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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP** left, 8th Legislative District candidate Nadia Holubnyczyk, Franklin Square Civic Association President Katherine Tarascio, 8th District candidate John Giuffré and Bill Youngfe of the Franklin Square Historical Society were among the participants in the candidates forum.

## F.S. library hosts political forum

### Ahead of election, candidates speak to voters

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Candidates for office in Nassau County and the Town of Hempstead spoke to voters in a virtual forum Oct. 18, hosted by the Franklin Square Public Library and the Nassau County League of Women Voters.

On the county level, three races were featured: Nassau County executive, between incumbent Democrat Laura Curran and her Republican challenger, Hempstead Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman; county district attorney, between Democratic State Sen. Todd Kaminsky and Republican former prosecutor Anne Donnelly; and 8th Legislative District, between Democratic longtime commu-

nity advocate Nadia Holubnyczyk and Republican attorney John Giuffré.

On the town level, two races were featured: supervisor, between Republican incumbent Don Clavin and his Democratic challenger, attorney Jason Abelow; and clerk, between Republican incumbent Kate Murray and Democratic challenger Olena Nicks.

The issues most often addressed by the candidates were the coronavirus pandemic, police reform, taxes, corruption in local government and trust and transparency.

#### **Nassau County executive: Curran vs. Blakeman**

Curran, the incumbent, emphasized countywide met-

rics that she said have improved during her four years in office. She cited a U.S. News & World Report study that found Nassau to be the safest community in the country, and emphasized that it had the highest percentage of coronavirus vaccinated residents of any county in New York state and the second-highest percentage among large counties in the U.S.

Curran said she would pursue “intelligence-led and community-based” police reform if she were re-elected, and emphasized that she was opposed to defunding law enforcement. “We are not defunding the police in Nassau County,” she said. She added that she would work to make the county executive’s

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## Focusing on mental health

### Elmont schools add counselors to monitor children’s well-being

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The mental health of a majority of high school and college students across the country has been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, according to a number of surveys of students conducted since the health crisis began over 18 months ago.

Elmont schools responded by adding three new school counselors for the 2021-22 school year. “Additional counselors were brought in to ensure the social-emotional well-being of both students and staff,” the Elmont Union Free School District said in a statement.

According to a survey conducted by Active Minds, a nonprofit that works to raise awareness of the mental health of college students in particular, the pandemic has negatively impacted 80 percent of the university students it polled. Additionally, 20 percent reported that their mental health had

worsened significantly during the crisis, citing increased levels of stress, anxiety, disappointment, sadness and loneliness or isolation.

High school students also report more mental health problems. A study conducted by the American Psychological Association found that 81 percent of

Generation Z teenagers, ages 13 to 17, have experienced more intense school-related stress during the pandemic.

**B**y us talking to them about their situation, we’re able to help them with coping skills.

**LYMARI TATTNALL**  
 Dutch Broadway School counselor

The Elmont district’s decision to add school counselors is part of a trend among Long Island school districts. A survey conducted by the Long Island Education Coalition found that 60 of Long Island’s 124 public school districts anticipate the addition of a total of 73 positions this year.

“More than half of college students surveyed say that they would not know where to go if they or someone they knew

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# Cronin, Phillips vie for county comptroller seat

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Ryan Cronin and Elaine Phillips are running for county comptroller, as the current comptroller, Jack Schnirman, is not seeking re-election. Cronin is a Democrat from Garden City who has forged a career as business litigator—he ran twice for state senate but lost to Republican incumbent Kemp Hannon. Phillips is a Republican from Manhasset who has a background in finance as well as local and state political experience as Floral Park mayor and state senator.

The Herald asked the candidates questions focused on vital issues and what makes them qualified for the position.

**Herald: Covid-19 has altered how we do “business as usual” in terms of technology, health care and the economy. How would you navigate the “new normal”?**

**Cronin:** We have to lean into the “new normal” and embrace modernization. The comptroller’s office currently functions on innovations from the mid-1900s and is long overdue for a technology upgrade. In doing so, it would allow the office to adapt more effectively not just to our “new normal” but to any hurdles to come.

**Phillips:** All Nassau County governmental agencies have been forced to adjust to the



**Ryan E. Cronin**

**Age:** 40

**Hometown:** Garden City

**Professional Background:** Business Litigator/Lawyer

**Political experience:** None



**Elaine R. Phillips**

**Age:** 61

**Hometown:** Manhasset

**Professional Background:** Financial Analyst, vice president of institutional sales

**Political experience:** State Senator for 7th District, mayor of Flower Hill, trustee of Munsey Park

“new normal” of Covid-19. In many cases, the adjustments have been inadequate, and the delivery of county services is suffering as a result. As comptroller, I will have a crucial role to play in objectively

identifying those governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies. A specific example of a lack of adequate management and adaption has

been seen within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Many business owners have been waiting for months to secure required licenses. Some are in danger of going out of business. This is totally unacceptable. The county’s administration should follow the Town of Hempstead’s successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. As comptroller, I will audit these areas of need and will push for swift corrective action.

**Herald: Since the George Floyd protests, organizational/institutional diversity, equity and inclusion have been put front and center. How would DEI instruct your practice as an elected official?**

**Cronin:** Nassau County has become a hub of diversity. As comptroller, I would be representing the entire county, and as such I would strive to have voices from every community heard. Most new businesses in Nassau County are minority-owned, and we will use the upcoming disparity study to ensure that the county’s contractors represent its population.

**Phillips:** While in the private sector at Goldman Sachs, I oversaw the diversity efforts, and while in public office as a New York state senator, I sponsored multiple educational and outreach forums on

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# O’Connell, Brown vie for county clerk

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Newcomer Justin Brown is challenging longtime incumbent Maureen O’Connell for the county clerk’s post this November.

O’Connell, a Republican, was first elected to the position in 2005, and re-elected in 2009, 2013 and 2017. Brown, a Democrat, is running for office for the first time, but brings with him leadership experience from serving as a health-care administrator at Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center and on the Uniondale Board of Education since 2018.

Ahead of Election Day on Nov. 2, the Herald asked each of the candidates about their goals for the position and what they plan to do to implement ways to efficiently help residents.

**Herald: Why are you running for county clerk?**

**O’Connell:** I have always sought ways to give back to my community, and what better way than serving in local government? I feel it is important for everyone to be civically active to maintain the quality of life we value here in Nassau County within our local communities. Experience matters at the clerk’s office. I have the background and proven experience to continue leading as county clerk. I am proud to run



**Maureen O’Connell**  
Incumbent

**Age:** 70

**Hometown:** East Williston

**Career:** Attorney; former nurse

**Political experience:** State assemblywoman (1998 to 2005); County clerk and clerk of Supreme Court (2006 to present)



**Justin Brown**  
Challenger

**Age:** 30

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Career:** Healthcare administrator

**Political experience:** Served on the Uniondale school board for the past three years

on my record of modernizing the office and creating ease of access for my constituents, who I am honored to serve each and

every day. As a registered nurse, attorney, former state assemblywoman and public servant for nearly 30 years, I take great

pride in assisting people and serving our residents. The services my office provides are personally vital to the residents using them. Many times when people come to us, they are not always sure what it is they need to do. So one of my top priorities is to guide our residents through their transactions to ensure their interaction with our office is as seamless as possible. All of this cannot be done without our wonderful staff. I bring the knowledge needed to effectively and efficiently provide our services.

**Brown:** Helping people and being an advocate for our residents has always been a passion of mine. I served on the Uniondale School Board for the past three years, on one of the many Nassau County boards and as a member for Hofstra’s Healthcare Alumni Board. And with my vast experience in health care and community initiatives, I can improve a lot within the clerk’s office.

**Herald: What do you think is the most important function of the county clerk?**

**O’Connell:** As county and Supreme Court clerk, I am a state constitutional officer charged with maintaining the official records relating to property ownership and Supreme Court actions in the county. My

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# Candidates in five races talk to voters

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office more transparent if re-elected.

Blakeman, the Republican challenger and a veteran of local and regional politics, did not attend the event. Blakeman has accused Curran of being in favor of defunding the police and has focused much of his campaign on the property value reassessment undertaken by the Curran administration, blaming her for rising property taxes across Nassau County.

## Nassau County district attorney: Kaminsky vs. Donnelly

This race has been dominated by discussion of the contentious New York state bail reform law. The bill, which prohibits criminal courts from setting cash bail for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies, was passed by Democrats in the State Legislature. They argued that the bill levels the playing field: Poor people, unable to pay bail, remain in jail for often low-level crimes, upending their lives, while rich people can more easily bond out of jail. Republicans argue that the law releases many who are likely to commit more crimes.

Kaminsky accused Donnelly of lying about his role in crafting the controversial bill, which he voted for as part of the state budget in 2019. He touted his experience as a federal prosecutor, saying he would fight corruption if elected, and that the opioid epidemic, gun violence and cybercrime were the key issues he would pursue as D.A.

Donnelly, who did not attend the virtual forum, was deputy chief of the county's Rackets and Enterprise Crime Bureau before leaving to run for district attorney. She has worked extensively on cybercrime in the D.A.'s office, and has emphasized the need for further reform of gun laws. She has argued for amending the bail reform law to give judges and prosecutors increased case-by-case discretion.

## 8th Legislative District: Holubnyczyj vs. Giuffrè

Holubnyczyj, who emphasized her role as a community activist for over 20 years, said the most pressing issue in the 8th District is re-establishing trust between

## Voting in Nassau County

■ You can vote in person on Nov. 2 at your designated polling place, or vote early, at any early-voting site in the county, until Sunday.

■ Early-voting hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

■ Early voting sites: Elmont Public Library, Freeport Recreation Center, Gayle Community Center (Roslyn Heights), Glen Cove City Hall, Great Neck Village Hall, Hempstead Recreation Center/Kennedy Park, Lawrence Country Club, Levittown Hall, Long Beach City Hall, Massapequa Town Hall South, Nassau County Board of Elections (Mineola), Plainview Mid-Island Y JCC, Rockville Centre Recreation Center, St. Frances De Chantal Church (Wantagh), St. Paul's Recreation Center (Garden City), Valley Stream Presbyterian Church, West Hempstead Public Library.

■ You can apply for an absentee ballot until Nov. 1 in person at the Nassau County Board of Elections, at 240 Old Country Road, 5th Floor, Mineola.

■ Countywide races include county executive, district attorney, clerk and comptroller, and all 19 legislative districts. In the Town of Hempstead, races for supervisor, clerk and council districts.

thy in the community. Holubnyczyj said she planned to assess community needs and be proactive in addressing them, and that the needs of district residents have been ignored by Republican "cronyism" since Muscarella was elected to the seat in 1995.

Giuffrè said the most pressing issue is conducting a correct assessment of properties in Nassau, and in the 8th District. He agreed with Holubnyczyj about the need for transparency and trust amid the process, but emphasized that a major concern of his is to make the county a more affordable place to live. This, Giuffrè said, can be accomplished by cutting government spending, while at the same time ensuring that money is spent in critical areas to help the county build back after the pandemic.

## Town of Hempstead supervisor: Clavin v. Ablove

Ablove, a longtime discrimination attorney, said that if he were elected, his biggest priority would be to eliminate waste and misallocation of funds and to operate the town with transparency. He said that incumbent Supervisor Clavin did not allocate enough of the \$133 million in federal pandemic assistance the town received to help small businesses and address community needs. Instead, Ablove said, federal funds were allocated to increase salaries for town officials. He emphasized that reducing taxes and giving equal attention to infrastructure in poor and wealthy areas of the town would be his major priorities if elected.

Clavin did not attend the forum. His re-election campaign has often highlighted his reduction of the supervisor's payroll by half. Clavin has emphasized that federal funds were used by the town to distribute thousands of personal protective equipment kits to business owners. He has also highlighted the town's partnership with Mount Sinai South Nassau hospital on the first mobile vaccination unit in the state, which has provided over 7,000

vaccines to residents.

## Town of Hempstead clerk: Murray v. Nicks

Nicks said that if elected, she would modernize the clerk's office by prioritizing transparency and the assessment of community needs through outreach in an effort to "set the tone" for townships across the country. She said that an increase in technological development to streamline services is needed to increase

residents' access to information and records. And she said she would frequently attend civic association meetings across the town to assess community needs and connect with residents, particularly on pandemic-related issues.

The first issue she would address as clerk, she said, would be a revamping of the Freedom of Information Law tracking system, which Nicks said currently leads to often weeks- and month-long waits for information.

