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The final FIFA World Cup watch party took place in Glen Cove's Village Square on Sunday.

Soccer league wraps up Cup watch parties

By ROKSANA AMID

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As Spain defeated Argentina 1-0 in extra time to claim its second World Cup title on Sunday, Glen Cove soccer fans cheered together in Village Square, where the Glen Cove Junior Soccer League capped a three-event watch party series aimed at uniting the community in its enthusiasm for the world's most popular sport.

The free event featured the telecast of the championship match on a 10-by-20-foot LED screen, raffles, giveaways for the first 150 attendees and food from nearby restaurants, including Downtown Cafe, Tocolo Taco Cart and Dominican Deli. Organized by the Junior Soccer League in partnership with the city's Department of Parks and Recreation and the Long Island Motion Picture Arts Center and Museum, the watch party marked the final event in a series that began earlier in the tournament.

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National Night Out will return to downtown Aug. 4

By ROKSANA AMID

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Residents will get to meet Glen Cove first responders, enjoy family-friendly activities and celebrate community partnerships when National Night Out returns to downtown Glen Cove next month, continuing a tradition that has brought neighbors and law enforcement together in the city for more than 30 years.

The annual event, presented by the Police Department and the National Night Out Committee, will be held Aug. 4, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Bridge Street downtown. In the event

of rain, festivities will move to the YMCA at Glen Cove.

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said that National Night Out gives residents a chance to see another side of the Police Department while strengthening relationships throughout the community.

"National Night Out is the opportunity for everyone to come down to Glen Cove and spend time, and actually meet our police officers in a different way," Panzenbeck said. "They get to see all the positive things that the Police Department and its members do for the Glen Cove community."

The department's role

extends well beyond law enforcement, she said, noting that officers regularly participate in community outreach, visit schools and spend time with seniors.

"It's so much more than it ever used to be," Panzenbeck said. "They do community outreach. They do so many wonderful things, and we have the greatest officers. They're wonderful."

National Night Out began in 1984, created by the National Association of Town Watch as a nationwide campaign to strengthen relationships between police departments and the communities they

serve while promoting crime prevention and neighborhood camaraderie. What started with 2.5 million participants in 400 communities across 23 states has grown into an annual event celebrated by millions of people across the country.

For more than 30 years, Glen Cove has participated in the initiative by bringing together

residents, first responders and local organizations for an evening focused on public safety, family activities and community engagement.

This year's event will also recognize Peter Foster, executive director of the YMCA at Glen Cove, as the 2026 National Night Out honoree. Last year,

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Last year, smiling students, proud parents, police officers and county PBA members stood with Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whittonto to help the community's youth.

Helping families with the cost of supplies

By ROKSANA AMID

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As families prepare for the start of the 2026-27 school year, local officials, educators and police organizations are once again partnering to help ease the financial burden of back-to-school shopping by providing free backpacks and school supplies to students in Glen Cove.

Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, the Nassau County Police Benevolent Association, the Glen Cove Police Benevolent Association and the Glen Cove City School District will host a backpack giveaway at 11 a.m. on Aug. 18 outside Landing Elementary School. The Nassau PBA is supplying the backpacks and school supplies, with assistance from the Glen Cove PBA.

According to Capitol One Shopping, American families spent \$39.4 billion on K-12 back-to-school shopping in 2025. The average cost of school supplies for one child was \$557, while school supply prices increased 7.3 percent year over year.

DeRiggi-Whitton said the giveaway has become an annual effort to help families offset those costs.

"We always give out at least anywhere between 400 and 600 bags," she said. "And the bags have school supplies inside."

She said the backpacks are well received by families because preparing children for school can quickly become expensive.

"It's not cheap when you're getting your kids ready to go back to school between sneakers and clothes and everything else and other supplies that you have to buy," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "So if this can help a little bit, then that's great."



Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, far right, holds the backpack giveaway with the Glen Cove Police Department and county PBA.

In addition to clothing and school supplies, she noted that many parents are also asked to purchase classroom items.

"A lot of schools, they get the list of everything from tissues and paper towels to, you know, other needs for the classroom," she said. "So it's an expensive time of year. And if this helps a little bit, then it's worth their time."

The event is intended to do more than distribute school supplies. DeRiggi-Whitton said it also creates opportunities for positive interactions between children and police officers.

"It's a really good interaction between the police and the kids," she said. "The kids love them and they're excited to see them. And they thank them. And they talk about going back to

school."

She added that officers take time to encourage students as they prepare to return to the classroom.

"They're so caring about their messaging to the kids," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "It's a really nice day."

Alexa Doeschner, superintendent of Glen Cove City Schools, said the partnership benefits students and families throughout the community.

"Community partnerships like this make a real difference for our families," Doeschner said. "We appreciate the generous support of Nassau County Legislator Leader DeRiggi-Whitton and the Nassau PBA in helping our students prepare for a successful 2026-27 school year."

Nassau PBA President Thomas Shev-



Kehlani T. and Isabella A. were excited to receive their backpacks last year.

lin said the organization's annual participation reflects its commitment to supporting local families.

"Police officers are members of the communities they serve, and our commitment extends well beyond law enforcement," Shevlin said. "We recognize that many families face financial challenges, and something as simple as providing a backpack filled with school supplies can make a meaningful difference."

DeRiggi-Whitton said Landing Elementary was selected because it is accessible for many neighborhood families.

"We have it at the Landing school because some people can walk there, which is also another good benefit," she said. "A lot of families are under a lot of stress for different reasons. If this helps a little bit, it's more than worth it."

We invite you to share your Sept. 11 story with the Herald

As we approach the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Herald is preparing a special commemorative section that will remember those we lost, honor those who served and examine the lasting impact of that day on our communities.

We want to hear your story. Were you a commuter, teacher, student, first responder, health care worker, member of the clergy or resident who saw the events of that day unfold? Did you lose a loved one on Sept. 11, or in the years that followed because of illnesses linked to the toxins at ground zero? Were you a child who grew up without a parent, or are you someone whose life and career were inspired by the courage and sacrifice of that day?

Our reporters are also looking to tell the stories behind the local memorials, annual remembrance ceremonies, scholarship funds, charitable organizations and volunteer efforts that commemorate Sept. 11.

We are interested in how Long Island has changed over the past 25 years, from emergency preparedness and public safety to the lasting health effects experienced by first responders and survivors.

If you have a personal story, photos or memories, or know someone whose experience should be shared, we would be honored to hear from you. Your story can help preserve an important chapter



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The Herald is looking for your stories. Above, former Rep. Peter King reflected on the courage of first responders at Seaford's remembrance last year.

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Two overriding questions govern your choices in an elder law estate plan. First, what will happen to your assets when you pass away? Second, what will happen to your assets if you need long-term care? A comprehensive plan covers both issues. You must protect assets from going to long-term care costs so that the assets may transfer to your beneficiaries instead.

Plan A, and the best protection from long-term care costs, is long-term care insurance. Factors to consider include the daily benefit amount and an inflation rider that keeps pace with the increasing cost of nursing homes. Long-term care insurance also pays for home health aides, which allows you to “age in place,” rather than go to a facility.

If you don't have, or cannot get, long-term care insurance, Plan B is the Medicaid Asset Protection Trust (MAPT). Assets that have been in the MAPT for a minimum of five years are protected from nursing home costs and immediately for home care, for

which there is currently no waiting period.

Consider the use of trusts, as opposed to wills, to avoid probate, a court proceeding that occurs when you die with assets in your name alone. It is also much easier to contest a will than a trust. If you are disinherit a child, it makes sense to use a trust to avoid potential litigation. Generally, trusts save time and money in settling your estate.

You may want to leave your assets to your children in their own Inheritance Protection Trusts, rather than as outright distributions. These trusts protect the inheritance from your children's divorces, and, when the child passes away, the inheritance goes to your grandchildren, not to your son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

To sum up, an elder law estate plan (1) protects assets from the costs of long-term care, (2) passes assets to your heirs, with the least amount of taxes and legal fees possible, and (3) keeps assets in the bloodline for your grandchildren, and (4) protects the inheritance from your children's divorces.

