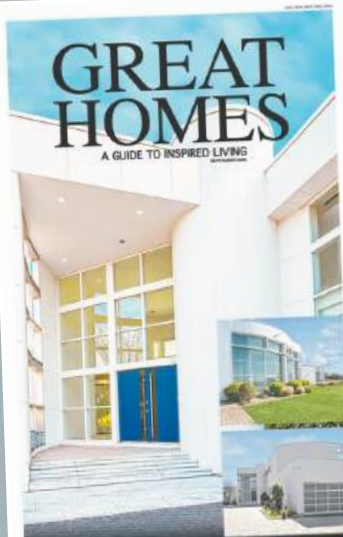




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Christina Cammarata, Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck, Theresa Paterson, and Michele Puckett Form with a memorial wreath during the city's Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony, which honored four Glen Cove residents who died in the 2001 attacks.

Remembering those who never came home on Sept. 11

By ROKSANA AMID

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Twenty-five years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Glen Cove residents gathered at Pratt Park to honor the lives lost and the first responders whose experiences that day remain with them a quarter-century later.

At the city's annual remembrance ceremony, the community paid special tribute to four Glen Cove residents who were killed in the attacks: Edward J. Lehman, Matthew T. McDermott, John F. Puckett and Joseph J. Zuccala.

"Twenty-five years have passed, yet the memory of 9/11 remains etched deeply in

our hearts and minds," Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck said at the ceremony. "A day that, before its tragic events, was just a date."

Panzenbeck reflected on the images that have remained with Americans for a quarter-century — smoke, fire and ash — as well as the thousands who left for work that morning and never returned to their families.

"We also honor and remember the bravery and extraordinary heroism shown by ordinary people living their everyday lives," she said. "They were just like us."

Among those taking part in the commemoration was Felix Cruz, 54, who grew up in

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In 'GirlHood,' the focus is on fifth-graders

By ROKSANA AMID

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Fifth grade can be an uncertain place between childhood and adolescence. Friendships become more complicated, bodies begin to change and questions about confidence, identity and belonging take on new importance.

A new 12-week after-school program at the Glen Cove Library is designed to help girls navigate those changes together before they enter middle school.

"Middle school, as we all know, is a different beast," said Lela Watson, founder and president of I Am My Sister, the nonprofit behind the new GirlHood: Growing Up, Together program. "And we have found that some of the challenges, like mental health issues, confidence and self-esteem or the lack thereof, it's starting a lot earlier."

GirlHood, which will begin Oct. 1, is designed specifically for fifth-grade girls and will address friendships, emotions, confidence, changing bodies,

decision-making and finding one's voice. Program creators, Watson explained, deliberately chose to reach girls before they make the transition to sixth grade.

"The GirlHood Program is a 12-week program that really digs in to really get fifth-graders into a mindset of focusing on themselves," she said.

Participants will explore how their bodies are changing, how to develop positive friendships and how to navigate conflicts as relationships become more complicated. They will also be encouraged to think about who they are, what they believe and how they can turn to parents, teachers and others for support.

Rather than waiting until girls are struggling, Watson said, GirlHood is intended to introduce coping skills and resources earlier. A major component will focus on relationships, including what friendship is — and what it isn't — as well as helping girls distin-

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Trucking program at NCC offers fresh start

Former NBA All-Star Jayson Williams’s course prepares trainees for new careers behind the wheel

By JULIA GILLEGIO
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Rebound on the Road celebrated the graduation of its sixth cohort at Nassau Community College earlier this month, recognizing students who completed an intensive program designed to prepare them for careers in commercial trucking while providing support focused on mental health, recovery and personal growth.

The graduation, on Sept. 3, marked more than the completion of an eight-week training program. It represented a new beginning for many participants.

The program, founded by former NBA star Jayson Williams, is a partnership between Rebound on the Road, Nassau County and NCC. The program offers vocational training to people seeking a second chance, helping participants earn commercial driver’s licenses.

For Jerry Kornbluth, NCC’s vice president of community and government relations, the most meaningful part of the ceremony was seeing how much the students had changed over the course of eight weeks.

“And when you see them, eight weeks later, at a graduation, and what they’re saying to the other people, and the camaraderie that they built, and the family that they built, they’re going to



Emil Arthur-Ricketts celebrating his completion of the Rebound on the Road program at Nassau Community college with his father, Martin Ricketts.

stay forever,” Kornbluth said. “They’re never going to go back to their old ways.”

The program, Williams said, emphasizes professionalism, safety and discipline. Participants train in driving, pre-trip inspections and other skills needed to become commercial drivers.

But the program also places a strong emphasis on mental health. Students began their mornings with time devoted

to reflection and discussion with mental health professionals before moving into their driving lessons.

“I don’t want to put them behind 80,000 pounds if they’re not feeling it,” Williams said. “The psychiatrist and the psychotherapist are very important in what we do.”

The combination of training and support, he added, helps turn the participants not only into better drivers, but

professionals prepared for long-term careers.

“The thing I’m most proud of is that we become family here,” Williams said.

That sense of community was echoed by graduate Emil Arthur-Ricketts, who said the program gave students an environment in which they could support one another while working toward a common goal.

“I really enjoyed it,” Arthur-Ricketts said. “I love the fact that it’s family-oriented. It’s more than just trucking itself. It’s really about people coming together — brotherhood, fatherhood — and we all have a common goal in life.”

The impact of the program extends beyond graduation day. Kornbluth said that more than 100 students who have graduated from the program have gone on to work driving trucks throughout the United States.

Williams said that graduates also remain connected, returning to support one another and helping open doors for future cohorts.

For the students celebrating at NCC, the ceremony marked both an ending and a beginning: the end of eight weeks of demanding training, and the start of careers built on responsibility, stability and the promise of a second chance.

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Felix Cruz, center, a Glen Cove High School graduate and a former NYPD officer who responded to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, recounted his experience.

For Felix Cruz, the memories remain vivid

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Glen Cove and graduated from Glen Cove High School before embarking on a career in law enforcement. Cruz was an NYPD officer on Sept. 11, 2001.

Cruz recounts his story

In a separate interview with the Herald, Cruz recalled reporting to the 100th Precinct in Queens at 4:30 that morning. It was primary day, and he was assigned to election duty at a housing development.

At 8:46 a.m., the first plane struck the World Trade Center.

"They told us it was an accident," Cruz recalled.

Then, at 9:03 a.m., the second plane struck.

"That's when they said, 'We're under attack,'" he said.

Cruz was ordered back to his precinct for reassignment. He remembered officers trying to comprehend an emergency unlike anything they had been prepared to confront.

"This is a mission we weren't prepared for, but we had to keep the people of New York City safe," Cruz said.

He was initially deployed as part of a response team as authorities faced the possibility of additional attacks. By the following morning, Cruz was sent to Ground Zero.

What he encountered there has remained with him for 25 years.

"It was like a movie," Cruz said. "It looked like a bomb kind of hit Manhattan."

The destruction was everywhere — shattered glass, crushed emergency vehicles and debris covering the surrounding area. At one point, Cruz said; officers were warned that a building might collapse.

"I thought three things," Cruz recalled. "I'm 29 years old, never got married, never had any children. I'm going to die."

But one of the experiences that affected Cruz most deeply did not involve running toward danger. It came while he was assigned to a barricade as relatives arrived carrying photographs of missing family members.

Parents, grandparents, siblings and children approached officers asking whether they had seen their loved ones.

"What do you say to somebody who's crying to you?" Cruz said. "They're looking for hope, and we couldn't give them any."

Instead, Cruz said, officers abandoned some of the physical distance ingrained in their law enforcement training.

"What we did was do what our hearts told us to do," he said. "We hugged

them, we kissed them and we cried with them."

Those encounters remain vivid.

"To this day, I close my eyes, I can see every person I hugged, kissed and cried with," Cruz said. "Twenty-five years later, it doesn't just go away."

Remembrance messages

That passage of time was also at the heart of Pastor John Burns' message at Pratt Park. Twenty-five years means an increasing number of Americans have no personal memory of the attacks, he said, making the responsibility to preserve their history more important.

Burns said he chooses to focus not on the evil behind the attacks, but on the courage demonstrated in response.

"I'll remember the firemen who ran up the stairways knowing they would



Matthew McCormack played taps during the Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony.

never come down, and the passengers storming the cockpit of a jet," Burns said. "Yes, these are the heroes of 9/11, and they are the ones I remember who lit the candles to serve and save others."

Cruz has made preserving those memories part of his life. He continues speaking about Sept. 11 because some of his fellow officers never returned home and others died years later after being exposed to toxins at Ground Zero.

Among them was his former classmate, Sgt. Natalie Pacifico Brill, who Cruz said died four years ago after having worked at Ground Zero.