The incumbent, Murray, who did not attend the event, has highlighted her achievements as clerk during her re-election campaign. She has emphasized

her office's creation of an online-based, contactless parking permit registration system as well as an ID card that provides first responders with medical and emergency contact information for residents who are unable to speak for themselves due to medical, emotional or physical challenges. Murray also has touted changes to a program that assists working families that are applying for passports, offering help with the process one weekend day per month rather than one day per year, as was previously done. Murray also has argued that she increased the services offered by the clerk's office despite the pandemic.

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## AVIVA KANE

Director, Franklin Square Public Library



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residents and elected officials. She chided current Legislator Vincent Muscarella for not being active enough during the pandemic, adding that that has created apa-

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# 'We're not strangers'

## 'Candle in the windows' initiative revamped for holiday season

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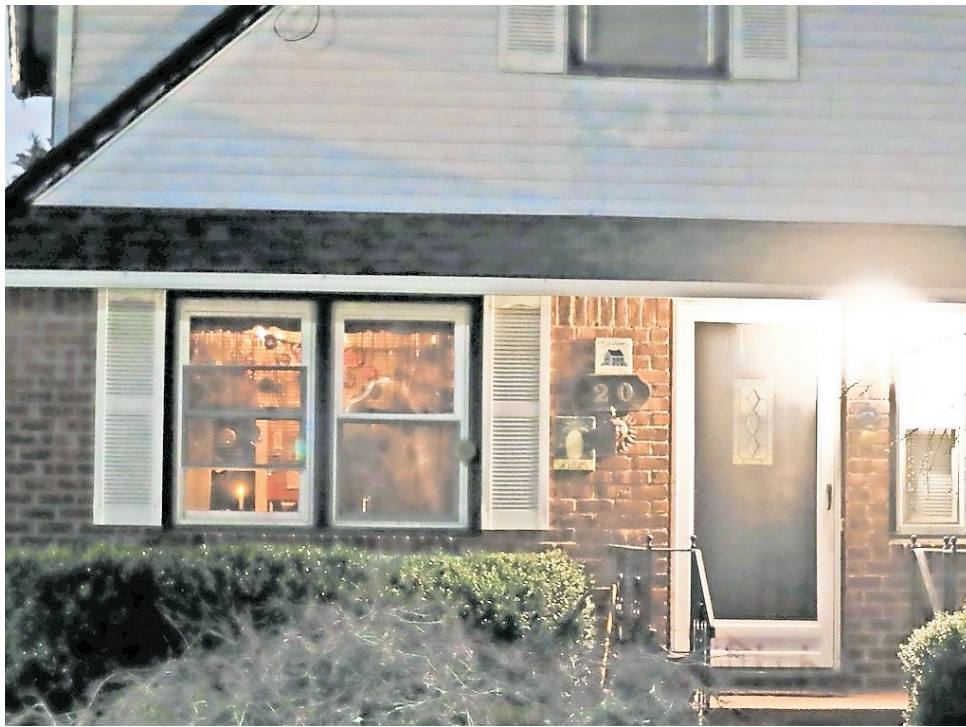
When Deborah Salant learned that, during the height of the pandemic in early 2020, that the bodies of Covid-19 victims whose families could not afford to bury them were being kept in freezer trucks, she was deeply moved.

"She was outraged by this story and decided to do something about it," said her husband, Robert Salant, in an email.

Salant tried to offer four burial sites at Greenfield Cemetery in Hempstead that belonged to her great grandfather to families who could not afford burial plots. The cemetery manager denied Salant's request, claiming that the sites could only be donated to members of her great grandfather's family (of which Salant is the only surviving member).

After Salant testified at a Hempstead Town Board meeting, Supervisor Donald Clavin announced, on Dec. 10, 2020, that the town board unanimously approved a resolution granting Greenfield Cemetery family plot owners the right to donate any unused, available gravesites to the families of Covid-19 victims.

During the spring of 2020, as the pandemic grew more deadly, Salant started a community initiative known as "Candles in the Window," calling on local residents to place electric candles their windows



Christina Daly/Herald file photo

**DEBORAH SALANT FIRST** placed a candle in her window at her Commonwealth Street home after learning that half a million Americans died from Covid-19.

from April 2020 until the close of the pandemic to honor those who have died from Covid-19.

Through this action, "the community could show compassion and solidarity for

our neighbors who suffered losses of loved ones due to Covid-19," her husband said in the email.

Community groups such as the Franklin Square Civic Organizations joined the

effort as well as the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, who shared messages on social media urging Nassau County residents to participate in the initiative.

Now, nearly two years after the beginning of the pandemic, Salant is revamping her effort during the fall of 2021.

"As we approach the coming 2021 holiday season, including Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah, we find our country and the world is still confronted with the terrible, never-ending scourge of Coronavirus," Salant said in a statement. "I hope during the holiday time we think about bringing compassion, understanding and love to a fellow neighbor," she added.

Salant is urging all Long Islanders to continue to display electric candles in the windows of their home from until the day the pandemic ends.

"Everyone we come into contact with, if we sit and talk... we share this," Salant said of the widespread impact of the pandemic.

By placing a candle in the window, Salant said Long Islanders honor the memories of the 733,000 people who have died from Covid-19 in the U.S.

"A candle brings warmth, a candle brings, comfort," Salant said. "It's like a hug to a stranger."



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## Thursday, Oct. 28

### Tai Chi/Chi Gong with Joseph Panico

Join Elmont Memorial Library and Joseph Panico at 1 p.m. for a virtual tai chi/chi gong class, which consists of breathing and movement exercises that aim to reduce stress as well as increase flexibility. Registration ends one hour before class begins. Contact adult reference at (516) 354-5280 x 223 or via email at [reference@elmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elmontlibrary.org) to register.

## Saturday, Oct. 30

### Film viewing and discussion: Hold that Ghost! With Larry Wolff

Join Elmont Memorial Library at 12:30 p.m. in the Elmont Library Theater for a viewing and discussion of "Hold that Ghost!" with Larry Wolff. "Hold That Ghost", starring Abbott and Costello, will be viewed and film historian Larry Wolff will answer your questions. A memorabilia, book and autograph exhibit with Halloween music is included; be sure to arrive early. Registration is not required, and this event is free and open to the public. There is limited seating, which is available on a first-come-first-seated basis. Masks are required for all in-person programs, regardless of vaccination status. Contact adult reference at (516) 354-5280 x 223 or via email at [reference@elmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elmontlibrary.org) for more information.

## Sunday, Oct. 31

### Computer 2nd Grade for Grownups with Sharper Training Solutions

Join Elmont Memorial Library between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. in meeting room 2 to learn how to work with numbers including inputting, inserting, moving, erasing and simple mathematical operations. Included will be an introduction to spreadsheets providing an understanding of basic techniques, creating a workbook, inputting and working with data, formulas and functions, formatting and spreadsheet design. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and 1st Grade, and this event is open to Elmont Library



Courtesy Wikimedia Commons

## Ghosts Galore

Elmont Memorial Library is hosting a film screening of "Hold That Ghost!" featuring Abbott and Costello as well as a discussion led by film historian Larry Wolff on Saturday, Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m.

Cardholders only. Registration began on Oct. 16, and limited seating is available. Masks are required for all in-person programs, regardless of vaccination status. Contact adult reference at (516) 354-5280 x 223 or via email at [reference@elmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elmontlibrary.org) to register.

### Halloween Trivia

Join Elmont Memorial Library and Theresa Maritato for an all-day, virtual Halloween trivia event. Register by emailing Theresa at [theresaowens8@gmail.com](mailto:theresaowens8@gmail.com) between October 1 and October 29, with the subject line "ELMONT/Halloween." All questions will be holiday-related and will be emailed to you on October 30 and you'll have until 11:50pm to play. Everyone who plays will be eligible to win a \$25 Amazon gift card, regardless of score. For further information, contact adult reference at (516) 354-5280 X 223 or via email at [reference@elmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elmontlibrary.org).

## Monday, Nov. 1

### Online Program: Zumba

Join the Franklin Square Public Library and Kristen Fonte for a Zumba workout between 5:45 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Register online at the library's website, [www.franklinsquarepl.org](http://www.franklinsquarepl.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 2

### Online Program: Tuesday Book Discussion

Join the Franklin Square Public Library and Sarah Siegel between 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. for a virtual discussion of "The Four Winds" by Kristen Hannah. Register online at the library's website, [www.franklinsquarepl.org](http://www.franklinsquarepl.org).

## Wednesday, Nov. 3

### American Sign Language with Rosemary Algios

Join Elmont Memorial Library and Rosemary Algios at 11 a.m. for a beginner course that will teach you about fingerspelling, numbers, vocabulary, facial expressions, basic conversational phrases and Deaf culture. Registration is required, and limited seating is available. Registration for Elmont Library cardholders began Oct. 20. Registration for non-cardholders begins one week before the program, on Oct. 27. Masks are required for all in-person programs, regardless of vaccination status. Contact adult reference at (516) 354-5280 X 223 or via email at [reference@elmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elmontlibrary.org) to register.

## Thursday, Nov. 4

### Dance, Stretch & Tone with Barbara Fraser

Join Elmont Memorial Library and Barbara Fraser at 1 p.m. in meeting room 2 for this class designed for mature adults and active seniors who enjoy dance and exercise. Space is limited, and

registration is open to Elmont Memorial Cardholders only. In-person or online registration begins Sept. 23 for Elmont Library cardholders. Masks are required for all IN-PERSON programs, regardless of vaccination status. Contact adult reference at (516) 354-5280 X 223 or via email at [reference@elmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@elmontlibrary.org) to register.

## Saturday, Nov. 6

### Online Program: Introduction to QuickBooks

Join the Franklin Square Public Library between 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. for an online class that will teach you the basics of QuickBooks, including including customizing QuickBooks for your business, transactions in modules, banking, custom reporting, using asset, liability and equity accounts, and much more. A tablet or laptop is required for this program. Register online at the library's website,.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages 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 [rtraverso@liherald.com](mailto:rtraverso@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- Nadia Holubnyczyj and John Giuffr  are vying to represent Elmont and F.S. in the county leg.
- The Town of Hempstead's 'vaxmobile' visited Elmont Senior Center on Thursday, Oct. 14.
- Izhaan Ahmed of New Hyde Park Memorial H.S. was chosen for the all-state symphonic band.
- The UBS Arena in Elmont is slated to open during late November.
- Franklin Square was once called Washington Square in honor of George Washington.





Courtesy Elmont Union Free School District

**ELMONT'S SCHOOL DISTRICT** added three counselors, Lymari Tattnall, Paola Molina and Nicole Castagnozzi, amid a nationwide rise in mental health concerns brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

# School counselors support students

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needed professional mental health services right away," said Laura Horne, chief program officer of Active Minds, in a statement on the nonprofit's website. That finding, Horne said, demonstrates "the importance of regular, clear, compassionate communication regarding mental health resources and academic options."

According to the Elmont district's statement, the new school counselors are expected to provide individual and group counseling as well as parent workshops. They will work with students on social-emotional learning, acclimating to in-person instruction after virtual education during the pandemic, transitioning sixth-graders to the Sewanhaka Central High School District and more.

The three counselors, Nicole Castagnozzi, Paola Molina and Lymari Tattnall, will "work closely with school psychologists, guidance counselors, social workers and principals in an effort to "best support the students and see what might be needed schoolwide," the statement read.

Castagnozzi will work at the Covert Avenue and Stewart Manor schools, while Molina will work at the Alden Terrace and Gotham Avenue schools, and Lymari Tattnall will work at Dutch Broadway School. The district's existing counselor, Jaclyn Dias-Hansen, has worked at all six district schools, but is now at Clara H. Carlson School and Dutch Broadway.

The statement added that the district hoped that the new counselors' efforts would also enhance students' work in the classroom, which studies have found is impacted by disturbances to emotional well-being. Indeed, a study found in Sage

## The pandemic's impact on the mental health of students

- A survey conducted by the nonprofit American's Promise Alliance found that 72 percent of 13- to 19-year-olds have struggled with their mental health.
- The journal Lancet concluded in a study that "For some children with depression, there will be considerable difficulties adjusting back to normal life when school resumes."
- According to a survey by Active Minds, 20 percent of college students said their mental health had worsened during the pandemic.

Journals found that over 80 percent of students with emotional and behavioral disorders scored below the average student in reading, writing and math.

"We believe that school counselors are an amalgamation of a clinician and a classroom teacher," said David Spinnato, the district's director of technology and curriculum. "They have a large skill set," he added of the new counselors.

"I think counseling helps bridge the gap between the difficulties the students are having and reaching their academic goals," Tattnall said. "Sometimes the difficulties that they may be having in school or at home can hinder their ability to concentrate in class. By us talking to them about their situation, we're able to help them with coping skills."