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How To Eat & Beat The Heat

When it feels like 103 degrees outside, the only thing that will lure me out of my house is food. When my stomach growls, I make a mad dash for my car, pick up breakfast, lunch, or dinner and drive home at top speed. This month, I discovered new quick bites around town that made me smile even while I was melting.

SoBol (14 E. Main St., Oyster Bay; 214 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove)

For breakfast: I visited this healthy-style café filled with smoothies and fresh-fruit-fun-food. I tried the new strawberry Belgian waffle. Oh, my goodness. Imagine your great grandmother and grandmother collaborating and turning out an old-style, sweet, gooey, crunchy, warm waffle infused with strawberries. It feels as if you're eating a hug.

Joe & the Juice (1579 Northern Blvd., Manhasset)

For breakfast or lunch: This new, super-nutritious café just opened and it's a great addition to our neighborhood. The beverages range from unique smoothies to innovative juices, to healthy shots, to all types of coffees, lattes, and other brilliant drinks. The inventive “Trust Your Gut” smoothie includes kefir, strawberries, Fibre Booster, bananas, date puree and beet-root powder. The Iced Matcha Picante is filled with jalapeno and lime nectar, matcha and coconut water. There are turmeric shots, desserts, breakfast bowls galore, and so much more.

However, when I'm hungry, I need to chew everything in sight to feel completely satisfied. So, I'm madly in love with the sandwiches. My favorite is the Tunacado. It's made with tuna mousse (tuna whipped into a mousse-like texture) plus avocado, tomatoes, and vegan

pesto. The ingredients are wrapped inside two slices of “Joe's Signature Flatbread” (long, thick, cracker-like slices of bread that are crispy and fiber rich). The eight types of sandwiches offered come in neat, pink packets that are easy to eat during your drive home in the heat.

Otherside Wine Bar (149 Glen St., suite 2, Glen Cove)

For dinner: I grabbed takeout from this homey wine and food café which recently reopened after a fire next door.



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There are nice, new menu options. I tried the Roasted Jalapeno Hummus. The silky jalapeno hummus is slightly spicy, but not overwhelming. It only made my nose run a tiny bit. Crisp chickpeas, pickled red onion, and herb oil huddle inside the hummus and surprise you. Fried pita on the side was the perfect dip for this quick food trip. Other newbies on the menu

include Basque Style White Anchovies and Shrimp Al Ajillo.

Scream Easy Ice Cream Shop (39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff)

Dessert: This new mini ice cream/retro candy shop is in the garden behind Foster Restaurant. On a hot day, you can be in and out in a flash with a cone or cup of Gifford's amazing ice cream from Maine. Fun flavors such as Fly Fishing Fudge and Maine Deer Tracks fill the counter. I tried Peanut Butter Pie ice cream, along with the I Scream For Cake flavor. They were both creamy and dreamy, yet not ridiculously sweet. Retro candies are also sold in the shop. Though I refuse to cook, I do like to make concoctions. So, I bought Pez and swirled it inside my Peanut Butter Pie ice cream. It was...interesting.

See you next month!

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Celebrating a national block party in G.C.

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Police Chief William Whitton was honored before he retired from the department.

Foster began his tenure at the Glen YMCA 30 years ago as a camp counselor. In 2006, he took on leadership roles that expanded his impact on local families before becoming the facility's executive director. The Police department said his work continues to inspire young people and strengthen community ties.

National Night Out Chair Roberto Telese said that Foster was chosen because of his longstanding commitment to Glen Cove.

"Peter is being honored for his exceptional leadership and dedication to serving our community through programs that support youth, families and community partnerships," Telese said. "His energy, heart, and commitment to our children make him a truly deserving honoree."

Police Chief Christopher Ortiz said that National Night Out remains one of the department's favorite community events because it allows officers to interact with residents in a relaxed setting. "It's really a special event for us," Ortiz said. "It's a great evening where we get to meet and engage with our community members. It's a fun night, espe-

cially for the kids."

Ortiz said that families can once again expect many of the attractions that have become annual traditions.

"We'll have all the police cars out there for the kids to sit in and play with the sirens," he said. "We'll have the demonstrations and different things, Operation Safe Child. So there's a lot of activities in that three-hour evening."

He added, "This is my first event as chief, and it's hopefully going to be a very special evening for that reason. And we have a great honoree in Peter Foster. So I'm looking forward to getting him on stage and really thanking him for all the support that he individually does, and the YMCA does as an organization, to help this Police Department and this community."

Residents of all ages are invited to attend the free event, which will feature bounce houses, interactive activities, public safety demonstrations, music, refreshments and opportunities to meet members of the Police Department and other first responders. It is co-hosted by the city, the Police Department, the Glen Cove Police Benevolent Association, the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, the Fire Department, Glen Cove EMS, the city housing authority, the Downtown Business Improvement District and local businesses and organizations.



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Charles Drowns, left, gave Amelio and Pascqualina Giovanniello a close look at some FBI equipment. Amelio said he wants to be an FBI agent when he grows up.



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HERALD SPORTS

L.I. Ducks look different for second half

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The Long Island Ducks pitching staff has a much different look for the second half of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball season.

Both ace Trevor Bauer and standout closer Ramon Santos had their contracts purchased by Mexican League franchises, leaving Long Island without its most accomplished and impressive arms but not without optimism.

"We're very happy for Trevor and Ramon," Ducks manager Lew Ford said. "They were great for us and earned new opportunities. But we're doing a lot of good things here. We led the league in homers and ERA in the first half, so we feel pretty good about where we're at."

Bauer became not only the face of the Ducks (37-26 in first half for second place in the North Division, including 21-12 at home) but the entire Atlantic League in his abbreviated stint. The former MLB star posted a 5-1 record with a 2.36 ERA and 66 strikeouts to just seven walks in 42 innings of work across seven starts.

"I want to thank the Long Island Ducks organization for giving me the opportunity to be part of the team," said Bauer, who rejoined his 2024 club, Diablos Rojos, June 22. "I'd also like to thank my teammates, the coaching staff, the clubhouse staff, and everyone behind the scenes who made my time here so enjoyable," he added. "The support from the fans and the Long Island community has been truly special. We had sold-out crowds at home, packed stadiums on the road, and fans traveling from all over the Northeast just to come watch me pitch."

Highlighting his stay on Long Island, Bauer fired a no-hitter April 26 at Lancaster and followed with a franchise record 15 strikeouts in a May 12 outing versus Gastonia.

"Trevor exceeded every expectation during his time with the Ducks," team president Michael Pfaff said. "From his dominance on the mound to his commitment to fans and support of our organization, he made a tremendous impact both on and off the field."

Five days after Bauer's departure, Santos was signed by Saraperos de Saltillo. Santos appeared in 18 games this season, totaling an Atlantic League best nine saves with 0.95 ERA and 42 strikeouts across 19 innings.

Ford said Rafael Kelly, who starred in late innings for Hagerstown last season, will take over the closer's role. The starting rotation is young and talented with Ryan Cardona, Tanner Jacobson, Michael Dominguez and Julian Minaya.

In just the third start of his professional career July 3, Jacobson got the second half started with a buzz by tak-



Photos courtesy Long Island Ducks

The Ducks led the Atlantic League in run differential in the first half at plus-117.

ing a no-hitter into the ninth inning of an 8-0 victory over Hagerstown.

The Ducks had a league-best 4.82 ERA in the first half and a run differential of plus-117.

The offense blasted 96 homers, also tops in the league, led by 16 from Jacob Robson and 11 apiece from Jorge Bonafacio and Marcus Chiu. Those three along with Gavin Collins all drove in at least 40 runs in the first half as well. Alsander Womack banged out 75 hits after ranking third in the Atlantic League in 2025 with Charleston.