"Never forget, it's not a catchphrase," Cruz said. "It's something we live with. It really is every single day."

Panzenbeck also recognized first

responders who survived the attacks but later died from illnesses associated with their exposure during the rescue and recovery efforts.

"Their courage and selflessness will never be forgotten," she said.

For Cruz, remembering Sept. 11 also means remembering what happened in its aftermath: strangers arriving to offer first responders food, water, embraces and simple words of encouragement.

"We might have fell down, but they picked us up," Cruz said. "They said, 'You're not going to fall down. We're going to stand by you.'"

For him, that remains one of the enduring lessons of Sept. 11.

"We came together as one, as a country," Cruz said.



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Woman convicted of wire fraud for disability benefits

A 72-year-old Glen Cove woman was convicted by a federal jury in Central Islip of wire fraud after prosecutors said she repeatedly submitted false workers' compensation forms claiming she was totally and permanently disabled and collected more than \$900,000 in federal disability benefits over nearly 25 years.

Luann Middleton, a former United States Postal Service employee, was convicted Sept. 11 following a four-day trial before U.S. District Judge Gary R. Brown. She faces up to 20 years in prison as well as financial penalties when she is sentenced.

According to evidence presented at trial, Middleton reported suffering a lower-back injury while working as a postal clerk in August 1997. She began receiving federal workers' compensation benefits approximately three months later. She briefly returned to work in a limited-duty capacity in February 1999 after a doctor determined she was capable of working, but later reported a recurrence of her back injury that she claimed left her totally and permanently disabled.

Middleton subsequently received workers' compensation benefits equal to roughly two-thirds of her annual salary, tax-free. Between November 1997 and September 2022, prosecutors said she regularly submitted medical evalua-

tions and other records to the U.S. Department of Labor and USPS stating that she was unable to return to work or perform physical activities.

The investigation, however, documented Middleton engaging in a variety of physical activities between October 2015 and March 2022. According to prosecutors, those activities included cleaning out a garage, sitting through a movie for more than two hours, standing for more than an hour at a cookie-decorating class, climbing stairs and shopping.

Investigators also obtained video footage showing Middleton carrying groceries and laundry bags, lifting and reaching for objects, bending to the floor and moving a bag of potting soil from a shopping cart into her vehicle. Prosecutors said records from the USPS and Department of Labor showed she received more than \$900,000 in fraudulent workers' compensation benefits based on her claimed physical limitations.

The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General and the Department of Labor, with the prosecution handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York's Long Island Division. Middleton is identified in court records as a Glen Cove resident.

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- Police Officer O'Neill arrested a 58-year-old Glen Cove man on Aug. 23 for driving while intoxicated, drinking alcohol in a vehicle and driving without lights on Glen Street.
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Sharing grief and faith for Sept. 11 victims

Victims honored by Nassau County

By REI WOLFSOHN

Correspondent

For the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, Nassau County held a memorial service at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre in Eisenhower Park. The commemorative evening brought together community members, elected officials, first responders, relatives of those who died and other mourners, all renewing the promise to carry forward the memories of those lost and to “Never Forget.”

During the ceremony, the names of the 349 Nassau County residents who perished on Sept. 11 were read aloud. Relatives of some of those who died took part in the reading, sharing stories of love and remembrance.

Three chaplains representing the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths led prayers for those who were lost and for those who continue to carry the weight of that day. Musical performances were given by Shulem Lemmer and One Purpose GospelShulem Lemmer and One Purpose Gospel gave musical performances.

The introductory prayer was given by Nassau County’s fire chaplain, the Rev. Kevin Smith. He prayed for the families and loved ones left behind, for those who continue to honor the memory of the people they lost, and for those still suffering from 9/11-related illnesses.

“We made a covenant and a vow to never forget,” Smith said during the ceremony held on Sept. 10. “As we come together tonight 25 years later, we’ve kept our promise and remain faithful to our vow.”

The first family member who spoke, Margie Miller, offered a wider message about the loss felt by all. Her message was one of remembering them with honor, love and appreciation.

“Here we are 25 years later still grappling with the magnitude of Sept. 11,” Miller said, whose husband perished during the attacks. “Still processing, still burying, still remembering, still loving, still missing. The burden is ours and the honor is ours, all of us, to remember each soul lost, remember the stories, so that they will be remembered for the lives they lived and not the horrific way that they died.”

Between the first two sets of names, Nassau County’s police chaplain, the Rev. Derek A. Garcia shared a prayer, recognizing not only those who died that day, but also those still living with the tragedy — family members as well as victims who live with damage to their health from the event.

“Many still grieve,” Garcia said. “Many still feel the effects of that day in their hearts, and some in their bodies.”

One family member, Susan Hutchins, spoke of her son, Kevin Colbert. But she didn’t want the day to go by without acknowledging all the lives lost that day.

“25 years ago, 2,606 people got ready for work, not knowing it was the last time,” Hutchins said, “246 people were getting ready for a flight, 343 firefighters, 60 police officers and paramedics, and one K-9 dog.”

For everyone in attendance, they felt the person



Tim Baker/Herald photos

Mourners gathered around Nassau County’s Sept. 11 memorial in Eisenhower Park, which honors 349 county residents who perished during the attacks.

they lost was too young to die. Hutchins also remarked on the emotional experience of feeling that way.

“People always talk about closure,” Hutchins said. “When someone you love leaves too early, there is no closure. I made a promise to myself that one day I would heal, but here I am 25 years later, still focused on putting one step in front of the other, stumbling, falling, getting back up, but moving forward.”

The final prayer of the memorial service was given by Rabbi Elie Weinstock of the Jewish Center of Atlantic BeachRabbi Elie Weinstock of the Jewish Center of Atlantic Beach gave the final prayer of the memorial service.

“We will always remember the courage of those who ran towards danger, the strength of those who survive and the resilience of families and communities that carried on,” Weinstock said. “We remember the heroism, the unity and the resolve that emerged from that horrific day.”

Weinstock had one more message for those honoring those lost on 9/11.

“May we leave here not only remembering the past,” Weinstock said, “but accepting the responsibility for the present and the future.”

Lemmer ended the ceremony with his rendition of the song “Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen. Afterward, most attendees gathered in silence around Nassau County’s Sept. 11 memorial, beside the Eisenhower Park’s lake just feet from the ceremony site, to lay roses in honor of those who died.



After the ceremony concluded, roses were placed laid on the beds of the memorial.

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The event will feature a USATF-certified 5K course beginning at Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point, and finishing at the Helen Keller National Center campus. Check-in and race-day registration will take place from 7:45 to 9 a.m., with the race beginning at 9:30 a.m. A post-race celebration and community gathering will follow at the Helen Keller National Center, featuring an awards ceremony, light refreshments, vendor and community organization tables.

This year's race will support Destiny Home and communication access services at Helen Keller National Center. Destiny Home is the only group home in New York State certified by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities to serve individuals who are DeafBlind with intellectual disabilities.

Funds will also support communication access at Helen Keller National Center, including American Sign Language and tactile interpreting, Support Service Provider services and assistive technology. The services are intended to help individuals who are DeafBlind work, learn and participate in their communities independently.

Leading the race will be Maricar

Marquez, supervisor of independent living at Helen Keller National Center. Marquez has worked at the center for nearly 20 years and is DeafBlind. She participates in road races and triathlons and was among the first runners who are DeafBlind trained through Guiding Eyes for the Blind's Running Guides program. She trains and races with her guide dog, Cliff.

Registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for participants ages 1 to 17. Those registering for the in-person race by Sept. 1 are guaranteed their preferred shirt size.

Participants who cannot attend in person can take part virtually from anywhere in the country. The virtual 5K window runs from Sept. 14 through Sept. 26, allowing participants to walk, run or roll their own 5K.

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$250 mile-marker sponsorships to a \$10,000 title sponsorship. Sponsorship levels support areas including race shirts, the finish line, water stations, accessibility and inclusion, and the post-race celebration. Organizations can also form teams and conduct internal fundraising campaigns.

For registration, team information and sponsorship opportunities, visit HelenKeller.org/5krunwalk. For sponsorship information, contact Monica Godfrey-Lehrer at (516) 393-7706 or mgodfrey-lehrer@helenkeller.org.

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Holocaust center to screen 'The Barn'

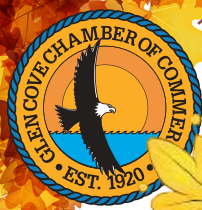
The Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County will present a screening of "The Barn" on Oct. 18 as part of the David Taub Reel Upstanders Series.