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#### Friday, Oct. 29

- Football: Oceanside at Freeport ..... 6 p.m.
- Football: Bethpage at South Side ..... 6 p.m.
- Football: C.S. Harbor vs East Rockaway (at Hewlett) ..... 6 p.m.
- Football: Seaford at Island Trees ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Football: Hewlett at Mineola ..... 7 p.m.
- Football: V.S. South at Division ..... 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 30

- Football: East Meadow at Uniondale ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Sewanhaka at Long Beach ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Garden City at Elmont ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Calhoun at Mepham ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: MacArthur at New Hyde Park ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Baldwin at Roslyn ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: V.S. Central at Carey ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Lynbrook at V.S. North ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Wantagh at Floral Park ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Roosevelt at Kennedy ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Malverne at North Shore ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Carle Place at Lawrence ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Oyster Bay at West Hempstead ..... 2 p.m.
- Football: Locust Valley at Clarke ..... 2 p.m.

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**  
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Two years removed from a winless season, Elmont's boys' volleyball program locked up its first conference championship since 1999 with two matches to spare and is headed to the Nassau Class A play-offs.

The Spartans clinched the top spot in Conference C2 with a three-set sweep over visiting Plainedge on Oct. 20, upping their record to 11-1 in the process. In 2019, they were 0-16.

"This is by far the most successful team we've had in the seven seasons I'm coaching," Elmont coach Ryan Straub said. "We were solid in the spring with a young team, going 5-5, and you could really see we were starting to figure it all out. The chemistry has come through big time."

Senior outside hitter Andrew Estiverne, a third-year starter who experienced the difficult campaign two years ago, is Elmont's offensive catalyst and ranks second in the county in kills with 235. He also leads the Spartans in service aces and is one of their most accurate passers. "Andrew is incredibly powerful and teams try to put as many blockers on his side as they can," Straub said. "He can be strategic too, so it's hard to defend against him."

Estiverne had 26 kills, 12 digs and 5 aces in a 25-22, 18-25, 25-20, 25-27, 15-12 victory over previously undefeated Mepham on Oct. 15. That was Elmont's fourth five-set win of the season, Straub noted.

Junior setter Evan Patterson had 26 assists against Mepham and is no stranger to filling up the stat sheet. He doubles as a middle blocker when in the front row and ranks second in the county in blocks. "Evan has only been playing volleyball since the spring season and he's come a very long way in a short time," Straub said. "There's nothing he doesn't do well."

Seniors Johann James Zachariah (33 assists versus Mepham) and Shawn Redhead also play key roles as setters.

On a roster full of quality passers, Straub said junior Darius Dorsey-Rhule rates at the top. An outside hitter, Dorsey-Rhule is aggressive on the serve-receive and also racks up the points when its his turn to serve. He had 18 kills and 17 digs in the win over Mepham. "Darius is a very



Donovan Berthoud/Herald

**JUNIOR SETTER EVAN** Patterson contributes in a myriad of ways for the Spartans, who clinched their first conference title since 1999 last week.

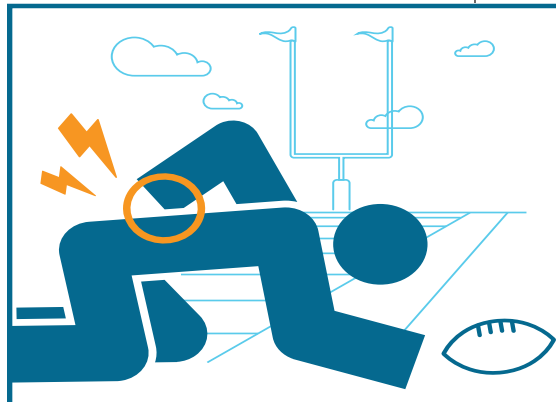
smart player who contributes a lot offensively and defensively," the coach said.

The defense and overall play in the back row has been bolstered by the return of senior libero Hans Mugar. Straub said senior middle hitter Israel Alonge is Elmont's most improved player who's added power to his swing and provides a solid amount of blocks. Malyk Gordon, a sophomore, is the youngest member of the team and an all-around contributor, Straub

said.

The Spartans' lone defeat came at the hands of Herricks, which carried a perfect 12-0 conference mark into the final week of the regular season. Elmont has won five straight matches since the setback, including a come-from-behind 15-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-23 decision at Manhasset on Oct. 18.

"We showed a lot of character against Manhasset," Straub said. "We lost the first set and trailed 7-0 to start the second set."



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# Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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Democratic incumbent Laura Curran is running for her second four-term as county executive. Her Republican opponent is Town of Hempstead Councilman Bruce Blakeman. The Herald asked the candidates three pertinent questions to get their take on the issues.

**Herald: Nassau is one of three counties that pay the highest average property taxes in the state. What is your plan to help reduce the tax burden?**

**Curran:** As the hardworking families of Nassau know, you can't get far without a balanced budget. Before I took office, decades of wasteful corruption and reckless mismanagement plagued our county. I am proud that through dogged fiscal discipline, my administration has turned budget deficits into surpluses. Nassau families deserve to know their hard-earned money is being spent responsibly. That's why I devoted my first term to cleaning up the mess others left behind and bringing real accountability to government:

I delivered four balanced budgets and consecutive budget surpluses; secured Nassau's first bond upgrade in over a decade; held the line on property taxes and proposed a responsible \$70 million tax reduction for 2022, and a \$150 million tax reduction over the next four years.

As Nassau continues the economic recovery from Covid, I am also proud to say that we are in a position to give American Rescue Plan dollars back to the taxpayers. Our books are balanced, so I am giving \$375 direct cash payments to more than 400,000 households. I have worked hard to earn the trust of Nassau taxpayers, and I will continue to pursue tax relief, like my tax cut, without sacrificing our future fiscal stability.

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran's reassessment is crushing families and seniors with higher property taxes. School tax bills are arriving at home this October, and just like last year, property taxes will soar for an overwhelming majority of homeowners because of Curran's reassessment. While your property taxes are going up, Laura Curran's taxes went down [decreased by \$255].

For the majority of homeowners, Curran's tax hikes continue for three more years unless you stop her this Election Day. I believe it's wrong for Laura Curran to increase county property taxes to the highest level ever in Nassau's history while also generating millions in surplus funds.

As county executive, I will end Curran's reassessment and cut taxes. Government should never collect more than it needs to operate. My plan cuts property taxes by over \$128 million – that's \$58 million more than Laura Curran is willing to give back – and I'll pay for that tax



**Bruce Blakeman**

**Age:** 66

**Hometown:** Atlantic Beach

**Professional Background:** Attorney

**Political experience:** Town of Hempstead councilman; Nassau County legislator including serving as presiding officer; Port Authority commissioner

cut by returning Nassau County's entire budget surplus to residents. I will continue to return budget surpluses each year while restricting new spending and reducing debt. It's time to put government on a serious diet, and it's time to really cut taxes.

**Herald: The residential property assessment system still needs an overhaul. What would you do to make it beneficial for homeowners and the county?**

**Curran:** Nassau's assessment system has been a mess for decades. Politician after politician kicked this can down the road, choosing what was politically convenient over what was right. I ran on a promise to finally address our broken assessment system, and I did just that. My administration took on a tough fight and had the political courage to implement a fair and accurate reassessment of the tax roll, which had been frozen for nearly a decade.

The accuracy of my administration's reassessment has been verified by Newsday, by the state and by independent experts. I have ensured residents have the opportunity to adapt to changes in assessment values by implementing my Taxpayer Protection Plan, which phases in any assessment correction over the next five years. I will also always protect residents' right to grieve their property assessment.

In my first term, I tackled the fiscal mismanagement that has plagued Nassau for decades, turning chronic deficits into surpluses. I took on reassessment when my predecessors lacked the political courage to do so. As a result, our assessment system is fairer and more accurate today than it has been in years.



**Laura Curran**

**Age:** 53

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Professional Background:** Journalist, Herald Community Newspapers, New York Daily News and New York Post

**Political experience:** Baldwin Board of Education and Nassau County legislator 2014 to 2017

**Blakeman:** Laura Curran placed a huge financial burden on the backs of families and seniors, with an overwhelming majority of homeowners facing soaring school taxes in 2021 as a result of her reassessment.

Errors in Curran's assessment roll also resulted in multi-millionaires having their property tax bill erased. Mansions received tax bills for zero dollars in property taxes. While the reassessment was supposed to create equity, it did not. Neighboring homes built by the same developer pay different tax amounts regardless of being exactly the same.

It's clear that we need to scrap Curran's reassessment plan entirely and start fresh. As county executive, I will terminate Laura Curran's reassessment. Her phased-in tax hikes for the next three years will be immediately terminated by my administration. Instead, I will hire qualified professionals to run the Assessment Department and create a new, fair system while also cutting property taxes by over \$120 million.

**Herald: The Covid-19 pandemic remains an overarching problem. What would you do to help ensure that residents are healthy life can to return to "normal?"**

**Curran:** I worked around the clock with communities and health officials during the toughest days of the pandemic to keep residents healthy and informed. I visited small businesses constantly to keep a finger on the pulse of our local economy. I advocated for safe re-openings when it made sense to support our long-term economic health.

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throughout the pandemic, pursuing an approach centered around education, outreach and accessibility. It is this approach that has earned us the ranking of highest vaccinated county in the state and second highest vaccinated among large counties nationally. Our 93.6 percent adult-vaccination-rate has allowed for a robust recovery – but we're not done.

As we recover, the county is reaching out to small business owners to get \$10,000 in individual grants to those that need them. County mobile vaccination teams are visiting businesses directly and providing vaccinations to staff. Paramedics are taking vaccines to the homebound. We will provide \$100 million in American Rescue Plan funds to some 400,000 households as \$375 direct cash payments, which will help families buy school supplies, cover utility bills and stimulate our local economy as we continue to come back stronger.

**Blakeman:** Covid-19 will be around for years to come, and we can never return to the days of a closed economy. We must adapt by fully reopening government to serve the people and welcome those in need of services. We must continue to offer free testing, vaccines and booster shots to people who want them. Schools must never close again. Big box stores should never be allowed to stay open while small businesses are shuttered. Restaurants should be allowed to keep outdoor dining and continue their indoor operations. As county executive, I'll keep my pledge to do these things while also ensuring we have a transparent reporting process related to Covid cases.



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# COMPTROLLER

## Brian Cronin

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 40

**Professional experience:** Corporate attorney, business litigator

**Political career:** Second-time candidate

**On the issues:**

Brian Cronin said the Nassau County comptroller's office must lean into the "new normal" and embrace modernization, saying that the office still uses technology from the middle of the 20th century and is thus overdue for an upgrade. In doing so, it would allow the office to adapt more effectively not only to the "new normal" but also to any hurdles to come.



Nassau has become a "hub of diversity," he said. As comptroller, he would "represent the entire county" and strive to have voices from every community heard. Many new businesses in Nassau are minority-owned, he said, and he would work to ensure that county contracts were evenly distributed among business owners.

The comptroller, he said, is the "taxpayers' watchdog responsible for fighting waste and fraud," adding that the office will take on "increasing importance given

the uncertainty of the post-Covid economy."

He would recruit "high-level professionals from the private sector to join our team so that we have the skilled team required to address these unprecedented times," adding, "Taxpayers must have confidence that this team is not politicized. Like most taxpayers, I am sick and tired of divisive politics. This is why I have committed to hiring a moderate Republican as my top deputy. Such bipartisanship has become far too rare in today's politics."

## Elaine Phillips

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 61

**Professional experience:** Financial adviser, vice president of mortgage finance and institutional sales

**Political career:** Formerly state senator, 7th District, mayor of Village of Flower Hill

**On the issues:**

As Nassau County comptroller, Elaine Phillips said she would play a crucial role in "objectively identifying those governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies." An example of a lack of adequate management and adaption has been seen within the Department of



Consumer Affairs, she said. The county administration, she said, should "follow the Town of Hempstead's successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers."

While in the private sector at Goldman Sachs, she said, she oversaw the diversity efforts, and while she was a New York state senator, she sponsored multiple educational and outreach

forums on diversity. As Nassau comptroller, she said she would work to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace, and educate and promote solutions to ensure equal rights for all. At the same time, she would undertake performance audits of all county departments to ascertain whether they are meeting diversity, equity and inclusion metrics.

As comptroller, she said, she would serve as the "taxpayer's watchdog." "Taxes and spending need to be controlled in Nassau County," she said. "I have the background and expertise to implement audits to weed out waste, abuse and fraud, saving taxpayers money. Further, I will audit the recent property tax reassessment to determine the extent to which mistakes [were] made."



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# Donnelly, Kaminsky slug it out for D.A.