"This is my fourth season in independent ball and every year whatever team I've been on has lost good players," said Robson, a first-year member of the organization who reached the majors in 2021 with the Detroit Tigers. "We have a great clubhouse here and I feel we have

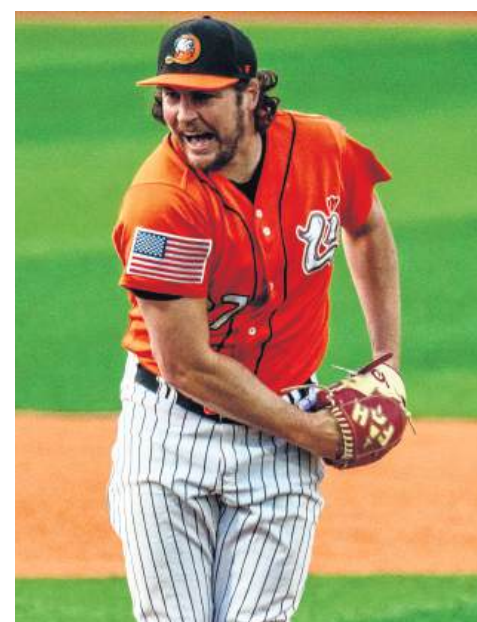
a lot more in the tank," he added."

Ford is also counting on the return of key position players Chris Roller, who leads off, and Anthony Garcia from the injured list to make a difference in the second half as the Ducks chase a playoff berth.

The Ducks set a franchise record July 12 with a dozen stolen bases in a 4-3 win over Charleston. Long Island won eight of its first 11 games to begin the season's second half on a heater.

"I'm always confident," Ford said. "We've got a good team and we're here to win."

Former MLB star pitcher Trevor Bauer left his mark on Long Island with a 5-1 record, including a no-hitter.



Viewing the last World Cup game together

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For league organizers, the success of the series was measured less by attendance than by the families it brought together.

“Overall, it was a great event in terms of what we wanted to accomplish, which was just to give back to the community — specifically the Glen Cove Junior Soccer League, its players and its parents,” league President James M. Greenberg said. “When I looked in the crowd, it was evident there was a lot of people who came out and who wanted to watch with us and be a part of that big family.”

Greenberg said the league intentionally focused on serving local families rather than creating a regional attraction. “We weren’t looking to become the watch party for Long Island,” he said. “We wanted to focus locally, and that’s what we did.”

The league’s second vice president, Brett Newman, said the series accomplished its goal of creating a welcoming community event while also supporting downtown businesses.

“I’m glad a bunch of people came out, had a good time,” Newman said. “The businesses that were around the final got some business from it. Overall, I think it was a good experience and gives us a pretty good idea of what we can expect when we try to do something like this in the future.”

The championship watch party followed one earlier in the tournament, at Morgan Park, and another at Pascucci Field. Greenberg estimated that the first watch party drew more than 300 people, and about 100 attended the Village Square finale, including many who watched from nearby restaurants.

Restaurant owners also benefited from the event, he said.

“We’re really happy that the Downtown [Cafe] and



Roksana Amid/Herald

Josh, Lily, Bonnie and Noah Rubin watched the Spain-Argentina title match together in downtown Glen Cove.

Tocolo and the other restaurants — the new restaurant, RockBow — all said they did really well,” Greenberg said. “A lot of people said the same thing — it was just nice to get out and be downtown on a Sunday.”

Greenberg spent much of the match making sure the event ran smoothly. “I’m proud of all of our volunteers,” he said. “I think not many of us did end up watching the game in its entirety. We were dealing with sound quality, and handing out giveaways to the kids, and making sure everybody had the right size

T-shirt.”

The event also raised money, through raffles, to help offset the cost of the watch parties and support future league initiatives.

For attendees, the appeal extended beyond the match itself.

Patrick Logan said he came because he enjoys community events that bring residents together. “I enjoy the whole communal aspect of it,” Logan said. “Same reason I like the Downtown Sounds concerts and the Morgan Park concerts. It really brings the community together. It’s fun.”

Josh Rubin attended with his wife and two young children, hoping to introduce them to soccer while enjoying a summer afternoon downtown.

“Nice day out,” Rubin said. “Just want something fun to do outside with the kids, and hopefully get them to watch a little bit of soccer. The ice cream was a hit.” He added, “It’s just fun to have these gatherings with the community. It’s always nice to have a local activity to do with your kids.”

Newman said the league organized the series knowing that this year’s 2026 World Cup, hosted in part by the United States, represented a unique opportunity.

“This was just about getting people out for the community,” he said. “This could be a once-in-a-lifetime thing for a lot of people, having the World Cup here. We wanted to just get people out, have a good time, watch some games.”

Junior Soccer League leaders are already discussing hosting community watch parties for the FIFA Women’s World Cup in 2027, which will be hosted by Brazil.

“Our goal is to do at two watch parties for the Women’s World Cup,” Greenberg said. “It doesn’t matter — women’s, men’s — it’s the World Cup.”

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Growing the legacy at Maidenbaum & Madmon

By MELISSA BERMAN
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After more than a year of planning, one of Nassau County’s best-known property tax law firms has officially entered a new era.

Maidenbaum & Sternberg LLP has been renamed Maidenbaum & Madmon LLP, recognizing Managing Partner Amy Madmon’s leadership while reaffirming the firm’s commitment to the clients it has served for decades.

The change became official this month after paperwork was filed with New York state. Firm leaders emphasized that while the name is changing, the attorneys, staff and client-focused approach remain the same.

“It’s exciting and nerve-racking at the same time,” Madmon said. “...We’re excited to officially move forward, but we also want our clients to know that their team is still their team.”

Madmon joined the firm in 2006, after spending two summers as a legal intern. She became managing partner six years ago, and oversees day-to-day operations for a staff of nearly 60 employees while helping guide tens of thousands of Nassau County homeowners through the property tax grievance process each year.

Madmon has spearheaded major technological improvements, including electronic client enrollment, online cli-



Shalom Maidenbaum has renamed Maidenbaum & Sternberg LLP, which is now Maidenbaum & Madmon LLP, recognizing Managing Partner Amy Madmon.

ent portals and modernized internal operations. She also developed a streamlined transition program for homebuyers and sellers that helps ensure that property tax savings are properly allocated during real estate transactions.

The firm’s founder, Shalom Maidenbaum, said the name change simply reflects the leadership role Madmon has already been fulfilling. “She’s been responsible for the transition, the growth, our entry into the digital age



Photos courtesy Jake Ascher

and even the A.I. age,” Maidenbaum said. “Now it’s time to put her name on the banner.”

He stressed that the firm wants existing clients to feel reassured that the transition will be seamless. “Amy has already been running operations for the past several years,” Maidenbaum said. “We want our clients to know that nothing is changing in terms of the quality of representation they receive.”

Much of the planning over the past year focused on ensuring that clients

would understand that the firm’s attorneys and staff remain in place. As part of the transition, longtime Partner Ilyse Gellar Sternberg will remain actively involved with clients, particularly those in the firm’s commercial tax practice, while gradually transitioning internal leadership responsibilities.

“We wanted to make very clear that she’s still part of the firm,” Maidenbaum said of Gellar Sternberg. “She’s still working with clients every day.”

The firm, which has earned a reputation as a leader in Nassau County property tax reduction, has also been at the forefront of taxpayer advocacy through several significant legal victories protecting homeowners’ rights to challenge property tax assessments.

“Our goal is continuing to elevate the status quo,” Madmon said. “Our clients come first, and they should feel comfortable knowing the same attorneys, the same staff and the same commitment to service are here.”

For Maidenbaum, adding Madmon’s name to the firm’s masthead recognizes not only her two decades of dedication but also the future of the business.

“I sleep well at night knowing Amy is at the helm,” he said. “She is a consummate professional who will continue our tradition of aggressively representing taxpayers while maintaining the personal touch our clients have always expected.”



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Dozens of Grenville Baker supporters, volunteers and board members attended the 76th annual gala.