The documentary tells the story of Holocaust survivor Karl Schapiro and his return to the barn where he was hidden as a child during the Holocaust. Following the screening, Schapiro and his daughter, Dalia Schapiro Zahavi, will participate in a panel discussion. The program will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance

Center, located at 100 Crescent Beach Road in Glen Cove. Registration is required to attend the program. The screening and discussion will provide attendees with an opportunity to hear directly from a Holocaust survivor and learn more about his experiences and the history behind "The Barn."

For more information or to register, visit the Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center's website: hmtcli.org

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Suozzi pushes protection for worshippers

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More than two dozen religious leaders representing a number of faiths stood together at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center last week as U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi called for passage of federal legislation intended to protect people from intimidation and harassment at religious services.

Suozzi highlighted the bipartisan, bicameral Right to Worship Act at a Sept. 9 news conference at the center in Glen Cove.

Alan Mindel, chairman of HMTTC's board of directors, said that protecting religious freedom is central to the organization's mission. "This bill grants necessary protections to houses of worship so as to protect the constitutional rights of freedom of religion granted to all Americans," Mindel said. "In the current climate, where people have been obstructed from entering their house of worship, this new law will allow each American, regardless of faith, to freely enter their church, synagogue or mosque for their constitutionally protected right to pray, without obstruction or harassment."

Suozzi said that people should not have to put themselves at risk simply to practice their faith.

"Exercising your right to worship should not require you to exhibit partic-



Roksana Amid/Herald

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, top center, joined religious and advocacy leaders on Sept. 9 to call for passage of the bipartisan Right to Worship Act.

ular courage as you enter your synagogue, church, mosque, temple, mandir or gurdwara," he said.

The legislation would establish a 100-foot zone around pedestrian and vehicular entrances to houses of worship, beginning one hour before a scheduled service and ending an hour afterward. Within that area, conduct intended to hinder, deter, threaten or intimidate people attending services would be prohibited. Peaceful expression protected by the First Amendment would remain protected.

Violations would carry civil penalties, with fines ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for repeat offenses. The measure would also allow affected worshippers

to pursue civil action, and permit the U.S. attorney general and state attorneys general to bring cases against violators.

The Right to Worship Act grew out of Suozzi's SACRED Act — Safeguarding Access to Congregations and Religious Establishments from Disruption — which he introduced in April, and which included criminal penalties. Negotiations over the legislation, he said, centered on balancing two constitutional rights, freedom of speech and freedom of worship.

"Finding a balance between the two is a real challenge," he said. "It's why it hasn't been done — it's why it's been controversial."

Suozzi eventually joined Republican Rep. Brad Knott, of North Carolina, to develop a single proposal that could attract broader support. The House legislation is accompanied by a Senate measure backed by Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, and Democratic Sen. Elissa Slotkin, of Michigan.

"You shouldn't have to show courage to go attend your religious services," Suozzi said.

Brandi Katz Rubin, the Anti-Defamation League's New York/New Jersey deputy regional director, said that harassment at houses of worship has made such protections increasingly important. "No one should have to push through a hostile crowd, shout over a bullhorn or endure targeted threats while simply trying to enter a house of worship and pray," Katz Rubin said.

The ADL, she added, recorded nearly 530 incidents of antisemitic harassment at synagogues nationwide in 2025, along with dozens of protest-related incidents.

According to Suozzi, there was discussion of moving the legislation through the Senate as early as this month. If that doesn't happen, he said supporters could pursue passage during the lame-duck session in November or December.

"We really want to get it done this year," he said, citing momentum from religious organizations and lawmakers in both parties.

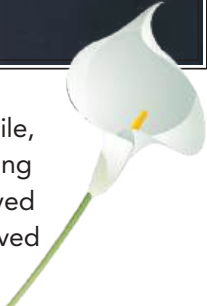
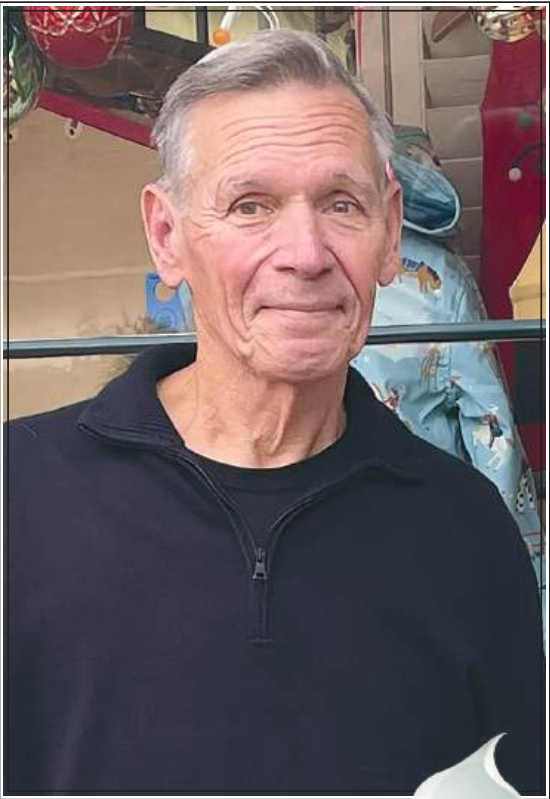
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Gary Michelsen

Gary Michelsen, 79, a born & raised proud resident of Glen Cove for over 60 years, passed away on September 4, 2026 at home surrounded by his family.

After raising his two children in Glen Cove, Gary enjoyed his retirement from the Port Washington Post Office with the love of his life, Linda, in the mountains of Grand Gorge, NY and by the Gulf in Venice, FL. An avid reader of the morning paper, Gary enjoyed the crosswords and funnies most of all with a cup of coffee.

A true Norwegian, he will be remembered for his love of family & dogs, the Mets, anything B&W on the tv, and of course a good meal. We will miss his witty sense of humor, smile, and his reminding us when it mattered most: "Anything looks good on a good looking man!": Gary is survived by his wife Linda and family & friends near and far who loved him dearly.



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guish between fact and fiction on social media and understand the validation they may seek online.

Each week will have a different theme, including identity, friends, feelings, the body, voice, choices and the future. Sessions will combine movement and hands-on activities with group conversations and individual reflection.

Participants will also receive journals to decorate and make their own. Watson said that reflection is an important part of I Am My Sister's programs, because some children may not feel comfortable expressing their thoughts and emotions aloud. The journals offer another way for them to process what they have discussed and learned.

Some sessions will feature guests. A therapist, for example, will take part in a session about feelings and use a hands-on activity to help the girls identify and process their emotions, including learning how to communicate when their feelings have been hurt.

Watson said the emphasis is on giving girls coping skills before they reach a crisis.

The curriculum will begin with an introduction before moving on to topics such as what makes a real friend, navigating family and friend drama, understanding feelings and developing a "coping toolkit." Later sessions will tackle changing bodies, finding one's voice, standing up for others, values, peer pressure and decision-making. The program will conclude with a GirlHood graduation.

Watson said the order of the lessons is intentional because they build on one another. Learning about their identities, bodies and voices, for example, can eventually help girls understand how to advocate for themselves and make decisions.

The goal is for girls to finish fifth grade and enter



Courtesy Cortney Capasso

Audrey Capasso, 13, volunteered with I Am My Sister at National Night Out, helping younger girls take part in a "Fill My Cup" activity.

sixth grade "feeling prepared and confident," she said.

Dr. Angela Raimo, a former Glen Cove Board of Education trustee and the chair of I Am My Sister's board, said the years surrounding the transition to

middle school can be particularly challenging for girls, and the chance to discover that their peers may be experiencing many of the same things can be valuable.

"These clubs really offer girls an opportunity to create new friendships, and talk to other kids about how they're feeling, and hopefully gain a little confidence, and maybe some new friends," Raimo said.

Cortney Capasso has already seen the effect I Am My Sister's existing programming has had on her 13-year-old daughter, Audrey. Capasso said she has watched her daughter become more confident and take on leadership roles.

"It definitely helped Audrey with her confidence, for sure, and her leadership skills," Capasso said. "And we see that she's becoming more mature and really growing into herself as a person."

Audrey recently volunteered with I Am My Sister at Glen Cove's National Night Out, helping younger girls participate in a "Fill My Cup" activity centered on qualities such as courage, growth and bravery. Audrey said the organization helps "build, like, self-esteem and leadership and boost your confidence and stuff." She also said she wants to participate in the library workshops.

The first GirlHood program will be limited to 25 participants, with a second expected to begin in February. It will meet on Thursdays, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., at the Glen Cove Library. The \$150 registration fee primarily covers supplies, journals and snacks, Watson said. Full and partial scholarships are available for families who need financial assistance.

For Watson, the program's larger purpose is reflected in its name: giving girls the opportunity to grow up together while developing the confidence, relationships and skills they can carry with them into the next stage of their lives.

