,000 residents. The 3rd district includes a mix of suburban, urban and coastal communities, and affordability, transportation, environmental protection and public services are recurring campaign issues.

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The Senior Center picnic

The Glen Cove Senior Center welcomed 285 members to its annual picnic, which featured food, music and an afternoon of socializing. Attendees enjoyed barbecue favorites, watermelon and ice cream while dancing to classic hits performed by the band Our Generation. The event was made possible through the efforts of city departments, volunteers and local sponsors who provided food, entertainment and other support.

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Two more watch parties planned in the city

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cast of matches during the World Cup on a large screen.

“We had the barbecues going, we had raffles — a lot of families set up in the grass while they were putting the screen up,” Newman recounted. “There were kids all over on the playground, kicking soccer balls around. We had the FIFA World Cup soundtrack playing over the speakers. It was a real family-style event.”

Among those enjoying the festivities was Newman’s daughter, Sariah, 10. “It was really fun,” she said. “There were a lot of people — there were tickets and prizes.”

Sariah spent part of the evening playing soccer with friends before settling in to watch the match.

“I hope people come to more [watch parties],” she said. “I just want a lot of my friends to be there, so we can all watch it together.”

League President James M. Greenberg credited Newman with helping turn the idea into reality. “I said it was a great idea, and let’s figure out how to put it together,” Greenberg said.

The effort became a partnership among the soccer league, the city’s Department of Parks and Recreation and the Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center and Museum, which is providing the projection screen.

Parks and Recreation Director Spiro Tsirkas said the city has helped with promotion, staffing and logistical support. “We’re helping advertise it,” Tsirkas said. “We’re providing the labor and helping with whatever junior soccer needs to have successful events.”

While the city has hosted movies in local parks, the watch parties, Tsirkas said, represent something new. “A live sporting event is the first time that I can think of that it has been done,” he said. “I think it’s good



Courtesy Brett Newman

The first watch party, in Morgan Park last Friday, drew an estimated crowd of 500.

camaraderie for the community, getting everyone out and everyone just being together for happy times.”

The June 27 gathering will begin with the league’s annual coaches game before the telecast of Portugal taking on Colombia in a group stage match.

Organizers expect a large crowd for the final watch party, in Village Square, and report that several downtown businesses plan to participate with special offerings for attendees.

For Newman, the events are about more than soc-

cer. “This is the biggest sport in the entire world,” he said. “We have so many different people from so many different countries in Glen Cove. This is an event where people can really root for their country.”

Organizers hope word of mouth continues to build excitement about the watch parties throughout the city. “Anywhere you go in Glen Cove, there’s always kids playing soccer,” Newman said. “We wanted to do something a little different — bring everyone together and have everyone enjoy it.”

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Summertime in Glen Cove

By **ROKSANA AMID**

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From waterfront concerts and downtown performances to family festivals and community gatherings, Glen Cove's summer calendar is packed with opportunities to get outdoors. Whether residents are looking for live entertainment, activities for children or a chance to connect with neighbors, the city offers a full season of events running through July and August.

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■ Live music takes center stage

Music will once again serve as the soundtrack to summer in Glen Cove. The Morgan Park Summer Music Festival kicks off July 5 and returns every Sunday at 7 p.m., bringing tribute bands, orchestral performances and Broadway favorites to the waterfront. This year's lineup includes celebrations of Billy Joel, Earth, Wind & Fire, Neil Diamond, the Allman Brothers and the Grateful Dead, as well as a patriotic concert marking America's 250th anniversary. Downtown Sounds begins July 3 and will fill Village Square every Friday at 7:30 p.m. with performances spanning Motown, Latin music, progressive rock, disco, pop and country. Together, the two series will provide nearly 20 free concerts throughout the season.

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■ Events bring residents together

Beyond the music, several events are designed to celebrate community connections. The Gold Coast Dance Festival will return to Morgan Memorial Park on Aug. 1, showcasing performers from a variety of dance traditions in a waterfront setting. Just days later, the Glen Cove Police Department will host National Night Out on Bridge Street on Aug. 4. The annual event gives residents an opportunity to meet local officers, learn about public safety programs and enjoy family-friendly activities. Both events are expected to draw residents from across the city while highlighting the organizations, volunteers and civic groups that help shape community life.