Grenville Baker celebrates 76 years in L.V.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club hosted An Evening in Bloom: A Night to Inspire, its 76th Annual Gala, beneath a beachside tent at The Creek club. Guests enjoyed cocktails, floral-themed décor, and dancing by the water while celebrating the Boys & Girls Club’s lasting impact on the community.

The evening featured both silent and live auctions with exclusive items and experiences, raising substantial funds to support the club’s mission.

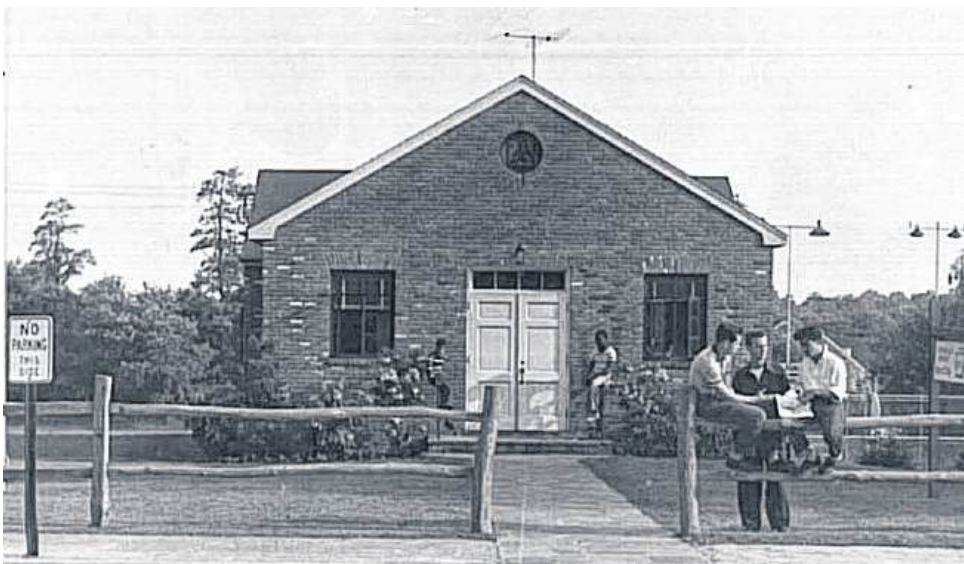
This year, Kim and John Bancroft were honored for their dedicated service. Kim Bancroft, a realtor with Daniel Gale Sotheby’s International Realty, also serves on the club’s Board of Directors.

The gala marked 76 years of service and was made possible by the generosity of supporters, sponsors, and friends.

“The 76th Anniversary Gala was a wonderful reminder of what makes this community so special,” said Executive Director Melissa Rhodes. “We are incredibly thankful for the supporters, volunteers, and families whose commitment helps us create life-changing opportunities for the children we serve.”

For more information on the club, their work, and how to get involved, visit GBBGC.org.

–Will Sheeline



The club celebrated 76 years of serving the children and families on the North Shore.



John, left, and Kim Bancroft were the honorees at this year’s gala.



This year’s fundraiser was organized by Gala Chairs Suzanne Brooke, left, Catherine Blondell and Krystina Tomlinson.



Funds raised from the event go towards supporting Grenville Baker’s ongoing youth and education programs.



Three things to know about the Glen Cove EOC

By ROKSANA AMID

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For decades, the Glen Cove office of the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County has helped local residents overcome financial hardship by connecting them with essential resources and support services. Located on Glen Cove Avenue, the community action agency assists individuals and families through food assistance, immigration services, senior programs and other initiatives designed to improve quality of life, led by Program Director Irma Jeanty,

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■ Its food pantry helps families facing food insecurity

One of the Glen Cove EOC's most heavily used services is its food pantry, which provides groceries and other essential food items to individuals and families experiencing financial hardship. The pantry is part of the agency's broader Emergency Food and Shelter Program, which works to ensure residents have access to nutritious food during difficult times.

The agency partners with community organizations and local supporters to keep its shelves stocked with pantry staples and other necessities. By providing reliable food assistance, the Glen Cove EOC helps reduce hunger while allowing families to focus on other essential expenses, including housing, utilities and health care.

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■ Immigration services connect newcomers with critical resources

The Glen Cove EOC also offers immigration services to help residents navigate the often complicated immigration process. The program provides guidance, referrals and support for individuals seeking assistance with immigration-related matters, helping connect families with resources they need to establish stability in their communities.

As part of its mission to reduce barriers and promote self-sufficiency, the agency works to ensure residents have access to information and services that can help them build secure futures. Immigration assistance is one of several programs designed to strengthen families while expanding opportunities throughout the community.

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■ Senior programs promote health, nutrition and independence

Older adults also benefit from services offered through the Glen Cove EOC's senior programs. The agency provides nutrition support, referrals and other services intended to help older residents remain healthy, connected and independent as they age.

By addressing the changing needs of seniors alongside programs for families, children and individuals, the Glen Cove EOC takes a comprehensive approach to community support. Residents can visit the Glen Cove office at 140 Glen Cove Ave. or call (516) 801-2672 to learn more about available services and eligibility requirements. Through its wide range of programs, the agency continues its mission of helping people overcome challenges and build stronger, healthier lives.



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Propel NY finalizes routing, hires contractors

By JULIA CAPITELLI
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The New York Power Authority and New York Transco, co-developers of Propel NY Energy, have finalized the proposed routing of their planned underground transmission lines and hired contractors for pre-construction activities. Residents in affected areas continue to oppose the roughly 90-mile project set to run across Nassau County into Westchester.

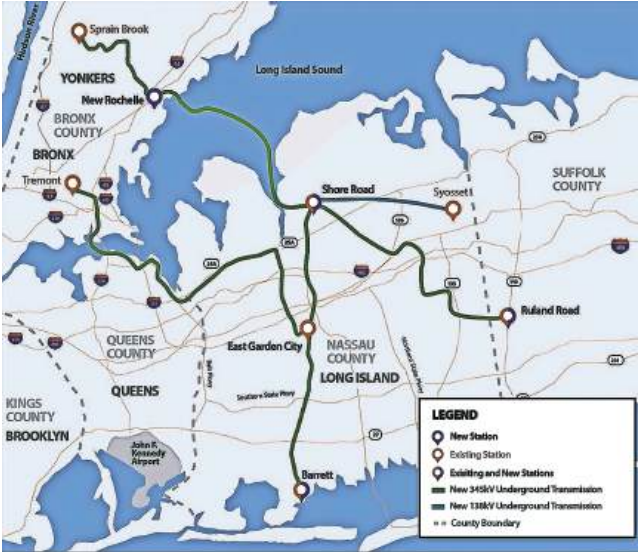
July 17 was the deadline for parties to file public comments with the New York State Public Service Commission for or against the project. The PSC must issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need and approve Environmental Management and Construction Plans before construction can begin.

According to Marykate Guilfoyle, strategic communications manager at Transco, adjustments in routing were made based on technical analysis, stakeholder input and evaluation of alternatives.

The Daly Boulevard culvert crossing, in Oceanside, was adjusted to “reduce schedule and construction risk,” Guilfoyle said. A segment in the Town of Hempstead was refined to “avoid conflicts” with the Hempstead Fire Department and to use wider roadways to mitigate traffic.

One segment in Glen Head was adjusted to “eliminate a complex trenchless Long Island Rail Road crossing.” Another altered the Glen Head Road-to-Glen Cove Avenue-to-Kissam Lane segment, addressing a “request for reduced magnetic field impacts along Glen Head Road.”

Hallen Integrated Construction Services, Haugland Group and BOND Civil & Utility Construction, Inc. were chosen for pre-construction planning and regula-



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Some of the proposed routes for the Propel NY project have been altered.

tory submissions.

“These expert contractors are a valuable addition to further the development of detailed construction plans,” Transco President Joris Veldhoven said in a news release. “Their proven expertise on complex projects and strong track records and relationships in the project communities will result in thorough plans for the upcoming construction phase.”