By JIM BERNSTEIN

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The contest for Nassau County district attorney has been the most bitterly fought off all races this election season, with State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, the Democrat, and Anne Donnelly, the Republican, trading a slew of bighting accusations against each other, mostly centering on who is most responsible for setting prisoners free on the street to commit other crimes.

The accusations stem from Donnelly's attempts to paint Kaminsky as the legislator who wrote the state's Bail Reform Law, which gives and prohibits judges' discretion to assign bail in many felony and certain non-felony cases. Kaminsky voted for the bill, but did not write it.

Although the State Legislature amended the law in April 2020 to include a greater number of crimes for which bail could be assigned, the issue continues to dominate the campaign, and the ads continue to run on local TV stations. Donnelly points to her 30 years of working as a prosecutor in the Nassau D.A.'s office, heading different bureaus. Kaminsky notes that he served as a prosecutor in the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan.

**Herald: Nassau County has a growing immigrant population that often does not trust law enforcement. How would you improve that relationship?**

**Kaminsky:** As district attorney, my office will have information available in every language, as well as community liaisons who do outreach in every part of Nassau County. And let me be clear: I will have a zero tolerance for hate crimes as district attorney. Hate crimes against the immigrant population have risen at troubling rates recently, and the trend must be addressed aggressively. It doesn't matter if you're Jewish, LGBTQ, Asian, Black or Muslim: You deserve to feel safe walking down the streets of your neighborhood. As district attorney, I will take a tough and aggressive approach to hold racists and other hate-mongers accountable in our community by instituting a zero-tolerance policy. I am proud to have the support of law enforcement, including the New York State Troopers and local Police Benevolent Association. They know my record. They know I will fight to protect all Long Islanders. Rebuilding trust doesn't just mean the prosecutor's office has to have a better relationship with communities—it also means trust in government and institutions overall has to improve by prosecuting corruption. Corruption has infested every level of government here in Nassau County. As a federal prosecutor, I worked on the highest-level corruption cases, successfully prosecuting both Democrats and Republicans who violated the public trust. Corruption will have no place to



**Anne Donnelly**

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 56

**Hometown:** Garden City

**Professional Background:** Worked in the district attorney's office for more than three decades and serves as the deputy chief of the Organize Crime and Rackets Bureau. Spent time as the acting chief in the Public Corruption Bureau, senior trial assistant in the Rackets Bureau and as deputy chief of the Economic Crimes Bureau. She earned her law degree from Fordham University in 1989.

hide when I am district attorney.

**Donnelly:** I am committed to serving all residents of Nassau County in a fair and respectful manner. Part of that commitment consists of helping to ensure that people who have emigrated from other countries into the United States are welcomed into the communities in which they have chosen to settle. Outreach programs that feature governmental liaisons who speak the primary languages of members of our diverse community should be at the top of the priority list. Educational initiatives and literature in various languages are also needed to welcome residents and build trust. I am prepared to play a leadership role in this area.

**Herald: Gangs are growing in Nassau and Suffolk. Aside from prosecuting those apprehended, what else can the district attorney's office do to stem the violence?**

**Kaminsky:** As a federal prosecutor, I successfully took down gang leaders and the gun and drug traffickers who supplied them, cleaning up our streets and keeping dangerous weapons out of criminals' hands. Gang violence is a serious threat to our communities, and



**Todd Kaminsky**

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 43

**Hometown:** Long Beach

**Professional Background:** Member of New York State Senate representing the 9th district, based on South Shore since 2016. He previously worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens County District Attorney's Office before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York as an assistant U.S. attorney. Kaminsky was elected to the State Assembly, serving in that body from 2014 to 2016. He earned his law degree from New York University.

combating them will be a top priority of my office. Some of the worst gangs are international in scope and go beyond our state and even our country's borders. This means that having strong partnerships with federal law enforcement agencies is critical. As someone who worked as a federal prosecutor, I will coordinate with our federal partners closely to root out gang violence. Importantly, when it comes to gangs, we also cannot keep treating the symptoms—we must treat the underlying disease. We must establish trust in communities with gang violence and work with local organizations to identify bad actors and offer alternatives to crime. My office will be constantly working with schools and after-school programs to educate young people about the dangers of gangs, and investing in these programs so our young people are learning, partaking in constructive activities and do not choose to walk the path that gangs offer them.

**Donnelly:** Collaborating with schools, as well as municipal governments and non-for-profits, we can provide more opportunities for enrichment and socialization programs as viable alternatives to gangs. Safe activities and

good mentors are important components of attractive and positive choices for young people. I plan to explore the use of asset forfeiture funds to further programs of this type.

**Herald: Our jails are often overcrowded and riddled with Covid-19 cases. What would you recommend to ease these conditions?**

**Kaminsky:** The best way to address overcrowding, deliver swift justice for victims and lower crime is to fully fund our court system. There are federal funds available through the Department of Justice to help—and I will push the state to add more dollars to ensure justice is served. I will also make sure that programs with proven track records to turn around criminal behavior — especially for substance abuse — are funded to keep Nassau safe and to reduce the recidivism that floods our courts with cases.

**Donnelly:** The Nassau County jail is not overcrowded, and I am intimately aware of this fact, having served as the district attorney's liaison to the correctional center until recently. Indeed, the inmate population is at its lowest level in the past 25 years. What's more, the facility did an excellent job in containing and treating Covid. Unfortunately, the "cashless bail" law that was co-authored by my opponent has greatly limited the ability of judges to make incarceration decisions for individuals based upon the pertinent facts in each case.



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# COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 6

## Bill Gaylor Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 58

**Hometown:** Lynbrook

**Career:** Retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel; attorney

**Political experience:** County legislator since 2015; Lynbrook Village Associate Justice from 2009 to 2015

**On the issues:**

Bill Gaylor said he seeks to continue to advocate for Nassau's veterans, first responders and seniors to ensure their mental and physical health needs are being met. Additionally, he said, he would never vote to defund the police, and would always make sure they



have the resources they need to return home safe at the end of their shifts. He added that he plans never to vote for property-tax increases, and to fight to make the reassessment system is more fair, accurate and transparent. Gaylor said he pushed for legislation to cut \$100 million in fees that residents pay to deliver real financial relief for working class families.

Gaylor said he was proud to secure tens of millions of dollars in federal funding that went directly to small

business relief to ensure that businesses had personal protective equipment and to create a special revenue fund to pay down county refund liability owed to small businesses.

He added that he would continue to strongly denounce any legislation that supports defunding the police and oppose Albany's cashless bail laws, which he called "dangerous," and he would continue to support law enforcement and work closely with them to keep communities safe.

## Laura Burns Challenger

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 52

**Hometown:** Rockville Centre

**Career:** Writer and activist; founding member of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America

**Political experience:** Second-time candidate.

**On the issues:**

Laura Burns said her top priority is to maintain the county's fiscal health. She added that the taxpayers' money should be spent on infrastructure, programming and services to make taxpayers' lives better. Additionally, she said, her goal is to maintain financial stability



and phase out the Nassau Interim Finance Authority so that the county can move forward with more funding for the taxpayers. Burns would also maintain regular communication with her constituents by hosting bimonthly town halls and weekly "office hours" with district residents in public places and at local businesses.

She said her focus would be to assess the infrastructure needs of the 6th District and begin work on addressing them, making sure to

include constituents in the process.

Burns said that as an advocate for gun violence prevention, she has become well-versed in building coalitions among community groups working on different aspects of a complex issue that spans legislation, cultural outreach, public education and community organizing. She said her experience is what's needed in local government for many complex issues that the district faces — a willingness to seek out diverse voices, gather different points of view, and synthesize them into a plan for action to make people's lives better.

*Includes Franklin Square, Hewlett, Lynbrook, Malverne, North Lynbrook, Rockville Centre, Valley Stream, Woodmere.*



# COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 7

## Howard Kopel Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 70

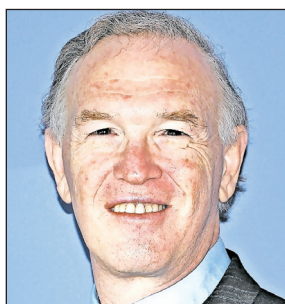
**Hometown:** Lawrence

**Career:** Attorney corporate 1975 to 1985; owner Sutton Alliance, a national title insurance and settlement firm 1985 to present

**Political experience:** Six-term county legislator, deputy presiding officer

**On the issues:**

Howard is running for his seventh two-year term. Kopel, the Legislature's current deputy presiding officer, said he stands on his financial experience and bipartisan work, and is running for another term because he



said he has significant influence in the Legislature.

On the ongoing reassessment, he said he disagrees with County Executive Laura Curran administration's computer modeling, saying he believes that facts on the ground indicate that it is incorrect. Kopel said the county should halt property-tax increases, conduct a careful study to determine what went wrong and correct the system.

With multiple development projects proposed in the district and nearby sur-

rounding communities, Kopel said he has been an outspoken community leader in opposing the proposed Woodmere Club redevelopment, as well as other apartment projects throughout the district and beyond.

He has expressed opposition to any Industrial Development Agency benefits being extended to such projects, which he said harm the community. Kopel said he supports sensible development and business expansion with the accompanying infrastructure for the proper support.

## Lisa Daniels Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 55

**Hometown:** East Rockaway

**Career:** Attorney and owner of Law office of Lisa Daniels, 1998 to present; adjunct professor, Queens College 1997 to 2001; adjunct professor Hofstra University, 1997 to 2001

**Political experience:** Second-time candidate

**On the issues:**

Lisa Daniels ran against Howard Kopel in 2013. Daniels said she would work with municipal officials to promote the creation of a community advisory board and master planning com-



mission, saying that residents and community leaders should have more of a say about the direction of their communities, and these decisions should be made holistically to see what makes sense for the entire community.

She said the county must ensure development does not exceed the level of its infrastructure, with roadways and wastewater infrastructure already often overwhelmed by existing use. She said she would seek to bolster the infrastructure

work to ensure there is more coordination between jurisdictions when development is proposed.

Daniels said she supports increasing the amount of green space across the county and doing a better job of maintaining it. Saying that she does not want what she called the same mistakes after Superstorm Sandy, Daniels said she acknowledges the climate crisis and how it affects shoreline communities.

Daniels said she supports the work of Curran's administration, from the budgets to the Boost Nassau program that uses federal money to offer grants to small businesses and the \$375 payment that is open to 400,000 households across the county, which could help residents a pay a bill or spend locally at small businesses.

*Includes Cedarhurst, East Rockaway, Hewlett Bay Park, Hewlett Harbor, Oceanside, Rockville Centre, Woodmere.*



# HEMPSTEAD TOWN CLERK

## Kate Murray

Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 59

**Hometown:** Levittown

**On the issues:**

Kate Murray has been active in the Town of Hempstead politics since first holding the position of town clerk in 2002. After serving a lengthy tenure as town supervisor from 2003 through 2016, she was re-elected for the role of clerk in 2019.

Having faced the challenges created by Covid-19, Murray has worked to modernize the office by launching a paperless Long Island Rail Road parking pass system in Oceanside last June, which became available to



the rest of the town in March of this year. She advocated for keeping the clerk's office open during the pandemic by creating safe ways for the office to continue to serve the community. An advocate for catering to all residents, Murray supports multilingual outreach and said she believes the clerk's office must represent people of all nationalities.

If re-elected, Murray would be a part of the implementation process of the Town of Hempstead's new website, which will have

a translation component so the site can be seen in the language preferred by the user.

A firm believer in providing tax relief, Murray maintained that she worked with the town supervisor to craft a tax-freeze budget in 2021, and would work toward a tax-cut budget in 2022.

## Oneka Nicks

Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Uniondale

**On the issues:**

First-time candidate and challenger Oneka Nicks is a Uniondale Library trustee, a 1st Lieutenant in the Uniondale fire Department and a foundation relations and donor communications manager for Planned Parenthood.

If elected, Nicks envisions a modernized clerk's office with a Freedom of Information Law cue system that could best monitor when requests came in, the deadline to answer and the progress that has been made retrieving the requested documents. Additionally, Nicks



said she believes the office would benefit from a meeting management system, and she would like to see the removal of equipment, such as typewriters, to create a fully electronic and digitized office.

Nicks would also like to ensure that documents for residents are available in multiple languages and to make sure that everyone the community is informed on the services offered by the clerk's office. She believes outreach is key, as is modernizing the website to make

it available in numerous languages. Lastly, Nicks would like to oversee the creation of a 311 system for residents who prefer to speak on the phone about certain services or issues. She feels that this, as well as online meetings discussing how the office works, would effectively modernize the office.