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■ Make the most of the outdoors

Summer also offers residents a chance to enjoy Glen Cove's parks, beaches and public spaces. Morgan Memorial Park remains a centerpiece for recreation and special events, offering views of Hempstead Harbor and plenty of room for families to gather. Crescent Beach provides another option for those looking to cool off along the waterfront, while local parks, walking trails and playgrounds offer opportunities for exercise and relaxation. Whether attending a concert, taking an evening stroll or spending a day by the water, residents can find plenty of ways to enjoy the outdoors without leaving the city.

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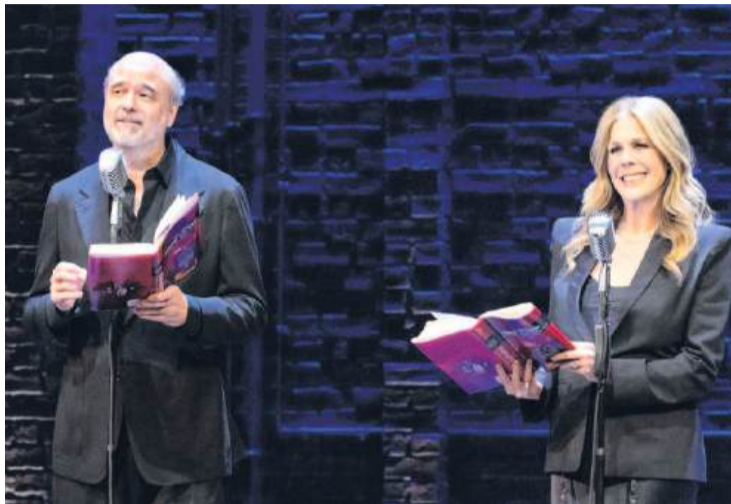
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Angelo Fraboni is all smiles on opening night with his wife, Michelle Fraboni and his Molloy students Grace McNally, left, and Skylar Faith Ludwig.

'Celebrity Autobiography' is back in the spotlight

By Iris Wiener

For more than three decades, Angelo Fraboni has built a career that spans Broadway stages, national tours, arts administration, and theatrical producing. Today, while serving as Artistic Director of the Madison Theatre, on the Molloy University campus, Fraboni continues to leave his mark on the professional theater world as a producer of Broadway's "Celebrity Autobiography," the comedic sensation currently delighting audiences once again after its original Drama Desk-winning run in 2008.

The show, created by Eugene Pack, takes passages from celebrity memoirs and transforms them into a live comedy event performed by well-known actors. For Fraboni, the appeal of the production has remained remarkably consistent since he first became involved. "Laughter," he says when asked why the show continues to resonate.

"Everyone needs something to laugh at and just enjoy where you don't have to think very hard. It's easy laughter. We're not making fun of people; we're just reading this banal dialogue that people write in their autobiographies."

That spirit of spontaneity has helped make "Celebrity Autobiography" a unique theatrical experience. Unlike most productions, the cast has little rehearsal time together before stepping onstage.

"The actors are cracking each other up as much as they're cracking up the audience," Fraboni says. "The greatest thing about the show is the rawness of it and these celebrities being human on stage with each other. It's glorious."

Fraboni has been involved with the production since its early years, serving as both producer and general manager before focusing exclusively on producing. He has helped bring the show to audiences across the United States and around the world, while continuing to oversee one of its most challenging components: casting. While the rotating cast has already featured the likes of Katie Couric, Rita Wilson, Keenan Thompson, and Tony Shalhoub, it also has an especially strong Long Island connection, featuring local entertainment icons such as Alan Zweibel, Susan Lucci, Ralph Macchio, and Ray Romano. Pack and co-producer

Douglas Denoff are also from the area.

While Fraboni's current work places him at the center of Broadway and Off-Broadway productions, his path to producing began far from New York. Raised in a mining town in northern Minnesota, he started ballet lessons at age six alongside his twin brother.

"I was really into sports," he recalls. "My mom and dad said, 'Why don't you take ballet? It will help with your athleticism.'"

What began as an extracurricular activity soon became a career. After high school, Fraboni joined a ballet company and performed professionally for five years. A chance audition for "West Side Story" during an off-season changed everything. The opportunity introduced him to acclaimed choreographer and director Jerry Mitchell, who cast Fraboni in six of his first seven productions. The experience ultimately led to his Broadway debut in "Cats" and opened doors throughout the industry.