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Young anglers reel in memories at snapper derby

Young anglers gathered at Prybil Beach on Sept. 12 for the 2026 Glen Cove Mayor's Snapper Derby, a family-friendly fishing competition hosted by the Glen Cove Anglers Club in partnership with the City of Glen Cove and Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck. The event welcomed children ages 6 to 16 to the waterfront for a morning of fishing, friendly competition and prizes. Held at the Prybil Beach Fishing Pier, the derby offered participants an opportunity to spend time outdoors while enjoying one of Glen Cove's longstanding waterfront traditions.

—Roksana Amid



Vanessa Espejo and Fabian Hernandez with Matias Hernandez, 6, Antonio Mazilu, Alexander Mazilu, 10, Carlos Kovacs and Benjamin Mazilu, 7, enjoy the Snapper Derby.



Devin Miller won first place in the junior league.



Valentina, 6, and Stan Ciminna show off the fishing pole they won at the Snapper Derby.



Dylan Shuman, 11, shows off a fresh catch during the Snapper Derby.



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Molloy is among Time’s top 100 colleges

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Molloy University has been named to Time magazine’s inaugural America’s Best Colleges list for 2026-27, placing No. 85 among the top 100 colleges and universities in the nation.

Molloy was one of 14 New York institutions on the list, and the only Long Island college or university to receive the distinction. It was recognized alongside Columbia University, Barnard College and New York University.

Time evaluated colleges based on student outcomes, learning environment and attractiveness to students. Student outcomes accounted for 75 percent of an institution’s overall score, including graduation rates, graduate earnings and economic value for students. The remaining 25 percent of the score factored in educational costs, student resources and demand.

Molloy earned an overall score of 79.93.

For President James Lentini, the recognition came as a surprise, because the university was not asked to submit information.

“It was totally a surprise to me,” Lentini said. “They did their own research by pulling up return-on-investment info and all kinds of metrics that are out there that people can find, and so, yeah, it was a surprise.” Lentini said that



Courtesy Molloy University

Molloy University is ranked No. 85 among the nation’s top 100 colleges and universities in Time magazine’s inaugural America’s Best Colleges list for 2026-27.

Time used information including the cost of tuition, graduation rates and graduate salaries.

“A lot of this data is available publicly through something called IPEDS” — the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System — “which is a system we all have to report to,” he said. “It was a pleasant surprise.”

The recognition follows another national ranking based on student outcomes. Lentini noted that Molloy was ranked No. 75 by the Wall Street Journal last year.

“It was great that these two publications, and this one being Time, are the same kind of results based on student outcomes,” he said.

The distinction, Lentini added, reflects Molloy’s focus on students. “It says a lot about what we’re doing here and the high quality of the work, and what we’re doing for our students here,” he said. “We have the kind of institution that offers degrees where they’re highly regarded in health care and the arts and business and education, and it just speaks highly of the work that’s happening at Molloy.”

Lentini attributed the success of the university’s students in part to its mission and student support.

“I think we’re a different kind of place,” he said. “Our mission, being a Catholic school, I think the kind of care our students get, the kind of way we treat each other, the attention we pay to each student, I think it’s a lot mission-based, and I think it speaks to retention rates and graduation rates.

“Those kinds of things speak to the fact that our students feel a sense of belonging here,” he added. “They stay, and they get nurtured in a way where they succeed when they graduate.”

Time’s recognition, Lentini said, could bring attention from prospective students and families. “I think it should give [us] a boost,” he said. “We’re right in the backyard of a lot of these great students, so we’re worth a look from all these students, and we hope that more recognition will even take us further.”

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Families urged to plan for long term care

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For families caring for an aging parent or loved one, some of the most consequential decisions can arrive at the most difficult moments. An upcoming Glen Cove program is encouraging residents to make those decisions before a crisis forces them to.

The City of Glen Cove Office of Senior Services will host a free Community Caregiver Presentation on Sept. 29, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Glen Cove City Hall. The session will focus on resources available to older adults and their families and the legal, financial and health care decisions that can accompany long-term care.

Elder law attorney Harold A. Bollaci, who has practiced for 25 years and will participate in the presentation, said preparation can help families maintain control over those decisions.

“It’s time to have a family playbook and know what you have, where it’s located, and who’s going to make decisions on your behalf,” Bollaci said, “because failure to do so can be truly catastrophic.”

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck will join Bollaci and representatives from local senior care, health care, nursing and rehabilitation organizations, who will provide information about services and answer questions.



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Glen Cove City Hall will host a free Community Caregiver Presentation on Sept. 29, where families can learn about legal and financial resources for older adults.

“Families should not wait until a need arises to begin exploring care options and available resources,” Panzenbeck wrote in a statement to the Herald.

Bollaci said his portion of the program will address preparing financially for long-term care, including ways families may be able to protect assets and qualify for Medicaid. He will also discuss legal planning and health care directives that allow people to designate trusted individuals to make decisions if they become unable to do so themselves.

Among the documents Bollaci considers particularly important is a health care proxy, which allows someone to designate another person to make medical decisions on his or her behalf when necessary.

“I think all people at the very least need a healthcare proxy,” Bollaci said. “And do not confuse that with a living will. A healthcare proxy is the statutory form in New York State.”

The issue can become particularly

important when someone develops dementia or another condition that affects the ability to make decisions independently, he said.

“You don’t want a court-appointed guardian or a complete stranger making these decisions for you because you didn’t make them for yourself while you had the opportunity,” Bollaci said.

Carolynn Eipel, president of the Sage Association, said the presentation is intended to give families information before circumstances become urgent.

“Caregiving decisions can feel overwhelming, especially when families are forced to make them during a crisis,” Eipel wrote in a statement to the Herald.

For Bollaci, the broader message is straightforward: Families should discuss their wishes, organize important information and determine who will handle financial, medical and other responsibilities before those decisions become necessary.

“You want to make decisions for yourself,” he said. “You don’t want to give up those rights.”

The program is free and open to the public, including residents of neighboring communities. Entrance and parking are at the rear of City Hall, 9 Glen St.

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Aiming to ease emissions on Car Free Day

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Long Island residents are being encouraged to rethink how they get around when the region marks its 14th annual Car Free Day, an initiative in which participants are asked to replace at least one trip made alone by car with a sustainable option.

Car Free Day, on Sept. 22, is observed in cities around the world. Long Island joined the movement 13 years ago with a campaign focused on raising awareness of transportation choices and measuring emissions saved when people leave their cars behind.

Mindy Germain, co-chair of Car Free Day LI and program manager for Transit Solutions, said the goal is not for participants to eliminate driving for an entire day. "All we ask you to do is swap out one drive-alone car trip," Germain said.

That could mean walking to a store, taking the train or bus, bicycling, or sharing a ride with someone who would otherwise drive separately.

Organizers measure the emissions saved through pledges received leading up to the event, and calculate the total for Long Island. Germain said the campaign had already reached about 75 tons of saved emissions based on those pledges.

Transportation, she said, accounts for about a third of the emissions con-



Brian Kacharaba/Herald

The Long Island Rail Road is among the transportation alternatives that Car Free Day LI organizers hope more residents will consider on Sept. 22.

tributing to Long Island's environmental impact, making alternatives to driving important for air quality and efforts to slow global warming.

Participation this year is on pace to reach 5,000 pledges, which Germain said would be the most since the pandemic. She also pointed to changing patterns in transit use. In June, the Long Island

Rail Road recorded 5 million rides, a record, with many trips for purposes other than commuting. People are increasingly using the railroad for leisure, she said, while students use it to travel to the city for internships and programs.

Family ridership has also increased thanks to an LIRR program that allows

children 17 or younger to ride for \$1 when accompanied by a parent.

For Germain, the most meaningful measure of success is seeing people actually using alternatives to driving. "What really is exciting to me is seeing that 20-something-year-old take the NICE bus to get to Farmingdale State College," she said, referring to the Nassau Inter-County Express bus service, "or to see the employees at Northwell Health walk to lunch that day, the actions themselves, and the excitement it generates."

While Car Free Day is held once a year, Germain said the coalition promoting it works throughout the year with municipalities, transit partners, academic institutions and health care organizations.

Improving transportation choices, she said, can also expand mobility for people who don't drive, including older adults who have stopped driving and younger people who can't afford cars. "I think that mobility offers so much freedom," Germain said.

People who live or work in Nassau or Suffolk counties can take participate by making a pledge on the Car Free Day LI website. Participants can also enter a raffle for prizes, including two hybrid bicycles, a Lululemon bundle and an LIRR weekly ticket.