“Hallen Integrated Construction Services and Hal- len Construction are excited to partner with NY Transco and NYPA on construction planning for Pro- pel NY,” Shepard Poole, president and CEO of The Hal- len Construction Co. Inc., said in the release. “This

project is highly important and greatly necessary for the region.”

Support for Propel’s joint proposal has come from state agencies, the City of New York, construction firms, trade unions and some residents. Other resi- dents, school districts, municipalities and elected offi- cials, however, have filed comments opposing the proj- ect, which was chosen by the New York Independent System Operator in 2023 as a solution to issues like increased demand and severe weather.

“It’s premature to advance Propel, as it lacks both federal and state approval,” said Christine Panzeca, a Glen Head resident and a lead opponent of the project. “This is especially concerning, given that NYISO is aware that the project is not cost-effective and was spe- cifically advised not to pursue it. In addition, more than 70 percent of the parties have not signed the joint proposal, citing significant unresolved deficiencies in issues affecting health, safety, environmental integrity, route selection, and procedural fairness.”

The Potomac Economics Market Monitoring Unit wrote in a 2023 report that “if the NYISO determines that it must or should select a project, we recommend that it reconsider its recommendation of T051 since it does not appear to be the most cost-effective project.” T051 refers to Propel.

Other parties who have submitted comments in opposition include environmental groups; U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi; Nassau County Legislators Delia DeRiggi- Whitton and Patrick Mullaney; the North Shore, Ros- lyn and Syosset school districts; the Village of Sea Cliff; and Supervisors John Ferretti, Joseph Saladino and Jennifer DeSena, of the towns of Hempstead, Oys- ter Bay and North Hempstead, respectively.

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The beaches. Jones Beach
is my favorite.

Christie Leigh Babirad/Herald



Lisa Katz
Merrick
Malibu – for the beach and the bands.

Tim Baker/Herald



Lorraine Sclafani
Rockville Centre

My favorite summer spot is Point Lookout Beach. Our family, we've been going there for many years. We like to pack a lunch and spend the day and it's a great beach, we swim, it's really beautiful.

Tim Baker/Herald



Celeste Gullo
Glen Cove
Has to be Prybil beach, under-rated and over looked. It's great for kids and purely beautiful all seasons, from sunrise to sunset. I have tons of videos of it. I go all the time.

Roksana Amid/Herald



Margie Luciano
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STEPPING OUT



Carolyn Miller comes home

Authentically country with a local flair

By Abbey Salvemini

In a genre built on authenticity, Carolyn Miller is the real deal. She's carved her own path into country music, proving that heart, hustle and a powerful story transcends geography. Her sound fuses the honesty of country storytelling with the hooks and polish of mainstream pop, drawing in fans from Nashville to the Northeast and everywhere in between.

For those unfamiliar with Miller, it's time to get to know the Massapequa native. She performs during Huntington Summer Arts Festival at Heckscher Park on Saturday, with her full band, just weeks before the release of her new self-titled EP. She's steadily expanded her national following while working between Long Island and Nashville.

Miller's journey into music began early. A former professional child actress, she worked in TV, film and theater; graduating from the Boston Conservatory at Berklee College of Music with a degree in Musical Theatre. But it was country music that gave her the space to tell her own story. With a voice made for big moments and a pen sharp enough to turn lived experience into lyric, she's quickly established herself as one of the genre's rising stars.

Appearing as part of this year's Huntington Summer Arts Festival is about more than just a concert performance for Miller.

"I want it to just feel like a perfect summer night on the Island," she says. "I hope families and kids pack a cooler, a picnic, bring lawn chairs and blankets. Kids [can] come dance in front of the stage, friends run into each other and reconnect. Everyone just enjoys a great night of live music together."

"I think there's something special about the free community concerts because they just bring together people of all ages," she adds. "If people leave smiling and singing one of the songs in their heads on the drive home and just feeling a little more connected than when they arrived, then we've done our job."

Her energetic, heartfelt shows paired with her down-to-earth, girl-next-door personality make her instantly relatable to audiences, especially suburban women navigating the beautiful chaos of love, motherhood and modern life.

After taking last year off to become a mother, Carolyn — now mom to a two year-old daughter — is stepping boldly into a new era. Her latest single "Fighting For You" (released May 2025) marks the first in a six-song series that chronicles this next chapter of her life. Balancing vulnerability and strength, it's a reflection of the grit, grace, and growth that define her story today.

Saturday's "hometown" performance, her second



Courtesy Carolyn Miller

The many sides of Carolyn Miller. She's emerged as one of country-pop's rising independent artists, blending heartfelt storytelling with her singular style.

festival appearance, is a notable stop on her journey.

"Long Island's always been home," she reflects. "Career-wise, it's taken me all over the country, but Long Island is where I'm raising my family and where my husband, my daughter and I live. I'm going to have all my family, lifelong friends and people who've been following my career for years and even people who have just only recently discovered my music online. Those moments you don't take for granted and make all the hard work worth it."

Saturday's audience will be treated to an early look at Miller's upcoming EP, a deeply personal collection of songs that marks her next creative chapter.



- Saturday, July 25, 8-9 p.m.
- Huntington Summer Arts Festival, Chapin Rainbow Stage, Heckscher Park, 2 Prime Ave., Huntington
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than 175,000 across social media while overseeing much of her own marketing and creative direction, between here and Nashville. Over the past year she's performed at CMA Fest, and has shared the stage with the likes of Carrie Underwood, Lee Brice, Sam Hunt, Ashley McBryde, and Dustin Lynch.

Whether she's behind a mic, on a stage, or in a writing room, Miller is redefining what it means to be a country artist in 2026: grounded, fearless and fully herself. As she prepares to return to Huntington, Miller urges concertgoers, whether longtime fans or first-time listeners, to simply enjoy an evening together.

"It's free. It's outdoors, family-friendly. Whether you've followed my music for years or you're just discovering it now, we'd love to have you."



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GLEN COVE HERALD — July 23, 2026

'...Wind on down the road

Led Zeppelin fans, rejoice! Get The Led Out returns with "A Celebration of the Mighty Zep," two electrifying nights of classic rock, running through June 28. From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, GTLO has captured the essence of Led Zeppelin and brought their music to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians, intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live, like you've never heard before! Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, GTLO re-creates songs, in all their depth and glory, with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed. Hailed for their powerful tribute to what many consider the greatest rock band of all time, the band always delivers

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Patty Griffin

The singer-songwriter brings her powerful storytelling and unmistakable voice to the stage in support of her latest album "Crown of Roses." A two-time Grammy winner and Americana Music Association Lifetime Achievement honoree, Patty Griffin has spent more than two decades crafting emotionally resonant songs that blend folk, Americana and blues. She's been praised for her ability to create vivid emotional portraits through music. Known for songs that linger long after the final note, Griffin continues to captivate audiences with intimate performances that celebrate both life's hardships and its quiet moments of hope. She is joined by special guest Lucy Wainwright Roche.

Saturday, July 25, 8 p.m. \$91, \$79, \$67. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. Tickets available at landmarkonmainstreet.org or (516) 767-6444.

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JUL 24 **Falaise Tour**
Visit the cliff-side French Norman-style mansion at Sands Point Preserve, which was the residence of Captain Harry F. Guggenheim and his wife, Alicia Patterson, founder of Newsday. Explore the exquisite artwork, antiques, and furnishings inside one of the most inviting mansions on the Gold Coast. For adults, but children 12+ are allowed. \$10 per person.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** Varied times, also July 25-26
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

JUL 25 **Deep Roots Farmers Market**
Deep Roots Farmers Market continues at Glen Cove's Village Square. Shop for fresh local produce, specialty foods and handmade goods while supporting area farmers, vendors and small businesses. The weekly market provides a gathering place for the community to enjoy local flavors, connect with neighbors and celebrate the region's agricultural offerings.