As a performer, Fraboni developed a habit that would later serve him well as a producer and artistic leader.

"I would listen and watch," he says. "I wanted to hear what the directors and choreographers were saying. I was very tuned in to what was going on."

Eventually, curiosity about the creative process led him offstage and into producing. The transition revealed a side of theater audiences rarely see.

"As a performer, you show up to the theater do your job, and get your paycheck," he says. "As a producer, you're working constantly for months and months, sometimes years. Your job is never done."

That commitment to building opportunities for others became the foundation of his work at Molloy University. Fraboni's connection to the institution dates back more than two decades, when he helped bring Broadway legend Carol Channing to campus for a gala performance. There, he met then-president Drew Bogner, who shared plans to build a theater. One decade later, Fraboni received a call encouraging him to apply for the artistic director position at the newly constructed Madison Theatre.

"It was still a shell," he remembers. "I was instrumental in how they built the infrastructure."

Over the next 15 years, Fraboni transformed the Rockville Centre venue into a regional performing arts center featuring Broadway-caliber productions, symphony performances, international artists, jazz concerts, and educational opportunities. He also played a key role in bringing the renowned CAP21 musical theater program to Molloy, creating new pathways for aspiring performers.

"The idea was to make it an arts center with a variety of art," he says. "I wanted it to be a regional theatre and performing arts center, but also give the students the opportunity to grow and perform with professionals."

Despite balancing productions at Molloy with responsibilities on "Celebrity Autobiography," Fraboni says the rewards make the long hours worthwhile.

"The joys are the audiences laughing and enjoying what we do," he says. "We create what we think will be the best thing possible for our audiences to see, and the payoff is when they enjoy it."

Whether producing a Broadway comedy, mentoring students at Molloy, or developing new artistic opportunities on Long Island, Fraboni remains committed to the idea that theater is ultimately about people coming together.

"There's nothing like going to the theater, laughing with people, and experiencing a journey," he says. "Everybody is emotionally affected differently by a show. That's inspiring to me."

Visit celebrityautobiography.com for more information or to purchase tickets.



Dion

A familiar favorite returns to a legendary stage as Dion takes the spotlight for a concert honoring Westbury Music Fair's 70th anniversary. The Rock & Roll Hall of Famer, whose history with the iconic venue spans decades, is returning to live performance after stepping back from regular touring in recent years. While he has been largely absent from the concert circuit, Dion has remained remarkably productive, releasing new music and books while continuing to earn acclaim for his blues recordings. In the past two years alone, he released *The Rock and Roll Philosopher* along with a companion book, further showcasing the creativity that has defined a career spanning more than six decades. His recent blues albums have topped the Billboard Blues chart, introducing his work to new audiences while reaffirming his place among America's enduring musical voices. Best known for classic hits such as "Runaround Sue," "The Wanderer," and "Ruby Baby," Dion continues to evolve as an artist well into his 80s.

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

**JUN
19**

Nature Detectives & Story Makers

Sands Point Preserve welcomes kids in grades K-5 to

participate in an early summer adventure. Young authors and artists can explore the preserve like detectives to uncover nature's hidden clues tucked away along the vibrant trails and bustling habitats. After gathering inspiration from the wild, transform discoveries into curious, magical tales and bring their stories to life with a hands-on, nature-inspired art project. It's the perfect way to kick off the bright, creative energy of summer. \$80 per child. Registration required.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 570-2185

**JUN
23**

City Council meets

The Glen Cove City Council holds its regularly scheduled meeting. Residents

are welcome to attend and hear updates on city business, legislation and community matters.