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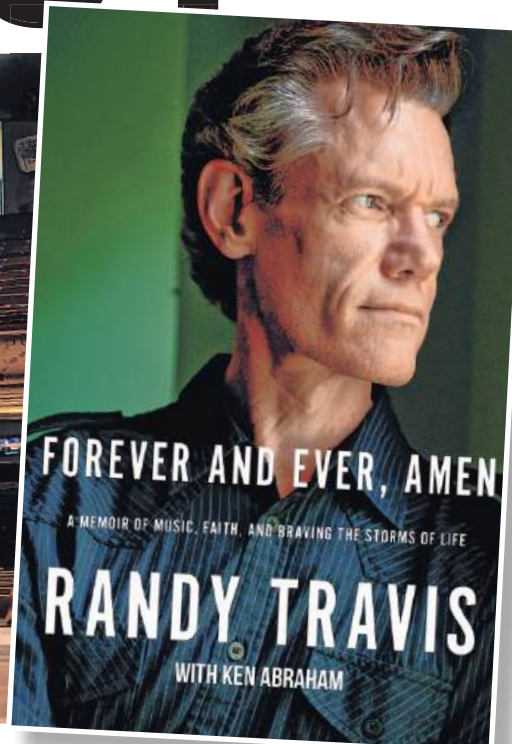
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'More Life' tour features country star and guest vocalist, James Dupré

By JORDAN VALLONE

Country Music Hall of Fame legend Randy Travis is bringing one of the final dates of his acclaimed "More Life" tour to Long Island, wrapping up an emotional two-year run that has taken the show to 54 cities across 24 states.

The dynamic performance arrives at Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair on Sept. 25. The show begins at 8 p.m.

Travis's four-decade long career generated iconic No. 1 hits, including "Forever and Ever, Amen," "On The Other Hand," and "Three Wooden Crosses," among others. While Travis no longer performs due to the side effects of a stroke he survived in 2013, he joins his wife, Mary Travis, on stage throughout the show, interacting with fans and celebrating his music alongside longtime members of his band and guest vocalist James Dupré.

Randy Travis carries his country music legacy forward

Travis, 67, is a North Carolina native whose music helped usher in a new traditionalist movement of modern country music when he released. Recognized for his baritone voice and an earnest approach to music, he won back-to-back Country Music Association Song of the Year awards in 1986 and 1987. The seven-time Grammy award winner has sold over 25 million albums, generating 23 No. 1 hits and 31 Top 10s. He was named a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 1986 and inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2016.

Though a near-fatal stroke has left him unable to perform, Travis's recovery and commitment to his fans and music has inspired many.

"The music — that's what keeps him coming back," Mary Travis told the Herald on a call with the country music legend. "That was Randy's heart, his soul. That's all he ever wanted to do was make music."

In 2024, Travis released "Where That Came From" through Warner Records Nashville, his

first new recording in over a decade, developed through the use of artificial intelligence software which helped recreate his vocals. It was overlaid on an existing recording of the song from his longtime collaborator, Dupré.

Dupré, 42, of Louisiana, became a YouTube sensation in 2007 which led to a performance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show." Since then, he's released multiple albums, appeared on NBC's "The Voice" in 2015, and was eventually handpicked by Travis and his wife in 2019 to be the guest vocalist for the "More Life" tour.

Dupré and Travis first worked together for a 2015 film, "The Price," which tells the story of an aging country music singer aspiring to reconnect with his son. Years later, when Travis's team discussed the possibility of him touring again, Dupré emerged as the best choice for long-term collaboration.



- Friday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m.
- Tickets begin at \$35 per person
- Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury
- Visit RandyTravis.com for more details

"When Tony Conway, Randy's manager said, several years after the stroke, 'If we wanted to go back on the road, who would you have sing the music?' — we immediately said James Dupré," Mary recounts.

"We remembered the connection that the two of them had, and it has proved correct. When you see the two on stage, you can see the relationship and the magnetism. It just works perfectly."

Dupré's collaboration with Travis, and the release of "Where That Came From," helped launch a new chapter of advocacy for Travis and his wife, who used the song as a platform to champion creators' rights and responsible AI protections for artists.

"It was a good way to introduce AI to be used in a good way," Mary says. "Randy's heart and soul was still in it. He's still involved with the production of it. It's not taking his voice and using it and abusing it in some other realm."

About the 'More Life' tour

Travis's tour debuted as "The Music of Randy Travis," but last year, his team changed the name to the "More Life" tour.

"More Life" was one of the last songs Travis recorded before his stroke.

"When we were in the hospital, it kept me going because it's such a beautiful song," Mary says. "We decided to name the tour 'More Life' because that's what we felt like we got — more life — as a gift."

She describes the show as more than a "regular concert." Travis's songs are performed by Dupré, alongside members of his original band, but there's also videos of Travis shown to the crowd spanning the entire length of his career. Mary also joins Travis and Dupré on stage to tell stories about her husband and his music.

"It's very interactive," Mary says "It's almost like a biopic of Randy Travis. It's not just a concert — it's a story, and it's sad, it's sweet, it's happy. It's just Randy Travis, and it's a beautiful thing."

Travis's team looks forward to bringing the show to Long Island and sharing his music and life with many longtime fans.

"We get to play at some of the neatest (theaters), which I think is kind of cool, because of Randy Travis and the nostalgia of Randy Travis, and the years he's been here to raise a lot of us on his music," Mary says, "and Westbury's a perfect place for us to land over there in Long Island with you all."



Michael Carbonaro

Michael Carbonaro returns with "Wonderboy," his all-new live tour. Packed with audience participation, sly improv, and his signature reality-twisting illusions, Carbonaro, from the star of truTV's "The Carbonaro Effect," delivers a high-energy, laugh-filled experience for all ages. Part magician, part comedian, all mischief-maker — "Wonderboy" is where magic is the superpower, laughter is the sidekick and reality doesn't stand a chance. The multi-talented actor-magician-comedian has built a career turning the ordinary into the extraordinary. He's made millions laugh in astonishment by blending quick-witted comedy with jaw-dropping illusions in everyday settings. This tour is where audiences discover him as the Hero of Mischief, in a world where magic is the superpower and laughter is the sidekick.

Friday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com or paramountny.com. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.



Eddie Griffin

Get ready to laugh until your sides hurt! Over his decades-long career, Eddie Griffin has become known for his sharp social commentary and animated storytelling. The popular comedian-turned-actor blends personal experiences with cultural observations and shifts seamlessly from biting satire to playful crowd work, making him a consistent draw for live audiences nationwide. Acclaimed for his appearances in "Deuce Bigalow, Male Gigolo," "Chappelle's Show," 2018's "A Star Is Born," and star of "Undercover Brother," he's praised for razor-sharp wit, spot-on impersonations and unmatched stage presence.

Saturday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m. Tickets available at LiveNation.com. Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CALENDAR

SEP 17

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 presents 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 best known for his stained-glass windows, lamps, and decorative objects, this exhibit highlights a rarely seen dimension of his artistic practice: the paintings that he personally created at the beginning of his career. Through Nov. 8.

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

Zoning Board of Appeals meets

The Glen Cove Zoning Board of Appeals holds its regularly scheduled meeting to discuss matters before the board.

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

SEP 18

Falaise Tour
Visit Sands Point Preserve's cliff-side French Norman-style mansion, 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.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** Varied times, also Sept. 19-20, Sept. 25-26
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserverveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

Guns & Hoses Softball Game

Watch local police officers and firefighters face off on the field during the Guns & Hoses Softball Game.

- **Where:** John Maccarone Memorial Stadium, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 7 p.m.
- **Contact:** GlenCoveCityHall.org at (516) 676-2000



SEP 26

Double Vision
The 1970s and '80s come alive when Double Vision brings their "Foreigner Experience" to the Paramount stage. Whether you're a lifelong Foreigner enthusiast or a newcomer eager to experience the magic of their music, Double Vision promises a night of electrifying entertainment that will leave you singing along and craving more. Composed of some New York City's top professional rock musicians, the band delivers the highest level of integrity and technical prowess in bring audiences all the hits from the band that you've come to love, while honoring Foreigner and its audience, with a show second to none. The spirit of rock 'n' roll lives on, one unforgettable performance at a time, with this group of 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. They are joined by special guest Frontier for an authentic Foreigner and Journey tribute. Sing along to some of the greatest hit tunes, including "Juke Box Hero," "Hot Blooded," "Cold As Ice," "I Want To Know What Love Is," "Urgent," "Double Vision," "Head Games," "Feels Like the First Time," and more.

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

SEP 19

Deep Roots Farmers Market
Shop fresh, locally grown produce, baked goods, specialty foods and handcrafted products at the Deep Roots Farmers Market. The weekly market brings together local farmers, food vendors and artisans, offering residents a chance to support small businesses while enjoying a vibrant community gathering in downtown Glen Cove.