- **Where:** Village Square (Garvies Point Park), Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencovechamber.org or call (516) 676-6666

On exhibit
Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist of the Gilded Age brings together the Nassau County Museum of Art's unparalleled collection of more than 130 oil and watercolor paintings by one of America's most celebrated artists. This landmark exhibition marks the first time the museum will present the full scope of its Tiffany paintings — an extraordinary group made possible through a generous, anonymous gift that represents the largest private collection of Tiffany paintings. While Tiffany is best known for his stained-glass windows, lamps, and decorative objects, this exhibition highlights a rarely seen dimension of his artistic practice: the paintings that he personally created at the beginning of his career. Opens July 25, on view through Nov. 8.

- **Where:** 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor
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AUG 1 **Double Vision: The Foreigner Experience**
Comprising a group of exceptionally talented musicians and die-hard Foreigner fans, Double Vision has perfected the art of bringing to life the unforgettable hits that have defined generations. From "I Want to Know What Love Is" to "Cold as Ice," their renditions are a harmonious blend of passion, precision, and nostalgic energy. Drawing inspiration from Foreigner's unmistakable sound and stage presence, Double Vision delivers a performance that pays homage to the band's legacy while infusing their own charisma and enthusiasm. Their commitment to authenticity is matched only by their unwavering dedication to creating an electrifying experience for their audiences. With an impressive catalog of classics at their fingertips, Double Vision transports everyone to an era when arena rock ruled and Foreigner reigned supreme. Each concert is a testament to their musical prowess, transporting fans to a time when anthems were born and memories were made. Double Vision delivers the highest level of integrity and technical prowess to bring you all the hits from the band that you've come to love. With their recent signing to Frontiers Music the band has achieved a milestone as one of the first tribute to secure a record deal. Honoring Foreigner and its audience, they offer a show second to none.

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

Summer at the Sea
Explore Sands Point Preserve's natural environment on a guided tour. Environmental educator Hildur Palsdottir leads everyone to the beach to discover the living and non-living things that call our beach home. Explore animal and insect life, and identify shells and rock formations. Children can dig and sift to explore the world under the sand! This is a vigorous walk designed for all ages. Meet at Castle Gould's Clock Tower. \$15, \$10 members; children \$5, free for members.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-noon
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JUL 26 **'The World Goes 'Round'**
The Morgan Park Summer Music Festival continues Plaza Theatrical Productions' spectacular musical tribute. Classic theatrical show tunes are brought to life in a beautiful outdoor setting. In the event of inclement weather, check the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival Facebook page for updates.

- **Where:** Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 671-0017

Ice House Jams
Enjoy live music — free with park admission — at Sands Point Preserve's new outdoor gathering space in the woods behind Castle Gould: the Ice House! Curated by Homebrew Music, these sessions bring the best local artists to the cozy pond-side spot for select Sundays all spring and summer. Relax on lounge furniture, explore the trails and let the music set the mood. Weather permitting.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** Noon-3 p.m.; also Aug. 2
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

JUL 28 **HMTC's 17th Annual Golf Outing**
The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County hosts its 17th Annual Golf Outing. Proceeds support education and advocacy programs that combat antisemitism and all forms of

discrimination.

- **Where:** Meadow Brook Club, 500 Cedar Swamp Road, Jericho
- **Time:** 7 a.m.
- **Contact:** (516) 571-8040

AUG 1 **Glen Cove High School Class of 1976 50-Year Reunion**
Members of Glen Cove High School's Class of 1976 are invited to reconnect and celebrate 50 years since graduation at a reunion gathering featuring an evening of memories, conversation and camaraderie.

- **Where:** The Metropolitan, Pratt Blvd., Glen Cove
- **Time:** 7 p.m.-12 a.m.
- **Contact:** lbelitore@gmail.com or Montauk41@hotmail.com

Glen Cove High School Class of 1986 40th Reunion
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- **Where:** Polish Hall, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Contact:** Visit facebook.com/GCHSClass1986 or call Roni-Sue Jenkins (Hausch) at (516) 584-5377

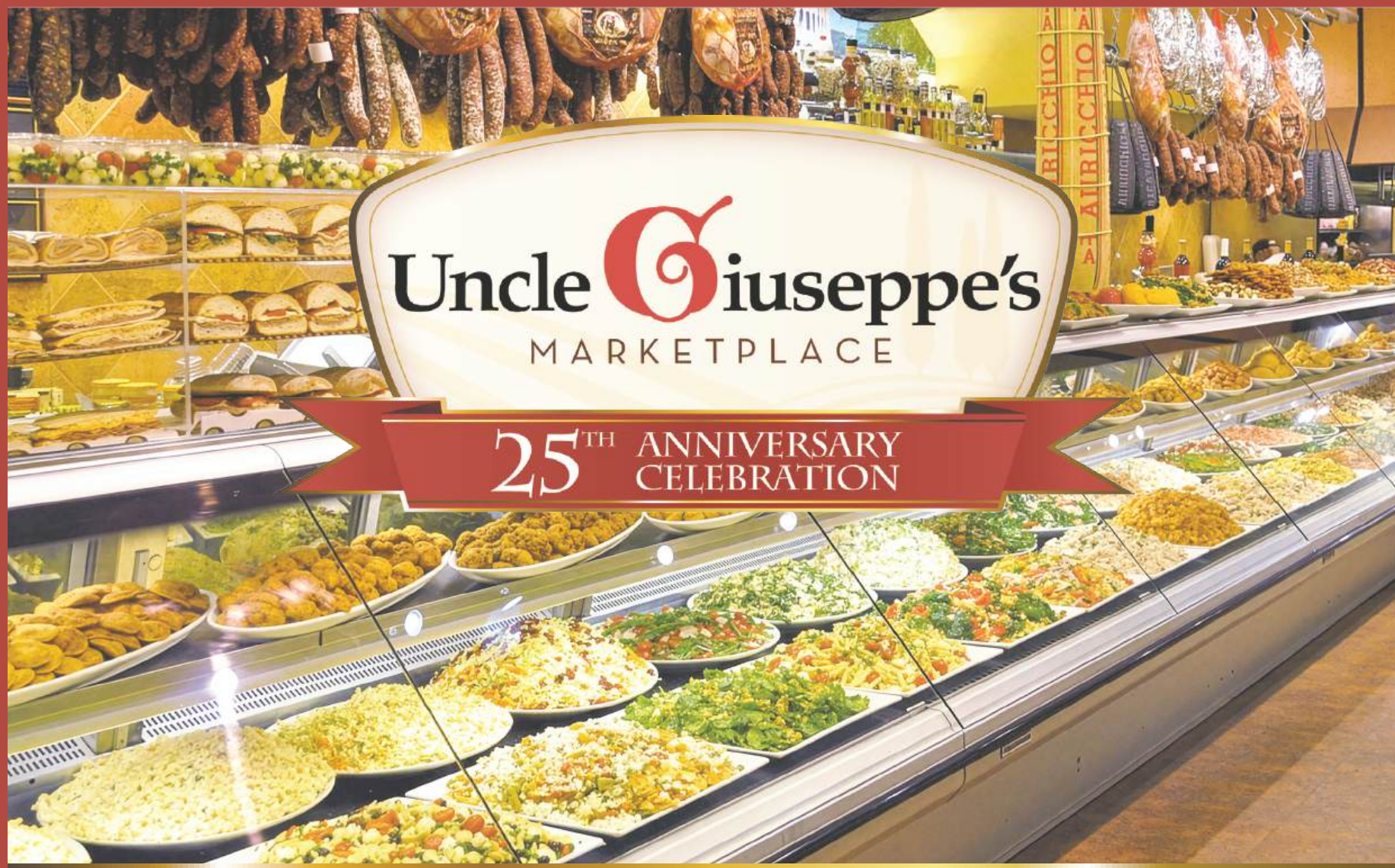
AUG 4 **National Night Out**
The Glen Cove Police Department and community organizations welcome all to National Night Out, an evening dedicated to strengthening relationships between law enforcement and residents. The free event includes police and emergency vehicle displays, family-friendly activities, games, music, giveaways and opportunities to meet local first responders and learn about community safety resources. Rain location: YMCA at Glen Cove, 125 Dosoris Lane.