**JUL
11**

Stavros Halkias

Stavros Halkias's The Dreamboat Tour hits the Paramount stage. He delivers the sharp observations, self-deprecating humor and quick wit that have made him one of comedy's fastest-rising stars. Originally from Baltimore and now based in New York City, Halkias recently wrote, produced and starred in the independent comedy Let's Start a Cult. His latest stand-up special, Fat Rascal, is streaming on Netflix, following the success of his debut special,

Live at the Lodge Room, which attracted millions of viewers online. Beyond the stage, Halkias hosts the hit podcast Stavvy's World, which quickly climbed the comedy charts and built a devoted following. He also stars in the Netflix comedy series Tires and is set to appear in A24's Tony, inspired by the life of Anthony Bourdain. Known for his candid storytelling and relatable humor, Halkias has built a loyal fan base through stand-up, podcasting and acting. He has also been featured in Steven Soderbergh's sci-fi series Command Z. Outside of comedy, he made his runway debut at KidSuper's Paris Fashion Week show in 2023, earning Vogue's nod as "the plus-est of plus-size models." His ultimate dream? Get just famous enough to buy his mother a nice home — then retire from show business to open a surf-and-turf restaurant in East Baltimore.

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

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

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

**JUN
24**

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

Poetry In The Garden

Stroll through the native blooms behind Sands Point Preserve's Hempstead House, then settle into the garden for an engaging conversation about poetry and the natural world, during this Talk and Tour program with speakers from The Story Round. Featuring works by Mary Oliver, Ada Limon, Robert Frost, and Walt Whitman, explore how poets use landscapes and flowers to express emotion. Together read, reflect, and discover how the language of poetry can deepen the way we see what's growing all around us. \$25, \$20 members.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 6:30-8 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

Circle of Friends program

Enjoy an evening of live music and fun when the Gotcha Covered Band performs a mix of favorite hits and lively rhythms. Tickets are \$10 and include dinner. This special Circle of Friends event is open to everyone, making it a great night out for family and friends. Reservations are required.

- **Where:** Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St.
- **Time:** 6-8 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 759-9610

**JUN
27**

Ecotherapy Walk

Join certified guide Linda Lombardo on an Ecotherapy Walk at Sands Point

Preserve. The theme is Health and wellness with nature: Pollinators and wildflowers.. Ecotherapy, also known as Forest Bathing, is not simply hiking in the woods, or a walk on a beach. The focus is on connection and relationship, allowing the heart to open to the beauty of the natural world, and at the same time, understand our belonging in that world. Register for individual walks or a series of three. \$135 for series of 3, \$120 members; \$49 per session, \$44 members.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 2 p.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

**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.

First film festival debuts in Sea Cliff

By JULIA CAPITELLI

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Hundred from Sea Cliff, New York City and beyond turned out for the Sea Cliff Arts Council's first annual film festival. Featuring full length works and shorts, the festival took place in venues across the village on Saturday and Sunday after opening with a showing of "The Sixth Borough" on June 10 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

St. Luke's, Sea Cliff Elementary School and the arts council building were used for most film showings, with some extras at the Sea Cliff General Store, the Village Museum and Dimitry Studio. Panels were held at the arts council building and Campground Craft Beer Market. Films and shorts shown at the festival were made by both local filmmakers and those from elsewhere. All dealt with topics related to community.

Filmmakers from Sea Cliff and beyond attended the festival, sat on panels and held Q and A sessions. The event was organized by Co-Directors Mark Sobel and Katie Taber, arts council Chief Operating Artist Meaghan Travis, arts council Chief Creative Office Noelle Fiallo-Evans and arts council Chair Kathleen DiResta. This year's top sponsor was Branch Real Estate Group, a local and independent business owned by Sea Cliff resident Molly Deegan, with resident Jennifer DeSane as marketing director. Other sponsors included more Sea Cliff businesses as well as nonprofits and companies from outside the community.



Julia Capitelli/Herald photos

Katie Taber, far left, moderated a documentary panel with 'Peter Asher: Everywhere Man' directors Dan Geller and Dayna Goldfine, 'Beyond the Uniform: Stories of Vulnerability and Strength' director Kirsten Kelly, and 'The Dads' editor Patrick Wright.



'Admission Possible' executive producer Cynthia Wade introduced the film at the showing and held a post-film Q&A session.



Courtesy Dan DiPietro

Sea Cliff's librarians Ann DiPietro, left, and Camille Purcell participated in a post-film Q&A session after the showing of 'The Librarians.'



Sea Cliff's Dan DiPietro held a Q&A session after 'Lights, Camera, Sea Cliff!', which he directed and edited, was shown on Saturday.



A meet and greet for local professionals in the film industry and a panel were held at Campground Craft Beer Market on Sunday.