# NASSAU COUNTY CLERK

## Maureen O'Connell

Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 70

**Hometown:** East Williston

**Career:** County clerk, former nurse

**Political experience:** Nassau County clerk, 2006-present; New York state assemblywoman, 1998-2005; trustee and deputy mayor, Village of East Williston, 1991-98

**On the issues:**

Maureen O'Connell said her goal is to continue to expand on the many steps taken to improve the office since she was first elected in 2005, and to ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. She and her staff



have worked to process more than a million backlogged records and implemented an electronic filing process that converts paper land records to a digital format to ensure they remain safe for the future, and she said she hoped to continue to serve residents of all ages in the community by helping them to learn about the benefits of the clerk's office.

O'Connell and her staff have also implemented security measures to protect residents from scams and identity theft, and have

worked with military veterans to protect them from data breaches through the years. She said she has also found ways to get the community involved by extending office hours, creating outreach programs and educating constituents on what the clerk's office provides.

## Justin Brown

Challenger

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 30

**Hometown:** Baldwin

**Career:** Health-care administrator

**Political experience:** Served on the Uniondale Board of Education for the past three years

**On the issues:**

Justin Brown said he has long been passionate about helping people and being an advocate for residents. He intends to make the office more innovative with technology so that residents could receive documents and enjoy greater accessibility without having to visit the office in person and imple-



menting a modern system that his office would have full control over online.

Brown said he would also ensure that the clerk's office could engage with the communities by providing more education and collaborating with key stakeholders in all towns to create a dialogue so that residents can take full advantage of the county clerk's resources and benefits.





# SUPERVISOR

## Don Clavin Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 52

**Hometown:** Garden City

**Career:** Elected official, attorney

**Political experience:** Hempstead town supervisor (2019 to present); receiver of taxes (2001-2019)

**On the issues:**

Don Clavin said tax relief is at the top of his priorities, and that after freezing taxes in 2021, he intended to cut them in 2022. He has also dedicated \$75 million to road repaving and infrastructure upgrades and \$10 million on parks improvements.

Additionally, he said, he



hoped to continue to slash unnecessary spending after trimming \$1 million from the supervisor's staff budget upon taking office, while also eliminating "take-home cars" for top managers, and driving his own personal car.

He added that he is proud of the town's fiscal strength under his administration, which has been recognized with credit rating upgrades from two top Wall Street credit agencies — Moody's and Standard & Poors. Clavin said he was pleased to have recently intro-

duced the "pothole patrol," an effort to expedite roadway repairs using state-of-the-art pothole repair vehicles and promoting a hotline for residents to report potholes in their neighborhoods. He said that under his leadership, the town has worked to ramp up efforts to improve town infrastructure, which he called critical for the safety and quality of life of residents, while still freezing town taxes for 2021 and cutting them in 2022. Clavin said he has sought and will continue to seek to assist small businesses as they reopen. Using federal CARES Act funds, the town distributed money and personal protective equipment kits to small businesses and residents during the pandemic.

Clavin also said he instituted an Economic Advisory Council to help strategize and make decisions.

## Jason Ablove Challenger

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 51

**Hometown:** Oceanside

**Career:** Discrimination attorney since 1994

**Political experience:** First-time candidate

**On the issues:**

Jason Ablove said his top priorities are to lower taxes and bring equity to the delivery of town services.

He added that he believes the town has wasted money on "high salary patronage jobs, bloated budgets, expensive mailers and inflated no-bid contracts."

Ablove said his goal is



to cut excessive spending to improve infrastructure in the town based upon areas of most need.

He said he also wants to use federal CARES money and the Boost Nassau initiative to provide direct support to small businesses, and to promote job fairs and lower taxes to make business thrive in the town.

He said he would streamline permitting, promote job fairs and lower taxes to make business thrive in the town.

Ablove said if he were

elected, Hempstead would distribute the federal relief money. Ablove said he believes that the town's primary responsibility is local infrastructure, and roads need to be adequately cared for.

He added that, if elected, he would place resources on infrastructure based upon need.

Ablove said he would slash \$5 million that is spent annually on town mailings and would end the waste, putting taxpayer's priorities over those of politicians, and running the town with an eye toward service rather than re-election would save residents millions of dollars.



# STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

## Danielle Peterson

**Party:** Republican **Age:** 46

**Education:** Peterson earned her bachelor's from the University of Delaware in 1997 and a J.D. from Hofstra University on 2000.

**Legal career:** Peterson began her legal career as an attorney in a private practice in 2001. In 2010, she became the principal law clerk to the Hon. Anthony L. Parga of the Nassau County Supreme Court and was elected justice in 2015.

## Elizabeth Fox McDonough

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 59

**Education:** Bachelor's from St. John's University, and J.D. St. John's University.

**Legal career:** From 1987 to 1997, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1997 to 2001, served a principal law clerk to Justice Arthur Cooperman in the Criminal Term of Queens County Supreme Court.

## Joseph Girardi

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 62

**Education:** Graduated from SUNY Oneonta in 1981 with a dual major of U.S. history and political science. Graduated from Georgetown Law Center in 1984.

**Legal career:** From 1984 to 1988, served as an assistant district attorney in Queens. From 1988 to 2015, he was an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal cases.

## Eileen Daly-Sapraicone

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 57

**Education:** Bachelor's from St. John's University in 1991; law degree from City University of New York Law School in 1995.

**Legal career:** Assistant district attorney Queens, where she worked for six years. Daly-Sapraicone served as a special counsel in the special commissioner of investigation for the New York City School District.

## Susan B. Heckman

**Party:** Democratic, Republican and Conservative **Age:** 41

**Education:** Earned bachelor's in history and political science from Bucknell University; received law degree from Villanova University School of Law.

**Legal career:** From 2007 to 2010, a defense attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Suffolk County. Since 2012, has served as the principal law secretary to Suffolk Supreme Court Justice John B. Collins.

## Timothy S. Driscoll

**Party:** Democratic, Conservative, Republican **Age:** 54

**Education:** Bachelor's Hofstra University, 1988; law degree, Harvard Law School.

**Legal career:** Year-long clerkship with the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the second circuit. Upon completion of his clerkship, he entered into private practice. Driscoll left the private sector in 1996 to join the Nassau district attorney's office.

## Vito DeStefano

**Party:** Democratic, Republican, Conservative **Age:** 54

**Education:** Wagner College; Brooklyn Law School.

**Legal career:** Elected to the NYS Supreme Court in 2007, presiding in the commercial division over the tax certiorari part of the court in Nassau County. N.C. District Court judge from 2004 through 2007. Was appointed to the New York State's Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.



# SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT

# ELECTION '21



**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR GENERAL ELECTION**  
**November 2, 2021**  
**NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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# 2021 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

## 3rd District Court Judge

### Lisa Saltzman

Running on the Democratic, Republican and Conservative party lines in the general election

Age: 55

Lives in: Great Neck

**Education:** Bachelor's from New York University, 1988; law degree from Yeshiva University in 1991

**Legal career:** Upon graduation, Saltzman began working as a trial attorney at the Legal Aid Society, where she stayed until 1997. She has worked as a supervising attorney with Queens Defenders since 1997, and an attorney at law in her private practice since 2010. Saltzman is also an adjunct professor of law at Seton Hall University, a position she has held since 2010.



### David I. Levine

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 55

Lives in: Roslyn Heights

**Education:** Graduated from SUNY Binghamton in 1987 and earned his law degree from New York Law School in 1990.

**Legal career:** Judge Levine was appointed by the County Executive Laura Curran to the Nassau County District Court this past March.

Levine previously served as the associate justice for the Village of Manorhaven from November 2019 to March 2021.

Levine was also a member of the Town of North Hempstead Board of Zoning and Appeals from January 2012 to March 2021.

Prior to ascending to the District Court bench, he maintained a private practice in Mineola from 1997 to March 2021 and was an assistant district attorney in Queens from 1990 to 1997.



### William Hohausser

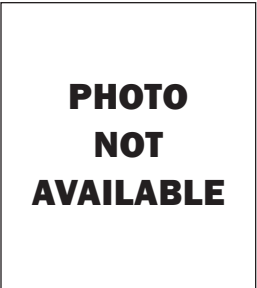
Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 62

Lives in: xxxxx

**Education:** Earned bachelor's degree from SUNY Binghamton in 1981 and his law degree from Columbia Law School in 1984.

**Legal career:** Hohausser served as counsel and the executive director for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney from 1987 to 2015. While there, his areas of practice included securities, corporate, employment, RICO and real estate law as well as Uniform Commercial Code and tort claims.



## Family Court Judge Candidate

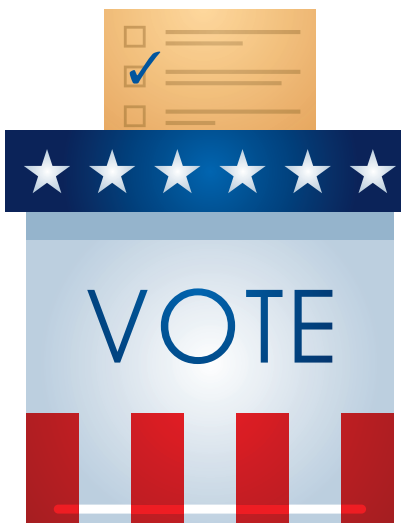
### Darlene D. Harris

Age: 55

Hometown: Uniondale

**Education:** University of Pennsylvania; Hofstra University

**Legal career:** District Court judge since January 2015, practiced law in family court for 13 years, former Nassau County legislator.



## 2nd District Court Judge

### Vincent T. Muscarella

Vincent T. Muscarella, a Republican, is running unopposed for the 2nd District Court. He was elected to the first session of the Nassau County Legislature on Nov. 5, 1995. He represents the 8th Legislative District, which encompasses Franklin Square, Floral Park, Bellerose, Bellerose Terrace, West Hempstead and portions of Elmont, New Hyde Park and Stewart Manor.



Muscarella was born in Nassau County in 1954 and is a life-long resident of the county. After completing his undergraduate studies at Bowdoin College in Maine, he attended St. John's Law School and received his J.D. in 1979. Muscarella is a partner in the law firm of Muscarella and Tomasone and a member of the Nassau County, New York State, and Florida Bar Associations. He is admitted to practice in the Federal District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts.



NOVEMBER 2, 2021





# Vying for comptroller

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MWBE. As comptroller, I would continue this pursuit to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace and continue to educate and promote solutions to ensure equal rights to all. What's more, I would undertake performance audits of all county departments to ascertain whether they are meeting DEI metrics. I would do the same for the entities that do business with Nassau County.

**Herald: What are the most pressing issues in the county, and how do you address these collaboratively with all stakeholders within the next term?**

**Cronin:** The comptroller is the taxpayers' watchdog responsible for fighting waste and fraud. We are recruiting high-level professionals from the private sector to join our team so that we have the skilled team required to address these unprecedented times. Taxpayers must have confidence that this team is not politicized.

Like most taxpayers, I am sick and tired of divisive politics. This is why I have committed to hiring a moderate Republican as my top deputy. Such bipartisanship has become far too rare in today's politics.

**Phillips:** As Nassau County comptroller, I will serve as the taxpayers' watchdog. Taxes and spending need to be controlled in Nassau County. I have the background and expertise to implement audits to weed out waste, abuse and fraud, saving taxpayers money. Further, I will audit the recent property tax reassessment to determine the extent to which mistakes made in the Department of Assessment's recent reassessment have adversely impacted property owners. Mistakes in assigning assessments have directly resulted in the erroneous taxation of homeowners and businesses. I will work as an independent watchdog for Nassau's taxpayers, and I will protect their tax dollars. That is my job, and it is my commitment to the residents who I will serve.

# Q&A with candidates

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top priority is the delivery of efficient, timely and easily accessible services to residents. One of the most important roles of the clerk is to ensure the integrity and security of the records we maintain. Properly filing and safeguarding these records is crucial.

In addition, making the records available in an efficient manner is very important. During my tenure, I have modernized the office by implementing technology, streamlining services and creating efficient processes. Another important function is to protect residents from predatory deed scams and identity theft. To combat this, I created a property fraud alert system for residents to use. Also, as many residents are facing financial hardship, another top priority for me is to have the statutory fees at my office reduced by the county administration. Maintaining costs at my office is essential to ensuring taxpayer savings. My office pays for itself solely by user fees, and is one of the most efficient offices in county government. The revenue generated exceeds the cost to operate it.

**Brown:** Being able to store, provide accessibility and ensure requested documents are provided in a timely manner for residents are key to having a successful clerks office.

**Herald: What have you (can be) done to help improve the county clerk's office?**

**O'Connell:** I have brought the office into the modern day. Upon taking office, I eliminated a multi-year backlog within the first year. I have implemented new technology making access virtually all electronic. Residents can now access records maintained by my office online to provide them with

ease of access to the vital documents my office maintains on their behalf.