- **Where:** 100 Village Square, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** deeprootsfarmersmarket.com

Bird Walk

Join a team of expert guides from the North Shore Audubon Society for small group tours through Sands Point Preserver's diverse habitats in search of migrating bird species as well as those that thrive here through year-round. Adults only; geared for birders of all levels and experience, including those with none. Bring binoculars if you have them. Registration required. International Coast Cleanup Day follows.

- **Where:** 127 Middle Neck Road, Sands Point
- **Time:** 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserverveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

Glen Cove Street Fair

Spend the day enjoying vendors, food, music, shopping and family-friendly activities at the annual Glen Cove Street Fair. Stroll through downtown, support local businesses and celebrate the community with neighbors and friends. Admission is free.

- **Where:** Downtown Glen Cove
- **Time:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Contact:** GlenCoveDowntown.org at (516) 759-6970

SEP 20

Ecotherapy Walk
Join certified guide Linda Lombardo on an Ecotherapy Walk at Sands Point Preserve. The theme is Celebrating the Fall Equinox. 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:** 10:30 a.m.
- **Contact:** sandspointpreserverveconservancy.org or call (516) 571-7901

SEP 22

City Council meets
The Glen Cove City Council holds its regularly scheduled meeting to discuss and vote on matters before the city.

- **Where:** Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St.
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.

SEP 26

Homecoming Parade
Show your Big Red pride as the Glen Cove City School District celebrates homecoming with its annual parade. Students, families and community members can gather

along the route to cheer on the district and celebrate the homecoming tradition.

- **Where:** Walnut Road, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 4-5 p.m.

SEP 27

Fall Family Festival
Celebrate the season at the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce's Fall Family Festival. Enjoy a community gathering and fall festivities.

- **Where:** YMCA, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Contact:** glencovechamber.org

Fall Fun Fest

Celebrate the season with a day of family-friendly fun at Sands Point Preserve's annual festival. Kids can enjoy pumpkin painting, face painting, puppet shows, animal presentations, family games and bird-watching activities with the North Shore Audubon Society. Live music, photo opportunities, visits with Oriana the Harvest Bubble Fairy and adoptable pets from the NCSPCA add to the festive atmosphere. Food trucks, local honey and an Autumn Market will also be on site (food and market purchases are additional). \$45 per car, \$40 members.

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

OCT 3

NOSH Pickleball Tournament
Grab a paddle and join the fun at the NOSH Pickleball Tournament. Players and spectators are invited to enjoy a morning of friendly competition while supporting a local cause. The event will feature pickleball matches for participants of varying skill levels.

- **Where:** Stanco Park, Glen Cove
- **Time:** 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Contact:** GlenCoveCityHall.org at (516) 676-2000

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.



PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
SUPREME COURT OF
THE STATE OF NEW
YORK
COUNTY OF NASSAU

U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, NOT IN
ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
RMAC TRUST, SERIES
2016-CTT,

-against-

CARLOS RODRIGUEZ,
HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF
CARLOS RODRIGUEZ,
ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY
GIVEN pursuant to a
Final Judgment of
Foreclosure entered in
the Office of the Clerk
of the County of
Nassau on May 19,
2026, wherein U.S.
BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, NOT IN
ITS INDIVIDUAL
CAPACITY BUT SOLELY
AS TRUSTEE FOR THE
RMAC TRUST, SERIES
2016-CTT is the
Plaintiff and CARLOS
RODRIGUEZ, HEIR AND
DISTRIBUTE OF THE
ESTATE OF CARLOS
RODRIGUEZ, ET AL. are
the Defendant(s). I, the
undersigned Referee,
will sell at public
auction RAIN OR SHINE
at the NASSAU
COUNTY SUPREME
COURT, NORTH SIDE
STEPS, 100 SUPREME
COURT DRIVE,
MINEOLA, NY 11501,
on September 25, 2026
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NY 11542; and the
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OF NASSAU AND
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be sold subject to
provisions of filed
Judgment Index No.:
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Forde, Esq. - Referee.
Robertson, Anschutz,
Schneid, Crane &
Partners, PLLC, 900
Merchants Concourse,
Suite 310, Westbury,
New York 11590,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
All foreclosure sales
will be conducted in
accordance with
Covid-19 guidelines
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limited to, social

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OF SALE SUBJECT TO
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LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF NASSAU
PNC Bank, National
Association, Plaintiff
AGAINST
Richard Salka; et al.,
Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment
of Foreclosure and Sale
duly entered May 22,
2026, I, the
undersigned Referee,
will sell at public
auction at the North
Side Steps of the
Nassau County
Supreme Court at 100
Supreme Court Drive,
Mineola, NY 11501 on
September 28, 2026, at
2:00PM, premises
known as 9 Barlow
Avenue, Glen Cove, NY
11542. All that certain
plot piece or parcel of
land, situate, lying and
being in the City of
Glen Cove, County of
Nassau and State of
New York, Section 31
Block 75 Lot 25.
Approximate amount
of judgment
\$530,716.73 plus
interest and costs.
Premises will be sold
subject to provisions of
filed Judgment Index#
604904/2023.
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will be held "Rain or
Shine."

Ellen Durst, Esq.,
Referee

LOGS Legal Group LLP
Attorney(s) for the
Plaintiff
175 Mile Crossing
Boulevard
Rochester, New York
14624
(877) 430-4792

Dated: July 28, 2026
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SUMMONS-SUPREME
COURT OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK,
COUNTY OF NASSAU -
GITSIT SOLUTIONS,
LLC, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY
BUT SOLELY IN ITS
CAPACITY AS
SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF
GITSIT MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST BBPLC1,
Plaintiff, -against-
MICHAELINE LAM A/K/A
MIKKI ANNE LAM AS
HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE
OF THE ESTATE OF
ANN CARUCCI; BOON
WANG LAM AS HEIR
AND DISTRIBUTE OF
THE ESTATE OF ANN
CARUCCI; KIMBERLY
A. LAM A/K/A

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THROUGH THE
DECEDENT ANN
CARUCCI, BY
PURCHASE,
INHERITANCE, LIEN OR
OTHERWISE, ANY
RIGHT, TITLE OR
INTEREST IN AND TO
THE PREMISES
DESCRIBED IN THE
COMPLAINT HEREIN;
NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF
TAXATION AND
FINANCE; UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA
(EASTERN DISTRICT);
"JOHN DOE #1"
through "JOHN DOE
#10" inclusive, the
names of the ten last
name Defendants being
fictitious, real names
unknown to the
Plaintiff, the parties
intended being persons
or corporations having
an interest in, or
tenants or persons in
possession of, portions
of the mortgaged
premises described in
the Complaint,
Defendants - Index No.
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subject premises is
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County. To the above
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Filed: August 6, 2026
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mortgage and covering
the premises known as
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Glen Cove, NY 11542.
Dated: March 11, 2026
Filed: March 11, 2026
Knuckles & Manfro,
LLP, Attorney for
Plaintiff, By: Jordan J.
Manfro, Esq., 120
White Plains Road,
Suite 215, Tarrytown,
New York 10591
Phone: (914) 345-3020
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NOTICE OF SALE
SUPREME COURT
COUNTY OF NASSAU
THE BANK OF NEW
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THE BANK OF NEW
YORK, NOT IN ITS
INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY
BUT SOLELY AS
TRUSTEE ON BEHALF
OF THE HOLDERS OF
THE CIT MORTGAGE
LOAN TRUST, 2007-1
ASSET-BACKED
CERTIFICATES SERIES
2007-1, Plaintiff
AGAINST JOSEPH
MELCHIONE,
Defendant(s) Pursuant
to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale
duly entered June 23,
2026, I, the



Courtesy Glen Cove Fire Department

Approximately 60 firefighters responded to an attached-garage fire at a Stuart Drive East home in Glen Cove on Sept. 13. Two dogs were rescued and treated for smoke inhalation, and the home's three occupants were displaced.

Two dogs rescued from house garage fire

By ROKSANA AMID

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Two dogs were rescued and three residents were displaced after a fire damaged an attached garage at a Glen Cove home on Sept. 13.

The Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department responded to 14 Stuart Drive East at 3:57 p.m. after Nassau County Fire Communications received multiple reports of a house fire. Third Assistant Chief Philip Grella was the first fire official to arrive and found an active fire in the garage of the two-story home.

Grella transmitted a Signal 10 and established fire operations. Second Assistant Chief Sjeski arrived shortly afterward and assumed command. Engine 523 of Pacific Engine & Hose Company No. 1 was the first engine to arrive and placed the initial hose line into operation.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze in approximately 20 minutes, and officials reported that it was brought under control within 40 minutes. About 60 firefighters participated in the response.

No residents were home when the

fire began, according to the department. Grella and Sea Cliff Fire Department Chief Koopmann rescued two dogs from the house. Roslyn Rescue Chief Brennan and firefighter Rodni Leftwich Jr. administered oxygen to the animals.