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OPINIONS

So we set off to meet the new Notre Dame coach . . .

I've told this story before, but friends say it always bears retelling. Four years ago this month, a group of us experienced in just a few hours some truly high moments followed by some comedic screwups that still make us shake our heads.

Nassau County Republican Party Chairman Joe Cairo, my law school roommate Tom Curtin and I are Notre Dame graduates, and fanatical followers of Fighting Irish football. When we heard that then new football coach Marcus Freeman would be speaking at a Notre Dame event at the Union League Club in Manhattan, we



PETER KING

decided to attend and then go to dinner afterward.

Melissa Zimmerman, a retired Nassau County Police Department detective who was on my security detail when I was in Congress and was still doing security work for me, coordinated the logistics for the evening. We took my car, picked up Cairo at his North Valley Stream home and made it to the city in

plenty of time. Zimmerman parked the car in a garage a few blocks from the Union League, and once there we met up with Curtin, who, as usual, knew someone who knew someone and got us into a pre-event gathering with just a small group of alumni and Freeman, who was friendly and generous with his time. Couldn't have been a better moment for Notre Dame guys.

Following the larger reception downstairs, we went to Sam's Place, a terrific Italian restaurant on East 39th Street, where we were joined by my son, Sean, another Notre Dame graduate. The conversation was filled with reminiscing, and expressions of hope that Freeman would restore Notre Dame football's golden luster.

Afterward, as we were outside on the street posing for a group photo, Zimmerman couldn't help congratulating herself on her logistical success. Sean said he would walk to his nearby apartment and said good night. There was a drizzle of rain, but the garage was a block away; nothing to worry about. Curtin, who lives in Jersey, was staying at the New York Athletic Club, so we offered to drop him off.

Despite a sign that said it would be open for a few more hours, the garage were locked tight. We rang the bell. No answer. It started raining harder. We were the only people on the street.

The always prepared Curtin produced an umbrella and decided to walk to the NYAC. Zimmerman, seeing her brilliant planning coming undone, was on her phone trying to find an Uber to drive us to North Valley Stream. Minutes went by; no taxicab, no Uber. Cairo, one of the nation's most powerful political leaders, was standing in the rain, looking down 39th Street.

After several long minutes, a broken-down, filthy-looking, barely operable car pulled up. The driver held a cardboard sign with "Uber" scrawled in magic marker. Speaking with a thick foreign accent, he asked where we were going. North Valley Stream, Zimmerman told him.

"No problem," he said. We warily got in the car — Zimmerman, the seasoned detective, in the front, and Cairo and I in the back. The driver seemed to have a hard time finding his way out of Manhattan as Zimmerman tried to guide him, and rain splashed against the

windshield. Eventually we made it to Cairo's home, where he obligingly paid the driver and, adding insult to injury, at Zimmerman's suggestion, gave the man a generous tip. He shook his head as he got out.

Next, Zimmerman tracked down a friend to drive us to my home in Seaford, and then, because her car keys were in my car in the Manhattan parking garage, to drive her to her Bellmore home.

Because my wife, Rosemary, knew I'd be coming home late, she had decided to sleep in the back bedroom. When she got up in the morning and didn't see my car, she didn't know whether to call the cops or the emergency room.

Moments later, as I recounted the events of the previous evening, she shook her head with the look of a woman thinking, why did I ever marry this guy? Good question.

Later that morning, Zimmerman took an LIRR train to Manhattan to retrieve my car and her keys and complain to the parking garage manager about his misleading closing-time sign. The saga of the Notre Dame football coach and the locked garage was over, but none of us has ever forgotten it.

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

A crisis at a journalistic institution

There are a number of ways to frighten a politician. I could recite a few, but there's nothing more frightening than telling an elected official that "'60 Minutes' wants to talk to you." For almost 60 years, the show has been more than a television program. It is one of the few that has held powerful corporations, governments and individuals to account for their conduct. Like it or not, "'60 Minutes'" has been the conscience of the nation.

During its time on our television screens, the show has exposed the tobacco industry's lies, the failures of the Veterans Administration and the abuses of Wall Street, to name just a few of its in-depth investigations. It has done so week after week, in prime time, watched by millions of Americans who might never have read an investigative newspaper series but would sit down on a Sunday night and absorb a piece of journalism that changed what they knew, and sometimes what the country knew.