Under my leadership, the office has implemented electronic filing of court and land records, enabling residents and professionals to conduct business with the clerk's office remotely while also creating greater efficiencies in the processing and maintenance of these records. The office is one of the highest-volume electronic filers in the state. Continuing on the path of greater access, I established mobile office operations to bring services directly to residents' communities and have extended office hours to better serve them. I will continue to implement state-of-the-art technology and digitize older records to our electronic platform to better protect and serve my constituents. I will also continue my work on modernizing the infrastructure of the office to create greater efficiency in the way it serves the public. I will always bring about initiatives consistent with my goals of providing an enhanced level of service in an efficient and professional manner.

**Brown:** If elected as clerk, my main focus would be to modernize [the office]. In 2021, implementing an electronic system should not be a goal, but we should be discussing ways on how to make the office more innovative with technology so that our residents can receive documents and have more accessibility without all the trouble of having to come up to the office in person. I will implement an in-house, more modernized system that the clerk's office will have full control over. In addition, my staff and I will ensure that we can engage with our communities by providing more education and collaborating with key stakeholders in all towns so that our residents can take full advantage of the resources and benefits the office provides.

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## CHOOSE ONE ANTIPASTA

Grilled Vegetables

Mozzarella & Tomato Platter  Bruschetta

## CHOOSE ONE STUFFING

Classic: Bread stuffing with vegetables

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Apple: Cornbread with Granny Smith apples

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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF ELMONT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of Elmont Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, adopted on October 5, 2021, a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) at the following voting places: (1) Stewart Manor School, Stewart Manor, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 1; (2) Covert Avenue School, Elmont, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 2; (3) Clara H. Carlson School, Elmont, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 3; (4) Elmont Road School, Elmont, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 4; (5) Gotham Avenue School, Elmont, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 5; (6) Dutch Broadway School, Elmont, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 6; and (7) Alden Terrace School, Valley Stream, New York, for those persons residing in Election District No. 7; for the purpose of voting upon the following Bond Proposition:

**BOND PROPOSITION RESOLVED:** (a) That the Board of Education (the "Board") of Elmont Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements to District buildings (the "Project") substantially as referred to and described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of H2M Architects & Engineers, (the "Plan"), which Plan is available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, such Project to include: various classroom, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, security, ceiling, lighting, electrical and drainage improvements; asbestos abatement; and replacement of fire alarms systems and original restrooms; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and all ancillary and related site and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an

amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$52,000,000; provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$52,000,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, the Board of Education of the District may authorize the issuance of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$52,000,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Such Bond Proposition shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form:

**BOND PROPOSITION YES**

**NO RESOLVED:** (a) That the Board of Education (the "Board") of Elmont Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements to District buildings, substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of H2M Architects & Engineers; and to expend \$52,000,000 therefor; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$52,000,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied by and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, the Board of Education of the District may authorize the issuance of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$52,000,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:00 o'clock A.M. to 9:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots. No person will be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the Elmont Union Free School District prepared

for such Meeting. The register of the qualified voters of said District prepared for the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 18, 2021 shall be used by the Board of Registration as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on November 30, 2021. Any person whose name appears on such register or who shall have been previously registered for any annual or special District meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted at any time since January 1, 2017, will not be required to register personally for this Special District Meeting. In addition, any person otherwise qualified to vote who is registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County under the provisions of the Election Law shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting without further registration.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN** that otherwise qualified residents may have their names placed upon such register at the office of the school within their election district on any day school is in session between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) up to November 23, 2021.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Board of Registration of each separate election district will meet at the registration places hereinafter stated on **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021** between the hours of 4:00 PM and 9:00 PM, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register, provided that upon such meeting of the Board of Registration he/she is known or proved to the satisfaction of such Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such election for which such register is prepared. The register will be filed on November 23, 2021, in the office of the District Clerk at the Elmont Road School and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the school district between the hours of 9:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each day thereafter, including the day of the vote, except that on Saturday, November 27, 2021, shall be by appointment only and the school will not open for the said inspection on Thursday, November 25, 2021, Friday, November 26, 2021 and Sunday, November 28, 2021.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that applications

for absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 23, 2021. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 29, 2021. Absentee ballots must be received at the office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on the day of said Special District Meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each day thereafter, including the day of the vote, except that on Saturday, November 27, 2021, shall be by appointment only and the school will not open for the said inspection on Thursday, November 25, 2021, Friday, November 26, 2021 and Sunday, November 28, 2021.

**MILITARY BALLOTS:** **NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN**, that pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-d, any person serving in the military, including a spouse, parent, child or dependent accompanying or being with such voter, may register to vote in the upcoming school district election no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 4, 2021. A military voter who is a qualified voter may obtain a registration form by contacting the District Clerk. A military voter who is duly registered may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. Completed applications must be personally delivered or mailed to the District Clerk and received no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 4, 2021. Completed military ballots must be received by 5:00 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on November 30, 2021 if signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto with a date which is not later than the day before the vote, or not later than the close of polls on November 30, 2021 if postmarked or endorsed by an agency of the United States government. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration form, military ballot

application or military ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail in the request for such registration, ballot application or ballot. Such designation will remain in effect until revoked or changed by the voter. If no preference is designated, the District will transmit the military voter registration by mail. The boundaries of the seven (7) separate election districts and the place of registration and voting for each of said separate election districts as established by the Board of Education are as follows:

**ELECTION DISTRICT 1** The place of registration and voting will be the **STEWART MANOR SCHOOL**, Stewart Manor, New York, with said Election District commencing at a point in the north line of School District No. 16 where the same adjoins School District No. 22 at the intersection of Third Avenue (which point is approximately 50 feet south of the south line of the main line of the Long Island Railroad); running thence along the boundary line between School District No. 16 and School District No. 22 as it runs generally south, then generally east and again south crossing the Hempstead Branch of the Long Island Railroad; thence continuing east and south along such boundary line to Tulip Avenue; thence southerly along the Covert Avenue center line for about 100 feet and continuing southeasterly 100 feet south of and parallel to Tulip Avenue to the easterly boundary line of School District No. 16; thence continuing in a general northerly direction along the easterly boundary of School District No. 16 to the northeast corner of the School District; thence westerly along the northerly boundary line of School District No. 16 to the point or place of beginning. In addition the said Election District shall include the following: a point commencing at a point on the boundary line between school District No.16 and School District No. 22 at the intersection of the center line of Memphis Avenue and a line about 100 feet North of and parallel to Chelsea Street; thence continuing easterly along this line to its intersection with the extension of a line midway between and parallel to Fredrick Avenue and Arthur Avenue; thence proceeding north easterly along said line to the boundary between School District No.16 and School District No. 22; thence north westerly along the said boundary line and continuing north westerly along the said boundary line to the point and

place of beginning.

**ELECTION DISTRICT 2** The place of registration and voting will be the **COVERT AVENUE SCHOOL**, Elmont, New York, with said Election District commencing at a point midway between and parallel to Frederick Avenue and Arthur Avenue and proceeding south along this line to its intersection with the center line of Makofske Avenue; thence south in a straight line to the intersection of the center line of Hempstead Turnpike at a point midway between Emporia Avenue and Stone Street; thence continuing easterly along the Hempstead Turnpike center line to a point 100 feet west of Butler Boulevard; thence continuing southerly along a line 100 feet west of and parallel to Butler Boulevard to a line approximately 100 feet north of Omega Street; thence easterly along the said line 100 feet north of and parallel to Omega Street to the intersection of the Elliott Street center line to an intersection with the Sun Avenue center line; thence continuing along the Sun Avenue center line to an intersection with the Meacham Avenue center line; thence proceeding westerly on a line midway between Collier Avenue and Star Avenue to the boundary of Beth David Cemetery; to an extension of the easterly boundary of the Beth David Cemetery; thence north westerly along the northerly boundary of the Beth David Cemetery; then, northerly along the boundary of the Beth David Cemetery to a point midway between Emporia Avenue and Stone Street; thence northerly along the midway line between Emporia Avenue and Stone Street to the point or place of beginning.

**ELECTION DISTRICT 4** The place of registration and voting will be the **ELMONT ROAD SCHOOL**, ELMONT, New York, with said Election District commencing at a point in the boundary line between School District No. 16 and School District No. 22 at the intersection of the center line of Plainfield Avenue and a line approximately 100 feet north of and parallel to Chelsea Street; thence continuing easterly along this line to the intersection of Chelsea Street and Makofske Avenue thence south in a straight line to the northern boundary of Beth David Cemetery; thence westerly along the northern boundary of Beth David Cemetery to the center line of Elmont Road; thence northerly along the center line of Elmont Road to the intersection of Elmont Road and the Hempstead Turnpike; thence westerly along the center line of the Hempstead Turnpike to the intersection of the Hempstead Turnpike and Plainfield Avenue, thence northerly along the center line of Plainfield Avenue to the point or place of beginning.

**ELECTION DISTRICT 5** The place of registration and voting will be the **GOTHAM AVENUE SCHOOL**, Elmont, New York, with said Election District commencing at a point on the westerly boundary line of District No. 16 at its intersection with the center line of Hempstead Turnpike; thence easterly along the center line of Hempstead Turnpike to its intersection with the Elmont Road center line; thence south along the center line of Elmont Road to the extension of a line forming the northerly boundary of Elmont Memorial High School; thence westerly along said line to a point 25 feet west of Kirby Road north westerly to a point approximately 25 feet east of Rye Street northerly on a line parallel to Rye Street to a point approximately 25 feet north of Baylis Avenue to a point approximately 100 feet west of 4th Street; thence north to the southerly side of Hathaway Avenue west on a line formed by the southerly side of Hathaway Avenue to the north along the westerly boundary of School District No. 16 to the point and place of beginning.

**ELECTION DISTRICT 6** The place of registration and voting will be the **DUTCH BROADWAY SCHOOL**, Elmont, New York, with said Election District commencing at a point on the Linden Boulevard center line where it intersects the Elmont Road center line; thence proceeding southeasterly along the Linden Boulevard center line and continuing on a projection of this line along the Southern State Parkway to its intersection with the District No. 16 easterly boundary line; thence continuing in a northeasterly direction along the District No. 16 easterly boundary line, to the intersection of Meacham Avenue and F Street; thence northerly along a center line of Meacham Avenue to a point approximately 20 feet northerly of Star Avenue; thence westerly along said line to the eastern boundary line of the Beth David Cemetery; thence southerly along the east boundary line of Beth David Cemetery; thence westerly along the south boundary line of Beth David Cemetery to its intersection with the Elmont Road center line; thence continuing in a southwesterly direction along the Elmont Road center line to a line formed by the extension of the Northerly Boundary of Elmont Memorial High School; thence westerly said line to a point 25 feet west of Kirby Road; thence north westerly to



a point 25 feet north of Renfrew Avenue; thence westerly on a line approximately 25 feet north and parallel to a point approximately 25 feet east of Rye Street northerly on a line parallel to Rye Street to a point approximately 25 feet north of Baylis Avenue to a point approximately 100 feet west of 4th Street; thence north to the southerly side of Hathaway Avenue continuing west on a line formed by the southerly side of Hathaway Avenue to the western boundary of School District No. 6 and then south along the western boundary of School District No. 16 to the center line of Dutch Broadway; thence last along the center line of Dutch Broadway to the intersection of Dutch Broadway and Elmont Road; thence south along the center line of Elmont Road to the point and place of beginning.