Glen Cove EMS Chief Tom Kenary and firefighter Paul Lottes then transported the dogs to a veterinary hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation. Both dogs were reported to be in good condition as of Sept. 15.

The home was declared uninhabitable, displacing its three occupants, and the Glen Cove Building Department was notified.

The Glen Cove department received mutual aid from the Sea Cliff, Locust Valley and Roslyn Rescue fire departments. Syosset and East Norwich firefighters provided standby coverage, while Glenwood Hook and Ladder and Engine and Hose Company also assisted. Glen Cove EMS, police and auxiliary police responded as well.

The fire remains under investigation by the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office and the Nassau County Police Department's Arson/Bomb Squad.

-Roksana Amid



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and being in the City of
Glen Cove, County of
Nassau and State of
New York, Section: 21
Block: 17 Lot: 1 & 2.
Approximate amount

of \$689,855.51 plus
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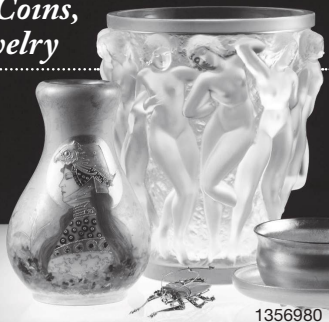
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Are democratic socialists the tail wagging the dog?

There is a lot to like about the idea of a “big tent” political party. A broad coalition should make room for people who challenge old assumptions and push their leaders to do better. But a big tent can’t become the stock answer that establishment leaders use to avoid a basic question: Which of these new ideas do they

embrace, and which do they reject?

As public debate gets pushed toward the ideological edge, why are the loudest and most radical voices carrying the day?

Most voters aren’t on the outskirts; they occupy the broad middle, yet the fringe seems

to define the conversation. The middle has the numbers, but the fringe has the power. How did that happen?

The answer begins with who actually shows up. As we’ve seen in recent primaries across the country, small, motivated factions know how to organize volunteers and turn out voters when almost everyone else stays home. In places where one party dominates, a primary victory can all but guarantee a

general-election win. Party leaders, eager to preserve their coalition, welcome these groups into the “big tent” for the sake of unity, even when their proposals have no broad support. Leaders yield the agenda to those with the flashiest promises — free buses, universal child care and artificially discounted grocery stores, to name a few.

These promises sound generous, but “free” buses still need drivers; universal child care still requires trained caregivers, and the groceries in discounted supermarkets aren’t magically cheaper because the politician says so. Taxpayer-funded services are never free; their cost is just passed on to someone else. And that shell game has been played a long time. Victorian-era playwright George Bernard Shaw wrote, “A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”

Take the recent rent-freeze proposal in New York City: While the rent in certain apartments may stay the same, the landlord is still responsible for property taxes and building repairs. The city says the landlord can’t collect that money, but, hypocritically, it still demands that it be paid. So those costs

don’t disappear; they are spread to unregulated units in the form of higher rent.

Owners also defer maintenance and pull back on renovations. Over time, fewer apartments are available, and

rents throughout the market go up. New renters, young families and the working class have fewer choices and are left to pay higher rents.

Again, the fringe makes the policy, but everybody in the middle lives with the consequences. That’s just one example, but stack all of these pie-in-the-sky promises together and the costs become unsustainable.

The Democratic Socialists of America offer the most recent example of a faction moving from the political fringe into prominence within a political party. Democratic leaders cautiously describe the group as just part of the party’s big tent. But a number of Democrats and mainstream media are now drawing distinctions. They’re asking what, exactly, they are welcoming.

The economic squeeze from democratic socialists’ policies is only part of the concern — the more they unveil their platform, the more troubling it seems. The DSA has openly called for

public ownership of essential industry, the abolition of the police and prisons, full voting rights for non-citizens, and a permanently open border. That’s what its members want and fight for.

Its national organization has also formally and openly supported the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, and DSA’s current endorsement requirements for candidates include mandatory support for BDS. Those positions, along with DSA’s broader approach to Israel and Zionism, have prompted serious concerns about antisemitism among many political observers.

The point for the everyday person is that these are not modest reforms. These are divisive ideological positions, and voters deserve to understand where people stand when they seek public office, especially those who have DSA support.

While a big tent can tolerate dissent, it should not give the run of the house to whomever shouts the loudest. That just makes transparency even more important. Elected officials and candidates must be clear about where they stand, whom they accept support from, and which parts of those organizations’ platforms they embrace or reject. Voters in the middle deserve to know where their representatives draw the line.

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JACK MARTINS

Their priorities aren’t just modest reforms. They’re divisive ideological positions.

Celebrate Constitution Week by supporting the ERA

As a college professor who has long been involved in civic engagement programs and voter education at Nassau Community College, where I’ve taught for 23 years, I look forward to Constitution Week. From Sept. 17 to 23, educators around the country will teach students about the Constitution,

their civic rights and responsibilities, and how their voices, and votes, count because they contribute to a stronger democracy for us all.

This week, I’ll be focused not only on this bipartisan responsibility,

but also on the November midterm elections — and on one of the most frustrating and misunderstood chapters of constitutional history, the saga of the Equal Rights Amendment. If you’re under the impression that equal rights for all citizens, regardless of sex, are the law of the land in the United States, you have plenty of company, but that’s not the case. Even though this landmark leg-

islation has been approved by both houses of Congress and by 38 states — the requisite three-quarters of the states necessary to ratify an amendment — it is still not part of the Constitution.

How can this be, when Article V of the Constitution clearly explains the rules by which it can be amended, and Congress and state legislatures have satisfied those rules?

The problem is the legislation’s time-limit loophole. In 1972, when both the House of Representatives and the Senate had passed the ERA, it faced a deadline imposed by Congress for the required ratification by the states — first seven years, then extended to 10 years. By the end of that decade, 35 states had approved the amendment, just three states short of what was needed.

Its time was up — even if the deadline was nothing more than a provision added by Congress that could, and still can, be removed by a future Congress to move the legislation forward. When three more states ratified the amendment — Nevada (2017), Illinois (2018) and Virginia (2020) — that milestone

should have been enough to certify the Constitution’s 28th Amendment. But since then, the legislation has stalled in Congress: Opponents have relied on filibusters, pointing to the expired timeline, while advocates have called out the arbitrary nature of the deadline and argued for its revocation.

The current national campaign for the ERA, backed by more than 300 organizations across the country and many thousands of people who have signed petitions supporting it, is making a persuasive case to the public —

and candidates running for Congress this fall — that amendment requirements have been fulfilled and constitutional equality is long overdue.

The nation observed Women’s Equality Day on Aug. 26, commemorating the 19th Amendment, which granted women the right to vote in 1920. But even the fearless suffragist Alice Paul knew that voting rights were just the beginning of codifying gender equality in the nation’s laws; she knew that grave inequalities remained for women in politics, education, employment and health care.

That’s why Paul introduced the ERA in 1923, and why gender-equality advocates have introduced it in every congressional session since.

Over a century later, it’s time for the ERA to not only be reintroduced in Congress, but also enshrined in the Constitution — ideally by the 120th Congress, which will convene in January. I know that in November, I’ll be voting for candidates who support the work that Paul started — and that the late, great journalist Gloria Steinem continued with her bold exposés on sexual harassment, pay inequality and pregnancy discrimination in Ms. magazine.

I’m grateful that my congressional representative, Laura Gillen, is one of 219 U.S. representatives, 53 senators, and all those citizen activists who have affirmed their support for the ERA. Please join this historic campaign, making it clear to our lawmakers that the equal rights movement won’t rest until a future Congress acts. Go to Sign4ERA.org and add your signature. I can’t think of a better way to celebrate Constitution Week — and to make history — than that.

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It's time to update New York's mansion tax

New York lawmakers need to stop pretending that a \$1 million home is a mansion. In 1989, when the state created a 1 percent tax on residential properties selling for \$1 million or more, the threshold was intended to target luxury homeowners. At the time, it made sense. Thirty-seven years later, it doesn't. A property on Long Island valued at \$1 million back then now costs roughly \$4.5 million.

On Long Island, \$1 million can buy a perfectly ordinary home. In Nassau County, the median home price is now around \$880,000, and in Suffolk County, it's roughly \$750,000, both near historic highs. In communities where demand remains strong and inventory remains tight, a \$1 million price tag is no longer an indication that someone is purchasing a sprawling estate. It may simply mean they're buying a house.

That's why the State Legislature should make reforming the so-called mansion tax a priority in 2027.

Five major Long Island business organizations — the Association for a Better Long Island, HIA-LI, the Long Island Builders Institute, the Long Island Association and the Long Island Contractors Association — have called for changes to the law. Their proposal deserves serious consideration.