JERRY KREMER

That institution, in any meaningful sense, is now gone. What has taken place over the past year is a cautionary tale about what happens when corporate fear meets political intimidation and what is lost when the two converge. The chain of events that got us here started in April 2025, when Bill Owens resigned at executive producer of "'60 Minutes.'" He was only the third person to hold that job in 57 years. That was followed by the resignation of CBS President Wendy McMahon.

The reason for both departures was that Paramount, the parent company of CBS, was seeking federal approval for its merger with Skydance Media. The Trump administration had leverage over the deal, and it was clear that it was prepared to use it. Then CBS settled a lawsuit with the president with a payment of \$16 million. The optics should have been a tipoff of what was yet to come.

What happened next confirmed everyone's worst fears. Bari Weiss became editor in chief of CBS News, installed by the new owners. While Weiss is a competent writer, she knew nothing about television news. Last

month she fired veteran "'60 Minutes'" correspondents Sharyn Alfonsi and Cecilia Vega, the first Latina correspondent in the show's history. That was fol-

lowed by numerous other layoffs of longtime staffers. It's worth noting that, months earlier, Weiss pulled a segment off the air that dealt with Trump administration deportees held in a Salvadoran prison. It eventually ran, but that sent another signal.

The final touch in the dismantling of a journalistic institution was the firing of Scott Pelley, who helped make "'60 Minutes'" what it was. Pelley is the modern-day version of what Walter Cronkite was in his time, and the loss of his voice is a loss for all of us who believe in investigative journalism.

So why does this matter beyond the television industry? Investigative journalism is a mechanism by which citizens of a democracy learn what their government and their corporations are actually doing, as opposed to what they are told they're doing.

What do weekly newspapers have to do with this type of reporting? Willamette Week, the Village Voice and the Riverdale Press are just a few of the

weeklies that have won Pulitzer Prizes.

Consider what happens when a weekly newspaper is sold. If a new owner has different priorities, different allegiances or a fear of generating controversy, it's the beginning of the end of fair coverage for their readership. When a new owner takes over, the staff remains for a time. The nameplate stays the same, but the readers may sense the change before they can articulate it.

Identity and credibility aren't assets that appear on a balance sheet, but they are one of the most fragile assets a paper possesses. You might have noticed that the Herald has both Republican Peter King and Democrat Jerry Kremer as columnists. That's because the owner values all opinions.

The dismantling of "'60 Minutes'" because of political pressure and corporate self-interest is a message to newsrooms all over America. It is a reminder that the public can't afford to ignore what takes place before their eyes. We need good and honest journalism, and should be supportive of those who practice it.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He currently chairs the Capitol Insight Group, a government relations firm. Comments? jkremer@liherald.com.

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Start exercising your electoral muscles

Every election cycle brings a familiar refrain: “This is the most important election of our lifetime.” The phrase is often overused, but the underlying message remains true. Democracy only works when citizens participate, and that participation begins long before Election Day in November.

For New Yorkers, that opportunity starts with next Tuesday’s primary election, which determines which candidates represent each political party on the ballot in November’s general election.

Too often, primary elections are overlooked. Turnout is routinely far lower than in general elections, even though primaries frequently determine who will ultimately hold office.

In many districts, particularly those dominated by one political party, the primary is effectively the most competitive election voters will see. Yet thousands of eligible voters stay home, leaving crucial decisions in the hands of a small fraction of the electorate.

Voting is more than a civic duty; it is one of the few opportunities citizens have to directly influence the direction of their communities, states and nation. The issues debated during campaigns — taxes, public safety, education, transportation, housing affordability, health care, environmental policy and economic development — impact residents every day. Whether voters are satisfied with current leadership or eager for change, the ballot box remains the most powerful tool available to make their voices heard.

The 2026 election cycle will determine control of the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, institutions that shape federal policy on everything from spending and taxation to national security and judicial appointments. Midterm elections have historically served as a

How to register to vote and find your polling place

Nassau County: Go to the Nassau County Board of Elections website: nassaucountyny.gov/Departments/BOE.

Suffolk County: Go to the Suffolk County Board of Elections website: suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE.

referendum on the direction of the country, and they often produce significant shifts in political power.