**ELECTION DISTRICT 7** The place of registration and voting will be the ALDEN TERRACE SCHOOL, Valley Stream, New York, with said Election District commencing at a point in the westerly boundary of District No. 16 at its intersection with the center line of Dutch Broadway; thence southerly along the westerly boundary line of School District No. 16; to the intersection of Elmont Road and Sobro Avenue thence southeasterly along the center line of Sobro Avenue continuing southeasterly then northeasterly along the boundary of School District No. 16 to the northerly side of the Southern State Parkway thence westerly along the Southern State Parkway to the center line of Linden Boulevard thence westerly along the center line of Linden Boulevard to the intersection of Linden Boulevard and Elmont Road thence northerly along the center line of Elmont Road to the intersection of Elmont Road and Dutch Broadway thence westerly along the center line of Dutch Broadway to the point or place of beginning. Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dated: October 5, 2021 Diana L. Delahanty District Clerk 128017

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**LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
For a WATER COMMISSIONER of the West Hempstead Hempstead Gardens Water District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York.  
TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS of the West Hempstead-Hempstead Gardens Water District: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held for West Hempstead-Hempstead Gardens Water District on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, between the hours of six o'clock (6) P.M. and nine o'clock (9) P.M. at the Office of the West Hempstead-Hempstead Gardens Water District 575 Birch Street West Hempstead, New York, for the purpose of electing one (1) Water Commissioner for the term of three (3) years, beginning January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners, adopted on the 27th day of October, 1936, candidates for Water Commissioner shall file their names with the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, at his office, 575 Birch Street, West Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, on or before the 15th day of November, 2021 and information shall be submitted in petition form subscribed to by twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District. Every resident of the District, who is qualified to vote for a Town officer, shall be eligible to hold the office of District Commissioner. Every elector of the Town of Hempstead, who shall have resided in West Hempstead-Hempstead Gardens Water District for a period of thirty (30) days next preceding the 1st day of December, 2021 and is a qualified voter, shall be entitled to vote in this election. By Order of the Board of Water Commissioners West Hempstead Hempstead Gardens Water District Dated: October 21, 2021 West Hempstead, N.Y. 11552 128097

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that an Order granted by the Supreme Court, Nassau County, on the 29th day of September 2021 bearing the index number 639-21, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Nassau County Clerk located at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York, grants me the right to assume the name of Noah Shahid Baksh.

My present address is 87 Litchfield Avenue, Elmont, New York, 11003. The date of birth is 07/14/2017; the place of birth is Brooklyn, Brooklyn Hospital Center; the present name is Shahid Noah Baksh 128099

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given that an order granted by the Supreme Court, Nassau County, on the 7th day of October 2021, bearing Index Number 000665.21, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York grants me the right to assume the name of Kendrick Joseph Hordern. The city and state of my present address are Franklin Square, NY the month and year of my birth are December 2005; the place of my birth is New Jersey; my present name is Kendrick Francisco. 128098

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**LEGAL NOTICE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NASSAU INDEX NO.: 613870/2020 DATE FILED: 12/1/2020 SUMMONS L&L ASSOCIATES HOLDING CORP., Plaintiff, -against- ARTHUR BEZMAN and STEVEN BEZMAN, if they be living, if they be dead, their respective heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming under, by, or through ARTHUR BEZMAN and STEVEN BEZMAN, if they be dead, whether by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, including any right, title or interest in and to the real property described in the complaint herein, all of who and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff. CHRISTIANA TRUST, AS CUSTODIAN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; NASSAU COUNTY TREASURER; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to answer the complaint in this action, to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with the summons, to serve notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the date of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York), and in case of failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. David P. Sullivan, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Nassau County, dated Oct. 12, 2021 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Nassau County Clerk's Office. THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a tax lien and to recover the amount of the tax lien and all of the interest, penalties, additions and expenses thereon to premises k/a District 16, Section 32, Block 425, Lot 125.

Plaintiff designates Nassau County as the place of trial. The basis of venue is the location of the subject property. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the tax lien holder who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the tax lien holder will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (TAX LIEN HOLDER) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: December 1, 2020 LEVY & LEVY Attorneys for Plaintiff 12 Tulip Drive Great Neck, NY 11021 (516)487-6655 BY: JOSHUA LEVY, ESQ. #98974 128089

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Courtesy Elmont Union Free School District  
**PRINCIPAL CYNTHIA QASIM, Assistant Principal Brendan Alfieri and Assistant Principal Ed Thomas with students and members of the Dutch Broadway PTA.**

## Elmont school deemed 'School of Excellence'

By **ROBERT TRAVERSO**  
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Dutch Broadway School in Elmont has been named a 2020-2022 School of Excellence by the National Parent Teacher Association.

A distinction granted to only nine schools on Long Island and 23 schools statewide, Elmont's Dutch Broadway

School was awarded for the level of partnership with its PTA. This relationship, according to a statement released by the school district, helps to "enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students."

"Dutch Broadway's PTA has worked hard to bring programs and assemblies to our school," said school Principal Cynthia Qasim.

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## Crossword Puzzle

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- Tibetan monk
- Triumphed
- Used car sites
- Trojan War hero
- Lincoln nickname
- Taj Mahal city
- TV fare for a night owl
- Gusto
- Gallery display
- "The Raven" writer
- "No way!"
- Sign before Virgo
- "Now, where - I?"
- Vivaldi's output
- Reveal
- Dating from
- Embrace
- Salty septet
- "Citizen Kane" sled
- Train tracks
- Observe
- "Ray Donovan" actor Voight
- Dish
- Pirate's drink
- Expert
- San -, Italy
- Single payments
- Borodin's "Prince -"
- "Uh-huh"
- Perched on
- Like slasher films
- Mag. staff
- Shetland, for one
- Revolving server
- Curved molding
- Serving aid
- Auction
- Detail, briefly
- Dallas hoopster, briefly
- Biography
- Peruke
- Scratch
- Mil. morale booster
- "Mayday!"
- Lemon
- Wahine's gift
- Guy's date
- Curvy letter
- Coloration
- Spell-off
- Cavort
- Checker moves
- Bluenose
- Toy block name
- Cupid's specialty
- Regretted
- Car
- "Let's go!"
- Glimpse
- Caustic solution
- Potential syrup

**DOWN**

- In - land
- Slightly open
- Damon of Hollywood
- Chopper
- "Yippeee!"
- Bassoon's kin
- Just out

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# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Re-elect Laura Curran for county executive

Just over two years into Laura Curran's first term as county executive, the world was roiled by the coronavirus pandemic. Its continuing impact on life might have consumed lesser elected officials, but not Curran.

The county executive, a Democrat, took control and, following the fact-based advice of health officials, she worked to keep residents informed through her Covid-related news briefings that took place in many communities across the county.

In large part because of her outstanding pandemic response, the Herald enthusiastically endorses Curran for a second term as county executive.

Through a phased-in reopening of businesses, houses of worship and schools, Curran and her administration kept a keen eye on the infection numbers and aimed to ensure the health and safety of everyone in the county. When vaccinations were rolled out, Nassau officials from Curran on down doubled down on the need to vaccinate. As of press time, the county had a 94 percent vaccination rate for adults with at least one dose — the highest in New York state.

Curran used federal money to fund the Boost Nassau program, which

began last summer to offer grants to businesses. Also, some 400,000 county households will receive a one-time \$375 direct payment for residents to use as they wish, but which Curran is encouraging people to spend locally to help support pandemic-ravaged businesses.

Her Republican challenger, Hempstead Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman, has been part of the town's battle against Covid-19, which has included a mobile vaccination unit and an array of programs and services that have assisted residents through the pandemic, all paid for with federal dollars. We also commend Blakeman for his role at the town level in easing

restrictions for restaurants to create outdoor dining spaces to help them survive the pandemic.

Financially, Curran has navigated the county through the past two budgets, 2019 and 2020, and has delivered balanced fiscal plans but has not raised county taxes since being elected. The current budget battle is still playing out. Her proposed \$70 million tax cut appears sounder than the Republican plan for a \$120 million cut that Blakeman has campaigned on.

A recurring issue that vexes residents is the way homes are assessed

across the county. Reassessment has long been thought of as the third rail of Nassau politics, but Curran showed courage in taking on an issue that made so many other elected leaders quiver. The reassessment process was imperfect, with thousands of mistakes. The system is, however, considerably more accurate now for hundreds of thousands of homes.

Blakeman, for all his years in public office, which include two stints as a town councilman and his time in the County Legislature, where he served as presiding officer, was unable to offer concrete suggestions for fixing the reassessment. The best plan he offered was to take a look under the hood, so to speak, assemble a panel of experts and appoint a special master to investigate what was done and how it could be repaired. When running for the county's highest office, a candidate needs to offer more than that.

Both candidates support upgrading Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, and Curran said that she has asked the federal government for \$200 million to enhance the hospital's infrastructure.

We believe Curran's outstanding work in protecting her constituents throughout her first term — particularly during the pandemic — coupled with her willingness and ability to take on critical issues like reassessment have earned her another four years. We urge voters to re-elect her Tuesday.

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Laura Curran

## For county district attorney, Todd Kaminsky

The most hard-fought, nastiest race in Nassau County this election season has been the

contest for district attorney, pitting Democratic State Sen. Todd Kaminsky against Republican Anne Donnelly. Both have run scathing television ads, with Donnelly accusing Kaminsky of freeing prisoners under the state's new bail-reform law, and Kaminsky accusing Donnelly of botching a murder trial leading to a mistrial.

But the bad-mouthing began with the Republicans, who see the D.A.'s race as their best chance to capture a powerful seat in county government and were first to air the ads. In our view, Kaminsky is the better candidate.

The State Legislature passed a bail-

reform measure in 2019, restricting the use of cash bail and pretrial detention in misdemeanor and nonviolent felony cases. It also gave judges discretion to assign bail in almost all violent felony cases and certain nonviolent cases, such as witness tampering. The law was amended in 2020, and Kaminsky voted for the amended law, which gives judges bail discretion in a greater number of cases.

In her TV ads, Donnelly accused Kaminsky of *writing* the bail-reform bill. That was untrue. Kaminsky voted for it, but was not its author.

This issue was central to the campaign for D.A. That's a shame, because there are other issues that demanded the attention of both candidates.

Kaminsky, while having to defend himself against the false allegations, did bring up other matters, including the need for stronger gun control legislation and a woman's right to choose in the growing debate over abortion.

Kaminsky has proven himself to be an able state senator, particularly when it comes to the environment, an issue of great importance to his South Shore constituency. He is chairman of the Senate Environmental Conservation Committee, and authored the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, an aggressive climate-change program that puts New York on the road to carbon neutrality and a green-energy economy. He has been in the forefront of a fight to regulate carcinogenic contaminants in Long Island's water supply, and has passed legislation banning products containing toxic substances. He secured billions of dollars for clean-water sys-

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Todd Kaminsky



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## Ryan Cronin is choice for county comptroller

In the race to fill Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman's post between Democrat Ryan Cronin and Republican Elaine Phillips, our choice to support Cronin boils down to his holistic plan to provide increased accountability across party lines and modernize the office of the comptroller.

Keeping in mind the controversy swirling around the office with the current comptroller because Schnirman overpaid tens of thousands as Long Beach city manager, Cronin, 40, said one of his goals is to gain back the trust of his constituents.

Indeed, Cronin, a Garden City resident, has a track record as a corporate attorney who has dealt with complex contract disputes and fraud claims, and of advocating for those who have been taken advantage of. Cronin defended more than a dozen victims of the Bernie Madoff Ponzi scheme and took on a global corporation to force the recall of a defective product that caused the injury and death of infants—in other words, watchdog-caliber experience.

Cronin raised a blueprint for the office's priorities, both short- and long-term. As an immediate concern was the vendor payment process, which is plagued by chronically delayed payments that lead to extra costs for all parties involved. He also wants to proactively address Nassau's antiquated technology, which will not comply with coming accounting standards within the next three to five years.

Cronin also prioritizes building a bipartisan office, already pledging to appoint a Republican as his top deputy. Aligned with his apolitical view of how the office should run, he has critiqued County Executive Laura Curran for not collaborating with the county Republicans on jettisoning county fees and for perpetuating the structural gap between recurring county

revenues and expenses.

Unlike Cronin, who lost two State Senate races against Republican incumbent Kemp Hannon, Phillips has already had a political career. As Flower Hill mayor, she stabilized the village's finances and incentivized green projects, a tenure that attests to her familiarity with local bureaucracy and financial savvy.

However, it is her time as the 7th District senator that has raised some red flags regarding her leadership and partisanship. As the head of the Ethics Committee, the body held few meetings, which resulted in no material progress.

Phillips has strong professional financial experience as a financial analyst for Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, where she juggled the competing needs of her clients and her employers; however, she did not provide specific new ideas for the office of comptroller.

Because of Cronin's independence from his party, his professional experience going after the big guys and his specific plan of action, the Herald supports Cronin. Vote for him on Election Day.

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Ryan Cronin

## Vote for O'Connell for county clerk

Though we found both candidates in the Nassau County clerk race to be strong, we see no reason to unseat Maureen O'Connell after all she has accomplished in the past 16 years.

O'Connell, a registered nurse from East Williston and a Republican, was first elected clerk in 2005, and re-elected in 2009, 2013 and 2017 — for good reason. She has taken many steps in that time to improve the office and ensure that it operates effectively and efficiently. She and her staff have worked to process more than a million backlogged records, and implemented an electronic filing process that converts paper land records to a digital format to ensure they remain safe in the future.

O'Connell and her staff also implemented security measures to protect residents from

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Maureen O'Connell

scams and identity theft, and have worked with military veterans to protect them from data breaches. She has extended office hours and created outreach programs to educate constituents about services the clerk's office provides.