- **Where:** Bridge Street, Downtown Glen Cove
- **Time:** 6-8:30 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencovedowntown.org or call (516) 759-6970

AUG 26 **Locust Valley Garden Club Bunco Party**
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- **Where:** 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley
- **Time:** 1-3 p.m.
- **Contact:** RSVP to Jane Benstock at (516) 987-9912 or jpbstock@gmail.com

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Violinist Tassilo Probst and pianist Maxim Lando were two of the musicians that played at the Oyster Bay Music Festival this year.



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This year marked the 15th anniversary of the Oyster Bay Music Festival



Vocalists Eduardo Pacheco and Drea Garcia performed at Christ Church.



The Zandieh Trio, made up of brothers Christopher, left, Cameron and Charlie, performed together at Old Westbury Gardens.

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So you want to be a despot?

Despot: from the Greek *despotes*, meaning master or lord of the house. The despot seizes and exercises absolute authority, demands blind loyalty, and punishes any hint of insubordination or dissent.

You might imagine that becoming a despot requires tanks, secret police and



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a balcony from which to wave at enormous, inflamed crowds. You might believe you need a special degree or a fake Nobel Prize. But the road to becoming a despot is surprisingly well-traveled.

Step one: Convince people that facts are negotiable.

To be an effective despot, you need to persuade the people that you alone know the truth, and that those who contradict you should consider themselves in harm's way. But don't waste time proving that your statements are true. That's exhausting. Instead, make truth itself seem optional.

Contradict yourself without embarrassment. Deny what everyone watched you say yesterday. Declare that the media are fake, statistics are rigged, experts are corrupt and eyewitnesses

are blind. If you're caught telling a lie, just insist you never said it.

Make up statistics. Say things like 92 percent of Iran's military capability has been destroyed. Claim a 59 percent

approval rating even when reputable polling averages have you below 40 percent. Tell the people that prices are coming down on days when they're going up. Say the war is over on the day you launch new attacks.

Step two: Attack those who disagree with you. As a despot-in-training, you must learn how to denounce those who don't support your views, decisions and actions. That includes Supreme Court justices you installed and who now occasionally displease you. When a book documenting troubling facts and events in your administration sells a million copies in its first week, go on record saying that the authors are stupid people who got everything wrong, and that no one is buying the book.

When the highest-profile national newspapers publish stories and editorials about you that are unflattering, describe the reportage as "fake news" made up by people of very low intelligence. Then write a few hundred social media posts claiming that those newspa-

pers are unpopular, staffed by idiots, and will soon go out of business.

Step three: If you lose, win. If you win an election by a few votes, announce that it was a landslide and the will of the people. If you lose an election by, say, 7 million popular votes and 74 electoral votes, insist that you really won — again, by a landslide. Declare that the process was tainted, the voting machines were defective, the winning candidate really lost, and you have a mountain of proof that you'll be presenting one of these days.

It'll also be helpful if you appoint cabinet members who, when asked by Congress who won the election, will be willing to say that while your opponent was legally sworn in to office, he can't be said to have won the election.

Step four: Be everywhere. Put your name on buildings, monuments, passports, airports and currency — for the good of everyone.

Step five: Whenever possible, scare people. For the despot-in-training, fear is an essential tool. A population that's constantly looking over its shoulder rarely has time to notice, let alone respond effectively to, the dangers that

lie ahead. The specific danger doesn't matter. Just keep reminding people that immigrants are invaders that, unchecked by masked, armed agents, will destroy "our" heritage; that reading books will turn our children into communists; that Democrats hate America; and that California wants to take over the country.

History shows where this road can lead. Modern despots, such as Hungary's Viktor Orban, North Korea's Kim Jong-un and Russia's Vladimir Putin have weakened or eliminated judicial independence, strangled their countries' media, denounced academic independence, and eliminated legitimate elections to entrench their own power. Opposition figures have been imprisoned, tortured or killed. At least one American president has repeatedly praised Orban as "a great leader," called Putin a friend and described Kim as a "terrific person" and a "friend of mine."

But would-be despots must beware of a potential flaw in the formula. Once you've persuaded everyone else to keep looking over their shoulders, don't forget to look over your own. That's where the voters are. Ignore them at your peril.

Michael Blitz is professor emeritus and former chair of interdisciplinary studies at the City University of New York's John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Let's stop student debt from killing the American dream

For generations, the American dream has represented something tangible: the ability to build a stable life through hard

work. But for millions in the United States who are burdened by student debt, the dream remains just that: a dream. Nowhere is that more evident than on Long Island, where the average resident carries more than \$35,000 in student loan debt and the median home price has surpassed \$750,000.

According to the Pew Research Center, one in four Americans under 40 has student debt. Between high interest rates and wages that haven't kept pace with the cost of living, many borrowers spend decades trying to pay off an education that was supposed to create opportunity, not limit it.

Student debt makes the American dream unattainable, or, at best, greatly deferred. Gallup reports that 71 percent of student borrowers delay major life milestones — homeownership, parenthood, starting a business, retirement — because of their debt. On Long Island, those delays have a geographic consequence: 22 percent of residents between

ages 25 and 34 have left the region over the past eight years. Student debt and housing costs are inseparable drivers of that exodus.

Recent federal policy changes are deepening the problem. The elimination of the Saving on a Valuable Education Plan will push millions into significantly higher monthly payments, a serious hardship for families already stretched thin. For many, even a modest increase in monthly loan obligations can push financial stability out of reach.

The answer is not to discourage higher education. A college degree remains one of the strongest predictors of lifetime earnings, and Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce projects that near-

ly 72 percent of jobs will require some form of postsecondary education by 2031. Low entry-level wages and high monthly loan payments, however, mean that too many Americans will face decades of financial strain.

We can't keep asking young adults to choose between building a career and building a life.

That trade-off reshapes the labor market in ways that affect us all. Gallup

reports that 51 percent of employees with student debt are seeking new employment, and more than half of job seekers say their loan obligations significantly influence which offers they'll accept. New graduates feel compelled to chase the highest-paying jobs rather than the professions they're best suited to, creating workforce shortages in the fields our communities need most.

For Long Island employers, student debt is both a challenge and an opportunity. One of the few constructive developments in federal legislation is the permanent extension of tax-free employer contributions to employee student loans. Employers can contribute up to \$5,250 annually toward an employee's student debt with no federal tax burden for either party. Employers of all sizes can implement this support quickly and cost-effectively, strengthening recruitment, retention, and the financial well-being of their workforce.

New York is positioned to build on that progress. Paidly, a platform that empowers employers, borrowers, students and their families to make education affordable, has been working with state legislators to allow tax-free payroll

deductions for student loans and education savings plans. Combined with the existing federal benefit, New Yorkers could direct up to \$8,750 annually in tax-advantaged student loan relief — a real and immediate impact for borrowers trying to pay down debt, save for a home or simply stay on Long Island.

These solutions are practical, affordable and achievable. Being highly educated and highly skilled should not come with a lifetime sentence of debt. And the 22-year-old who graduates from Hofstra or Stony Brook or Nassau Community College should be able to imagine a future here instead of being forced to leave the moment the loans come due.

New York has an opportunity to lead the nation in supporting our workers. By expanding tax-advantaged student loan assistance to the state level and encouraging employers to become part of the solution, we can restore financial stability for working families and make the American dream attainable for Long Islanders.

John Scully is the CEO of Paidly, and Samantha Park is the platform's content specialist.



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HERALD EDITORIAL

Giving blood: the gift that cannot wait

Summer is a season many of us look forward to. Families head out on vacation, schools close for the year, community calendars lighten and many of the charitable drives and volunteer activities that fill the rest of the year take a brief pause.

Illness, accidents and medical emergencies, however, never take a vacation.