Yet those outcomes are frequently decided by a relatively small number of voters. Nationally, turnout in midterm elections, like 2026, is typically lower than during presidential years. That means individual votes carry even greater weight.

New York voters face an unusual circumstance. Due to a court ruling involving the state’s congressional district maps, several elected officials who only recently won office must once again make their cases to voters. As a result, some communities will see campaigns and races return to the ballot much sooner than expected.

Rather than viewing this as election fatigue, we hope that voters see it as an opportunity. Democracy is strengthened when elected officials remain accountable to the people they represent. Frequent elections require candidates to engage with constituents, explain their records and articulate their plans for the future. Those elections also give voters a chance to evaluate whether promises made during previous campaigns have

been fulfilled.

Congressional races often receive the most attention, but local and state elections — for Assembly members, village mayors, town council members, and more — can have an equally profound impact on daily life. Decisions made by state lawmakers influence school funding, transportation projects, environmental protections, public health initiatives and countless other issues that directly affect neighborhoods. The officials chosen this year will help shape policies and budgets that residents will live with for years to come.

Unfortunately, many Americans have become increasingly cynical about politics. Some believe their vote doesn’t matter. Others feel frustrated by partisan divisions or disappointed by the pace of change. Those feelings are understandable, but disengagement isn’t the answer.

History repeatedly demonstrates that elections can be decided by razor-thin margins. A handful of votes can determine a local race. Every voter who participates increases the legitimacy of the democratic process and helps ensure that election results reflect the will of the broader community.

Next week’s primary should therefore be viewed as more than a procedural step on the path to November. It is the opening chapter of an election season that will help determine who represents us and what priorities those leaders pursue.

Voters should take the time now to learn about the candidates, understand the issues and confirm their registration status. They should familiarize themselves with polling locations, early voting opportunities and absentee ballot options if needed.

The road to November begins next Tuesday. The most important thing voters can do is show up and vote.

LETTERS

Ben Franklin’s wise words? If only.

To the Editor:

Re Jerry Kremer’s column, “Much of what Ben Franklin said is being ignored,” in the June 4-10 issue: To use Franklin to compare the personal qualities of top officials then and now is very appropriate, for it points a way forward.

When Franklin connected the maintenance of the republic to the character of its members, he knew whereof he spoke. He was well studied in history, the qualities of his compatriots were well known to him, and he was fully experienced in the effort that went into the maintenance of “virtue.” His statements that “only a virtuous people are capable of freedom” and about the tendency of corruption to bring on “masters” were deadly serious advice about the kind of citizens necessary to “keep” the republic.



OPINIONS

Can anyone still make it here?

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Frank Sinatra sang, “If I can make it there, I’ll make it anywhere.”

Most of us know those words by heart. For generations, New York was where you came to build a life. As the song suggests, it certainly wasn’t easy,



JACK MARTINS

but if you were willing to put in the work, New York afforded you more opportunity than virtually any other place in the world.

My own parents, immigrants from Portugal, came here with little in their pockets, but managed to start a business, buy a

home, and create a beautiful life for their five children.

Today the question many New York families are asking is whether the next generation will have that same chance. Perhaps if he were alive today, Ol’ Blue Eyes would wonder: Can anyone still make it here? The truth is that many New Yorkers feel like they’re doing everything right and are still falling behind.

The New York we grew up in was

built by the middle class. Teachers, police officers, nurses and tradesmen could afford not only to live here, but to thrive. The American Dream was within their reach.

But that is no longer the case. Today the middle class is under tremendous pressure. Everything costs more — housing, property taxes, utility bills, insurance, groceries, and the list goes on. Yet every year, Albany comes up with new ways to make life more expensive for New Yorkers.

The government’s approach is always the same: spend more money. But government doesn’t have any money of its own. It’s all yours — every penny. Every dollar Albany spends comes out of the pocket of someone who earned it.

What makes this even more troubling is that the state budget has exploded in recent years. Over the past eight years, state spending has increased by roughly \$100 billion. Think about that for a moment. Albany is spending about \$100 billion more today than it was less than a decade ago.

The obvious question is, what do New Yorkers have to show for it?

Are our roads any better? Are bridg-

es in better condition? Are there fewer breakdowns on the Long Island Rail Road? Are neighborhoods safer? Is life more affordable?