Her opponent, Justin Brown, a Democrat from Baldwin, offered many solid ideas for improving the office

moving forward, and as a health care administrator for Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer

Center and a former Uniondale Board of Education trustee, he has shown proven leadership skills.

Brown's ideas include making the clerk's office more technologically efficient, so residents can receive documents without having to appear in person; implementing a modern, user-friendly online system that the office would have full control over; and offering greater community outreach to residents and constituents to show them how to maximize the office's services. Brown is just 30 years old, we believe there is a strong future in politics for him, and encourage him to seek elected office in years to come.

For now, though, O'Connell has the county clerk's office humming along, and has instituted a great deal of positive change there in the past 16 years. We encourage voters to re-elect her.

## For county D.A., Todd Kaminsky

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tems. While Kaminsky's environmental record is enviable, the question is, does this make a good prosecutor? We believe his passion for issues demonstrates his hunger to do good work through public office, and his ability to work effectively as an elected leader. Kaminsky has pledged to use the bully pulpit of the D.A.'s office to take on big-picture law-enforcement issues, and he no

doubt can.

Donnelly argues that she is the law-enforcement professional. She has been a prosecutor in the county D.A.'s office for 32 years, and served as deputy chief of the Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau. Certainly, such service is admirable.

Kaminsky, who became a state senator in 2016, worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens D.A.'s office before joining the U.S. attorney's office for

the Eastern District of New York. He prosecuted elected officials who used taxpayer dollars to support their lifestyles.

Kaminsky offered some fresh ideas to improve the D.A.'s office. He promised to crack down on hate crimes at a time when anti-Semitic and racist acts are rising in New York. He also promised to root out corruption in Nassau, whether among Republicans or Democrats, and swore to improve trust in government at a time

when that is sorely lacking.

Kaminsky has also vowed to work harder with federal law-enforcement officials to defeat the rise of gang violence in Nassau. But he said he wanted to go deeper, and work with communities and schools dealing with such problems.

Our view is that Kaminsky, given his background in both government and the U.S. attorney's office, is an excellent choice for Nassau district attorney.



# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Re-elect Kate Murray as Hempstead clerk

In the race for Town of Hempstead clerk, the Herald endorses incumbent Kate Murray.

Murray, who served as clerk in 2002-03 before becoming the first female town supervisor — a position she held until 2016 — is fully qualified to remain in her current position, to which she was re-elected in 2019.

Having taken office shortly before the coronavirus pandemic began, Murray, 59, of Levittown, quickly made changes to ensure that the clerk's office would remain open and work efficiently. Many services were moved to outdoor sheds rented by the town, so residents and employees would feel comfortable with in-person interactions.

Because the clerk's office remained open, it served Hempstead residents throughout the pandemic. Murray even officiated at marriage

ceremonies over Zoom, having been granted permission to do so by the New York state.

She also oversaw the implementation of a sticker-less parking pass system in June 2020. Starting with a pilot program in Oceanside, the system became available to the rest of the town in March of this year. The clerk's office even made the process contactless: Residents can register their license plates online, and Public Safety officers check plates digitally to ensure that vehicles are registered. About two-thirds of commuters have registered online for the program.

Murray also put many applications online, and she has continued the Child Safety ID pro-

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Kate Murray

gram and the Senior ID Program, which collect information from residents that can be used in an emergency. Additionally, she started a Special Needs ID Program.

Murray reassured the Herald that the clerk's office is capable of serve all residents, regardless of language, with staff members who speak a number of languages. Next month the town will unveil a new website that will allow residents to switch to languages other than English.

Murray's opponent, Oneka Nicks, is likable, and offered useful ideas — including one to add languages to the town website. She did not, however, give us reason to vote for her. We support Murray's re-election.

## Laura Burns is the choice in the 6th L.D.

Having served as the 6th District legislator since 2015, Bill Gaylor has introduced several bills for the betterment of his constituents and has shown commendable support for veterans, seniors and law enforcement officers.

Gaylor, a Republican from Lynbrook, has shown that he is knowledgeable on the issues, but after three terms in office, many of those issues persist, and few solutions have been offered.

Meanwhile, his challenger, Rockville Centre resident Laura Burns, showed a willingness to address issues throughout the district. Burns, who became a gun-control advocate in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Conn., in 2012, also became a community organizer after helping to found the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in

America. Through the coalition, she became a specialist in community outreach and communication, and it is her willingness to engage more with constituents on all issues that would make her the better fit for legislator.

Burns has vowed that, if elected, she would host bimonthly town halls, both in-person and online, so she could listen to constituents' concerns and work with them to overcome the problems they face. Her plan would also include weekly office hours when she

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Laura Burns

would meet with district residents in public spaces or at small businesses around the district to better assess their needs.

Through her gun-sense group, Burns has shown a keen ability to communicate, keep others informed and build solid cases for change, which would come in handy when introducing legislation and advocating for constituents. She also displayed knowledge of many issues other than gun control, including affordable housing, renewable energy and infrastructure.

While Gaylor addressed many issues, his main concern seemed to be bashing County Executive Laura Curran over her reassessment plan, without offering viable alternatives.

We urge District 6 residents to cast their ballots for Burns.

## Lisa Daniels is the choice in L.D. 7

In 2013, Democrat Lisa Daniels challenged Republican County Legislator Howard Kopel when he was running for a second term. Fast-forward to 2021 and Kopel, now the Legislature's deputy presiding officer, is running for a seventh two-year term.

We think it's time for a change, especially with redistricting right around the corner.

Daniels, a lawyer and a career advocate, promises to listen and represent the entire district. We like her idea of having residents involved in planning as part of a community-oriented advisory board to help ensure that the people who live in the immediate area of a project could enhance their quality of life.

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Lisa Daniels

Daniels supports the balanced budgets put forth by County Executive Laura Curran and \$375 direct payments to help families. She believes the reassessment grievance system is tilted in favor of people with the wherewithal to hire others to represent them. She likes the online system Curran put in place for everyone to compare homes and submit appraisals to try to lower their assessments.

What has changed in the district? Residents from Hewlett to Cedarhurst are still waiting for the West Broadway project, first discussed in 2015. Kopel, a Lawrence resident, appears to concentrate his representation in the Five

Towns, while other areas of the district, such as Oceanside, are ignored.

In 2014, Kopel began a campaign in partnership with then State Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder to persuade the state to complete the Nassau Expressway and build a bypass to reduce the traffic volume along the Rockaway Turnpike-Rockaway Boulevard corridor. It's a great idea, but it's not in a county legislator's purview.

In 2013, when the Legislature was conducting redistricting, Kopel cast the deciding vote to split the Five Towns into four districts. He said that if changes had to be made, the fewer the better. Dividing one district into four isn't fewer. Daniels does not have any elected government experience, but neither did Kopel when he was elected. District 7 needs a new face, and we urge residents to vote for Daniels.



# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Re-elect Town Supervisor Don Clavin

**A**fter slashing the Town of Hempstead supervisor's budget in half, proposing tax freezes or tax cuts each year in office and spending tens of millions of dollars to repair town roads and parks, Don Clavin deserves to be re-elected to two more years as town supervisor.

Clavin, of Garden City, ran an efficient office as the tax receiver for nearly two decades, and then admirably dealt with the issues that arose during the coronavirus pandemic in his first term as supervisor. Given all of his experience in town government, he is a better fit for the position than his opponent, Jason Ablove, a discrimination attorney from Oceanside who has no experience in elected office, but still offered many solid ideas.

On his first day in office, Clavin cut the supervisor's staff spending by half, saving taxpayers \$1 million annually, and he has since dedicated \$75 million to road repaving and infrastructure upgrades, as well as \$10 million to parks improvements. In addition to road repairs, his administration introduced the "pothole patrol," an effort to expedite repairs using

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Don Clavin

state-of-the-art vehicles and promoting a hotline for residents to report potholes.

Clavin and the Town Board also acted quickly at the height of the pandemic, aiding seniors, small businesses and essential workers. He used millions of dollars in federal CARES Act funding to provide thousands of free Covid-19 tests for essential workers, personal protective equipment for businesses and meals for residents in need, including seniors.

Though Ablove claimed that Clavin spent some of the money on raises and promotions for political insiders, Clavin offered a reasonable defense, explaining that every expenditure was approved by an advisory review panel and an impartial law firm, and the money was spent properly to help those in need and to safeguard residents. He added that he built a solid partnership with U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer in his first term, amid the pandemic, which we believe will come in handy down the road if Clavin is re-elected.

To further aid local businesses dealing with the health crisis, Clavin and the board instituted the first outdoor dining initiative in the state

in the spring of 2020, waiving permit fees and expediting the process for restaurant owners.

Clavin's background in finance has proved critical. To help save money, he eliminated take-home cars for top managers, including himself, and the town has received credit-rating upgrades from Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

Ablove offered many sound ideas, including trimming the \$5 million per year the town spends on mailers; instituting new guidelines and practices to make its animal shelter more efficient; focusing on road repairs across the town, not just in certain areas; adding a town diversity officer; and creating an office focusing on services for people with disabilities. Ablove also said that residents need more opportunities at town meetings and online to offer feedback on projects before they are approved.

His line of work is a good indication of Ablove's dedication to advocating for people. We urge him to run again in the future, perhaps at a more local level than supervisor.

While both candidates are passionate, eager and approachable, we believe Don Clavin is the better choice given all he has done for the town and his leadership during the pandemic. We urge voters to re-elect him on Tuesday.

## OPINIONS

# Jason Kreiss at 50: Blessings on your head

**H**ow is my son, Jason, like a Mac-Donald's quarter-pounder?

They are both 50 years old this year. And, might I add, both awesome. Also 50 this year? Disney World, the Nasdaq, email, floppy disks, Sacha Baron Cohen, and Hamburger Helper.

Right up alongside my shock at being the mom of a 50-year-old is my shock that e-mail is only 50 years old. How is that possible? The day Jason was born, I couldn't email anyone or send a text or snap a photo on my iPhone. That gizmo wouldn't be launched for 36 more years.

When your child hits the half-century mark, attention must be paid. How did the little kid with mittens clipped to his jacket learn to drive a car, run a household, start a business? How did the boy who tracked seagulls overhead instead of the soccer ball find his way? What does it mean that he was born, and how does he see this gift of a

life to live?

His story is his to write, but let me say what only a mother can get away with saying: He is a mensch, a loving family man, a loyal friend and a responsible earthling. These things I expect. What I could not have known when he was 6 pounds 9 ounces is that he is both a skilled, empathic lawyer and a dedicated fisherman. One is his profession, the other his passion.

You'd have to ask his kids what they think about his parenting, but I expect, like most teens, they'd give him a B today and an A when they turn 50.

You can see that I'm taking this landmark birthday seriously.

I was such a kid when he was born. Twenty-four years old. He was due on Halloween, and all that day I rested on the couch in our apartment, waiting for some sign and getting only annoying trick-or-treaters banging on the door. Clearly it was too late for second thoughts, but I began wondering what I wanted kids for anyway. They would just grow up to

become annoying goblins beating at the door.

We had a crazy dog in those days, a toy poodle named Lambchop, who quickly became known as the Chopper due to his appetite for domestic goods. That day, while waiting for Jason to be born, I rested on the couch and apparently dozed off for some time, because when I woke up, my pant leg was gone. The Chopper had been gnawing on my cuff (in his favorite flavor, polyester), found a thread and unraveled the entire leg. It was a sign, but not the one I was looking for.

I thought Halloween would be my low point, but seven more days would pass before Jason's birth. And every day I got bigger and more nervous.

On Nov. 6, I ate a large corned beef sandwich for dinner and went to bed early. At 4 a.m. on Nov. 7, my water broke, and my husband and I went into Birth Alert. In a scene reminiscent of a sitcom, my husband leapt up, cracked his head on the headboard and nearly lost consciousness. We immediately called our best friends,

who were on call to drive us to the hospital, and told them we might need them within a few hours. They really appreciated that heads-up at 4 a.m.

"Don't worry," I reassured my husband, "it will be many, many hours before the contractions start. Go back to sleep."

As he put his head back down on the pillow, I got a contraction. A big one. "Get up," I said.

"I think I just went to sleep," he said. "But I'm getting another contraction, and it's only two minutes later," I said. "It's not supposed to happen like this. We better get to the hospital."

Six minutes after we first called our friends, we called them back to pick us up.

Then the friend who drove told me what he said was the hardest thing he ever had to tell anyone in his life: "I have to stop for gas." He was on empty.

It was a wild ride, but we got to Long Island Jewish Hospital at about 5:30 a.m. Forty minutes later, our son was born.

We named him Jason Wyatt and he will be 50 years old next week. To us he's still a kid, still evolving. But the early results are promising.

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