Every day, hospitals across Long Island and around the country rely on a steady supply of donated blood to care for trauma victims, cancer patients, premature infants, people undergoing surgery and those living with chronic blood disorders. When blood is needed, there is no time to wait for donors to come forward. The blood must already be on the shelves.

That's why the emergency blood shortage announced by the American Red Cross should concern every one of us. The Red Cross reports that blood donations have fallen sharply since the end of May. That is not a problem that can be solved overnight.

Blood products have a limited shelf life. Red blood cells can be stored for only about six weeks, while platelets, which are critical for cancer patients and others undergoing treatment, last only a few days. A constant stream of volunteer donors is necessary simply to keep pace with everyday medical needs.

Unlike many products hospitals use, blood can't be manufactured in a laboratory. It can't be ordered from a factory or

substituted with another medicine. Every pint comes from a volunteer willing to spend less than an hour giving something that costs nothing but can mean everything to someone else.

It is one of the rare opportunities for an ordinary person to directly save a life.

Most blood donors never meet the people they help. Yet each donation has the potential to help a number of patients. A single donation can help save as many as three lives.

It's easy to assume that someone else will donate — that someone younger, healthier or with more free time will answer the call. But maintaining an adequate blood supply depends on thousands of people making that same small commitment throughout the year, because the demand for blood remains constant.

If anything, summer brings additional challenges. Increased travel can mean more motor vehicle accidents. Outdoor recreation can result in serious injuries. Construction projects continue. Hospitals remain busy. Every one of those situations depends on blood being available.

Long Island residents and the business community have always demonstrated their generosity during times of crisis. For those who have donated before, now is an excellent time to schedule another appointment if they are eligible. For first-time donors, there may be some uncertainty, but the process is safe,

carefully supervised and generally takes about an hour from registration to refreshments afterward. Most donors say the experience is easier than they expected, and leave knowing they have made a meaningful difference.

Donors of all eight blood types — A+, A-, B+, B-, AB+, AB-, O+ and O- — are needed to rebuild the nation's blood supply. While some blood types are used more frequently than others, every donation strengthens the system that hospitals depend on daily.

This isn't simply about responding to an emergency declaration. It's about recognizing that each of us may someday depend on the generosity of someone we've never met. Few people expect to need a blood transfusion until an accident, illness or unexpected surgery changes everything in an instant.

When that day comes, no family should have to wonder whether enough blood is available.

Make an appointment to donate blood. The Red Cross collects nationwide, but does not have facilities on Long Island, where New York Blood Centers and other agencies and organizations help meet the need. To learn where to donate, go to AABB.org, the Association for the Advancement of Blood & Biotherapies, to find an AABB-accredited donation facility.

A single hour you spend giving blood today could mean the difference between life and death for someone in need.

LETTERS

Peter King is right about America's leadership

To the Editor:

Re Peter King's op-ed in last week's issue, "America must not abdicate its leadership": King is so right in his assessment. While I'm no expert on foreign affairs, I do think I have a unique perspective on the topic he addresses.

You see, my mother was born and raised in Germany, and was 16 when World War II broke out. My father's parents were born in Germany, but in 1923 they moved to the United States for the very reason King points out: the Treaty of Versailles left Germany impoverished with little hope. So my father grew up here in New York, but as fate had it, my grandparents decided to move back to Germany in the late 1930s, because Germany was once again a prosperous country.

When the war broke out, my father was drafted into the German army —



OPINIONS

America at 250: A republic, if we can keep it

I was lucky enough to celebrate our nation's Bicentennial in 1976, and for those of us who remember that celebration, America 250 feels a little different.

Maybe it's nostalgia, but I remember a year-long excitement that captured the imagination of the entire country.



JACK MARTINS

The commercials on TV, the products in the stores, sports teams — even our local grocer was in on the action. And it wasn't just the tall ships in the harbor or the red, white and blue decorations that adorned every inch of our neighborhoods. There was genuine

excitement about our country and its story.

Schools devoted months to the Revolution. Families planned vacations at historic sites. Our town even hosted a North Hempstead Ball, complete with colonial costumes and powdered wigs.

By comparison, this year's America 250 seemed a bit more subdued, but perhaps that's not a bad thing. Anniversaries aren't just celebrations; they're opportunities to reflect on what we've

inherited, what we've preserved, and what responsibilities now rest with us. Two hundred fifty years after 13 colonies declared that governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed," America's greatest accomplishment is not economic or technological — it's the ongoing existence of a free people governing themselves.

Benjamin Franklin captured that idea perfectly. As he emerged from the Constitutional Convention, someone asked: "Well, Doctor, what have we got — a republic or a monarchy?" Franklin responded, "A republic, if you can keep it."

The genius of his response is that it shifted the burden from the founders to us, the people. The Constitution didn't guarantee a self-sustaining democracy that would somehow last forever. Instead it created self-government that depends on each generation's willingness to participate and to preserve what those who came before worked so hard to create.

I know that every era in American history has its divisions and disappointments. But I can't seem to shake the feeling that many Americans approached the Bicentennial in 1976

with a civic optimism that feels less common today.

Somewhere along the way, many of us started treating democracy less as an extraordinary inheritance and more as a permanent fixture in our everyday lives. We've become more skeptical, and more detached from the civic life that actually holds us together. The most frightening consequence of that is our voter participation. Millions of Americans who have a right that generations struggled to secure choose not to exercise it.

And that apathy, I believe, is the greatest danger to our democracy.

You see, some of our most important elections today aren't being decided in November, but in low-turnout primary contests. In those races, a small number of highly motivated fringe voters are determining who holds office, while the vast majority of everyday voters stay home. When only a small fraction of voters cast ballots, the groups that are more organized naturally wield greater power.

Understand that these candidates don't in any way represent the positions or the outlook of the majority, but they get to call the shots because their voters

showed up on primary day. And in cities and states dominated by one party, the primary winner is often the overwhelming winner in November.

It happened just recently in New York City, where three socialist candidates unexpectedly won on primary day with super-low turnouts. In one case, a candidate unseated a longtime moderate incumbent despite receiving just 33,000 votes in a congressional district with over 760,000 people. That means that just 5 percent of that district made an unusual decision that probably doesn't sit well with the rest of the district. But the result underscores my point, that low turnout gives an outsized role to a small number of people.

It's not illegal. Nor is it a flaw in our democracy. That's just how the system works, and radical groups have discovered how to take advantage of the majority's apathy. In fact, they're using that same playbook all over the United States. The lesson here is to recognize that political power doesn't disappear — it's simply awarded to those who vote.

But let's get back to Ben Franklin's sobering warning: the republic is ours, but we have to *keep* it. And that's best done by voting — as often as we can. Or we will live to regret our indifference.

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Benjamin Franklin's words in Philadelphia were a sobering warning.

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the Luftwaffe, as it turns out. It wasn't until I was in college that he revealed this aspect of his life to me. He had always said he was an American soldier, which was believable, as he had no accent growing up in New York. And we lived in Queens, with many Jewish neighbors, and, understandably, he didn't want this aspect of his past to get out to the neighbors.

So, the question I would always ask my parents was, how could a great country like Germany allow Nazism to happen? They would offer several reasons, including that in the beginning, most Germans thought Hitler was someone who would implode and eventually go away. And by the time they realized that he wasn't going anywhere, it was too late. Besides, they were just trying to live their lives and recover from the restrictions of the Treaty of Versailles.

But the reason that can't be ignored was appeasement — King's central argument in his essay. Like it or not, the U.S. needs to maintain its global leadership as a deterrent to regimes whose goal it is to expand their borders against the will of all other nations. I'm troubled by the administration's seeming lack of knowledge or respect for history, and how it somehow repeats itself.

I wish members of Congress would speak out more on this topic, and follow King's advice publicly. While I agree that Europe must increase its defense spending, we need to maintain our role as "global policeman," because no other country, in my opinion, has the credibility and military muscle to take on this role. Vladimir Putin is not someone who can be trusted. Why we have let him get this far is a reminder that appeasement does not work with evil minds.

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