The answer is a resounding no. In fact, despite record levels of government spending, our quality of life continues to decline.

New Yorkers are right to ask where all this money is going. When families spend more, they expect to see results. Taxpayers should expect the same from their government. Spending more isn’t an accomplishment in and of itself. The real measure of success is whether government delivers better services, stronger communities and a better quality of life for the people footing the bill.

For many, the verdict is already in. They’re fed up with the state picking their pockets and are making a choice that would have been unthinkable for previous generations: They’re leaving — at an alarming rate. On average, a New Yorker leaves the state every two and a half minutes. In the time it takes you to read this, several more people will have packed their bags.

These aren’t just numbers; they’re members of our communities. They’re

friends, our children, and with them, our grandchildren. They’re people who love New York but can no longer afford to stay.

For many of us, one of the best parts of living on Long Island was being close to family — grandparents living down the block, Sunday family dinners, birthdays and barbecues. More and more, those experiences are disappearing. Young people are moving to Florida, Texas and other states where life is more affordable, and families are paying the price.

Every time that happens, New York loses a little piece of itself.

Albany’s first priority shouldn’t be finding new ways to spend your money. It should be proving that the billions it already spends are producing real results for taxpayers. The measure of success shouldn’t be how much the government spends. It should be whether people can afford to live here.

Because if our children and grandchildren can’t afford to build their futures in New York, then nothing else matters.

The question Albany should be asking is simple: Can anyone still afford New York? Until the answer is an unequivocal yes, our work is not done.

Jack Martins represents the 7th State Senate District.

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Franklin made for himself a chart of seven columns, one for each day of the week, and 13 rows listing the 13 virtues he considered important enough to track. He focused on one per week, and marked his shortfalls. “Tho’ I never arrived at the perfection I had been so ambitious of attaining,” he wrote, “but fell far short of it, yet I was, by the endeavor, a better and happier man than I otherwise should have been if I had not attempted it.”

Most citizens — and very few politicians — would be hard-pressed to even name 13 virtues, confused today with ideology. We know that George Washington had his own written self-guide, and self-improvement was a popular theme at the time, in line with efforts at improving society by improving the people. Citizens today should make their own list of virtues, make an honest attempt to abide by them, and insist on representatives who share the effort. Franklin’s words should be remembered, as should his efforts to attain virtue and thus be a good citizen of our republic.

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Diana Frohman with one of her dancing golden retrievers, 5-year-old George — Oceanside

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Sea Cliff, NY - Charming, Historic, 3-Level Carriage House

This historic Sea Cliff Carriage House, built in 1898, carries the legacy of one of the Village's founders. Steeped in charm and character, it blends rich history with an authentic architectural past. A unique opportunity to own a piece of Sea Cliff's origin, this home invites you to step into a living slice of local history while offering timeless elegance. The home stands proudly on a hill, surrounded by lush, manicured shrubbery and specimen bushes, with a graceful approach from the circular courtyard to the home's entrance. The home has four bedrooms, three-and-a-half baths, three levels of living space. The first floor has an office/bedroom, a living room with balcony, a wood burning fireplace and French doors with beveled glass, along with a brightly lit dining room and kitchen. The home has a first-floor half bathroom. Open the Dutch door in the kitchen to a Trex Deck with Spanish Cyprus banisters. On the second floor, the home offers a truly stunning English-inspired library crafted with solid red oak, with soaring pitched ceilings. The library's French doors connect to an elegant retreat featuring a screened-in porch blending indoor and outdoor charm. The second bedroom has use of a full hall bathroom. The spacious primary suite offers a warm and serene haven, showcasing a cozy fireplace and elegant French doors that open to an expansive balcony. Down in the lower level, you'll find a family room with an entry/exit door, an entertainment bar with a beautiful marble countertop, a utility area, and a laundry room. The current owner was determined to bring the house true to the period and style while installing a complete 3-zone heating system, along with the electrical and plumbing systems that were installed only 2 years ago. With the home oriented to the west, it offers a front-row seat to breathtaking sunsets, bathing the living spaces in a warm, golden glow.

The home has easy access to beaches, numerous parks, nearby playgrounds and water sports for even more outdoor fun!

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