The problem isn't simply that the threshold is outdated. The structure of the tax is flawed. Once a home reaches \$1 million, the additional 1 percent tax applies to the entire purchase price. A house selling for \$999,999 doesn't incur the tax. A house selling for \$1 million does — an additional \$10,000 charge.

That is an illogical cliff. A buyer doesn't suddenly become wealthy because a home's sale price crosses an arbitrary line. And on Long Island, where housing costs have risen so dramatically, the tax increasingly falls on middle-class families rather than the ultra-wealthy buyers the law was designed to target.

New York already collects a transfer tax on real estate transactions. The additional \$10,000 on a \$1 million purchase isn't insignificant, particularly when buyers are already dealing with high mortgage costs, property taxes, insurance, maintenance and closing expenses.

There is a legitimate argument for taxing luxury real estate. New York needs revenue, and those who can afford exceptionally expensive homes can reasonably be asked to contribute more. But that argument falls apart when the definition of luxury becomes disconnected from reality.

The Legislature shouldn't eliminate the mansion tax. It should modernize it.

First, lawmakers should substantially increase the threshold to reflect today's housing market. Second, they should index that threshold to inflation or an appropriate measure of housing prices, so the law doesn't become obsolete again. And third, they should seriously consider regional thresholds, because \$1 million means something very different in Manhattan, Nassau County and upstate New York.

The goal should be a tax that targets genuine luxury purchases — not families buying modest homes in one of the nation's most expensive housing markets.

The state cannot simultaneously complain about its high cost of living and defend a tax structure that adds thousands of dollars to the cost of buying a home simply because the housing market has appreciated.

If New York wants more people to live, work and raise families here, it should be looking for ways to make homeownership more attainable, not preserving arbitrary barriers created nearly four decades ago. The Legislature has had plenty of time to reconsider the mansion tax. Now it should do so.

In 1989, \$1 million could make you the owner of a Long Island mansion. Today, it may simply make you a homeowner. New York's tax policy should reflect that reality.

LETTERS

Ways to meaningfully remember Sept. 11

To the Editor:

How, the Herald asked in its editorial last week ("Twenty-five years later, we remember"), do we remember Sept. 11 in a meaningful way? One way, I suggest, is to learn from the mistakes made then to avoid repetition. It was novel attack, and the next will be as well, probably by drone, infection or massive infrastructure hack. The list of lessons is long. I'll mention a few.

Next time, the legislative branch should not surrender so much authority to the executive; the former still has not recovered. The distinction between criminal acts and acts of war was lost, and must be clarified lest it be abused again. It must be resolved that no war be declared against abstractions like "terror," "radical Islam," "antifa" or for "prevention," for such amorphisms are easily dressed in new clothes.

We have learned, I hope, that no future authorization of the use of military force should be granted without terms of use, including dates of expiration or renewal, and progress reports. The last AUMF has been made a standing license for a series of costly and fruitless abuses over the past quarter-cen-



tury.

And we should not forget that 9/11 ended the brief era of bipartisan fiscal responsibility between 1997 and 2000 in which we balanced the national budget. With the national debt now over \$40 trillion, it seems there are errors to be corrected, and that we are not economically ready for any future

hostilities.

The 9/11 Commission's investigation found multiple points of failure, producing a homeland security conglomerate supposedly having greater unity and foresight. That agency, by many reports, has been distracted, diminished and diverted. If so, the nation has forgotten the most basic Boy

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Done nothing wrong? That may not protect you.

It sounds reasonable. Almost self-evident. And it has become a familiar response to concerns about increasingly aggressive government enforcement. Why worry about ICE? If you're a citizen, if you're here legally, what's the problem? Why object to greater scrutiny of voter rolls? If you're legally eligible to vote, you have

nothing to fear.

Except that isn't how government power works.

The statement assumes that only people who have done something wrong will ever be questioned, investigated, detained or frightened. Innocent people, apparently, will somehow

be recognized as innocent before anyone bothers them.

But being innocent doesn't prevent the government from suspecting you of wrongdoing, or even arresting you. The government may target people not because they have committed a crime, but to make examples of them, intimidate others, or silence those they regard as troublesome or subversive.

Sometimes suspicion begins with little more than how someone looks or speaks. And once you become a suspect, your innocence doesn't protect you from

being stopped, questioned, searched, detained or required to prove who you are. Being innocent may determine how an encounter with government ends. It doesn't guarantee that the encounter never begins.

That matters as we approach the midterm elections.

The Trump administration has undertaken an extraordinary effort to identify noncitizens who may have voted illegally. The justification is election integrity. According to the administration, illegal voting is at epidemic proportions.

But the numbers tell another story. ProPublica recently examined the administration's effort. Federal searches generated tens of thousands of potential leads involving suspected illegal voting. Homeland Security Investigations agents were sent out to pursue them. Between January 2025 and May 2026, just 41 people were charged with voting illegally or other election-related crimes. More than 150 million Americans voted in the last presidential election. Tens of thousands of leads. Forty-one charges.

So perhaps the more important question isn't what should happen to illegal voters. It is what's going to happen to legal voters.

What happens when an American citizen has a name that sounds "foreign"?

What happens when an eligible voter speaks accented English, has brown skin, wears clothing associated with another culture, or simply worries that a government database may contain incorrect information? Those voters may have

done absolutely nothing wrong, but they still have plenty to worry about.

The concern becomes more serious when immigration enforcement moves from voter records to polling places. President Trump was asked whether he would send National Guard troops or ICE officers to polling locations during the midterms. His answer was that he would "do anything necessary to

make sure we have honest elections."

But federal law sharply restricts such activity. The Brennan Center for Justice notes that federal law prohibits armed federal agents from being deployed to election sites, and prohibits government officials from intimidating voters.

The reality, however, is that ICE agents need never appear inside a single polling place to make voters fear for their freedom and safety.

Imagine that you're a naturalized citizen. Or that your parents are immigrants. Or that someone in your household has unresolved immigration issues. You hear repeatedly that ICE may be involved in election enforcement, and that federal agents are exam-

ining voter files. You see news reports about investigations of suspected non-citizen voters.

On Election Day, do you vote? Or do you decide that one vote isn't worth the possibility of attracting attention, or being wrongfully arrested even if you're 100 percent eligible to vote?

That's what makes the nothing-to-worry-about argument so dangerous. It reverses the relationship between citizens and their government. It means that government may scrutinize, investigate and intimidate whomever it wishes, and innocent people should simply trust that everything will eventually work out.

That isn't freedom. A right doesn't disappear only when the government formally takes it away. It can also be weakened, or effectively eliminated, when exercising it feels dangerous. A government doesn't have to prevent someone from voting if it can make that person afraid to vote.

"If you've done nothing wrong, you've got nothing to worry about." Maybe so. But in a free country, citizens shouldn't have to prove their innocence before they can exercise their rights without fear. Government should exercise its power without making innocent people afraid to exercise theirs.

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LETTERS

Scout precept, "Be prepared."

We have heroes to honor, victims to mourn, survivors to grieve with because the criminals were more clever than we imagined. To meaningfully remember Sept. 11, we should remember that connection, and make their memory a motive to make no more such heroes.

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Borecky is right: Our elections need safeguards

To the Editor:

Re "Our laws assume, incorrectly, that our leaders have integrity," the letter from Claudia Borecky, president of the Bellmore Merrick Democratic Club, in the Sept. 3-9 issue: The letter has some important points, and I agree that more must be done to improve our election system. But Ms. Borecky has not fully examined the issues that some of our nation's cities and states have had with voting irregularities.

While there is no question that the demonstrations on Jan. 6, 2021, will forever be a blight on our political system,

and I do not in any way share the belief that Donald Trump won the 2020 presidential election, there have been credible news stories in major publications reporting that some cities experienced voting irregularities in that and prior elections that may or may not have benefited either political party.

We know from these news reports that in some cities, there were mail-in votes from deceased people. We also have heard about duplicate ballots being cast. And there have been examples of non-citizens casting ballots.

I do not think that any of these irregularities have resulted in the wrong candidate winning any presidential election. But that may not be the case in congressional elections or local government races, which can also have a major impact.

Again, I agree with Ms. Borecky that we are far behind other countries in creating proper safeguards for our elections. I will go one step further and suggest that our system, which enables each state to decide how elections should take place, has resulted in an imbalanced field, and that all elections should be conducted in the same manner, with the same equipment, all across our country. That way, no state or politi-

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cian could cast doubt on any other state or party.

And I agree completely with Ms. Borecky about the slander and defamation laws that are missing from our political campaigns. It disgusts me to have to listen to both sides spewing

false information about their opposing candidates. It leaves the voters with tough decisions as we try to uncover the truth.

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