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FOUR-YEAR-OLDS RYAN FORLOINE, left, Robert Gelo and Jack Brennan dressed as their favorite comic book superheroes for the Malverne Youth Board's annual Ragamuffin Parade in 2019.

Malverne to celebrate Halloween-eve events Family-oriented activities to be held in town

BY LISA MARGARIA Imargaria@liherald.com

The Village of Malverne's Church Street gazebo will be the site of two family-friendly Halloween-eve events, the Youth Board Ragamuffin Parade and the Chamber Candy Crawl, on Saturday.

The Malverne Youth Board sponsors many events for

kids and families throughout the year. Its annual parade a historical holiday predecessor to Halloween that has been going on for nearly 25 years — will start at 11 a.m. on Church Street nearing the gazebo.

Kids can wear their costumes to the parade, which will include activities such as pumpkin painting. "The kids

always have a great time. because they can decorate their pumpkin and take it home," said Youth Board **Director Christine Gibbons** Trabulsi, "and they have another opportunity to wear their costumes "

After the parade, the Chamber of Commerce will host a 12:15 hot dog lunch at **CONTINUED ON PAGE 4**

Two teens dead after fatal road crash

By ANNEMARIE DURKIN adurkin@liherald.com

The West Hempstead community is reeling after two high school students died Thursday in a crash on Westminster Road. According to Nassau County police, the 18-year-old female

driver of a BMW SUV was heading north on Westminster Road and crashed into a parked truck near Fairlawn Avenue on Oct. 21.

Just after 1 a.m. Thursday morning, losing control after rounding a curve, the teen's vehicle slammed into a flatbed truck owned by a garden center parked overnight on the four-lane road,

authorities said. Speed is believed to be a likely factor in what caused the crash.

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The SUV turned over several times upon impact, ejecting the two teens, said Det. Lt. Stephen Fitzpatrick, who leads the department's homicide squad. Kurtis Caesar, 19, known as "CJ," a graduate of Cambria Heights Academy in Queens,

and West Hempstead High student Amanda Arguinzoni, 17, were identified as the two teens killed in the crash.

"[The] child is supposed to bury their parent, not the parent burying the child," said Dennis Caesar. Kurtis's uncle.

The SUV's 18-year-old driver, who was not identified, was taken to a

ife can just switch up on you. That's why you have to have your eyes gation," Nassau **AARON BENITEZ** County Police Commissioner Patrick

hospital in critical. but stable condition. "The driver of the vehicle, she is in a local hospital, where she is in critical but stable condition right now. There's no criminality at this time; it is an ongoing investi-

Ryder said. Police collected

surveillance video and interviewed multiple business owners, who said where the crash happened, on Westminster Road, just south of Hempstead Turnpike, is known as a dangerous section of road.

"They come off the Southern State Parkway and zoom down if

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Courtesy Alex Menachery

THE 1962 TEAM was led by Purple Heart recipient Joe Sarcona, who served in North Africa and Europe during WWII.

Echo Park site to honor 1962 LLWS team

By ROBERT TRAVERSO

A dedication site at Echo Park honoring the 1962 West Hempstead team that won the Little League World Series Senior Division Championship in Williamsburg, Pennsylvania that year is being organized by a 17-year-old aspiring Eagle Scout from West Hempstead.

Alex Menachery of Life Scout from Troop 240 in West Hempstead is working to add a plaque and bulletin board mounted onto the baseball park's concession stand honoring the 1962 team.

The plaque will have the dedication to the championship team and the bulletin board will display the history of ECHO Park's baseball field, as well as a story of the 1962 Champions journey to Williamsport," Menachery said in an email shared with the Herald.

Also being created is a garden featuring stone pavers alongside the plaque and the bulletin board, all of which is currently being organized by Menachery.

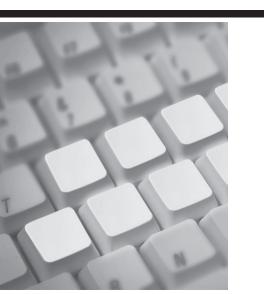
"The goal of the project is to remember this historic moment in West Hempstead's history which many have forgotten about." Menacherv said in the email.

"It honors the baseball team, my hometown, as well as my father (Joe Sarcona), and Echo Park, which all played a role in this significant milestone, which was a first for Long Island, their first Little League World Series baseball title," said William Sarcona, son of the head coach of the 1962 head coach Joe Sarcona, in an email.

"What is impressive is this young man's reverence for history and the using of a touchstone event, from nearly 60 years ago, to galvanize a community, while paying tribute to the team, as well as my father, Joe Sarcona, who was the manager," Sarcona added.

The West Hempstead team won the championship in 1962, the second year of existence for the Senior League Division, created for ballplayers ages 13 to 15. After winning the national title, the championship team came home to Long Island and was showered with celebrations.

"It was our 'field of dreams' moment," Sarcona said of the important event in West Hempstead history.





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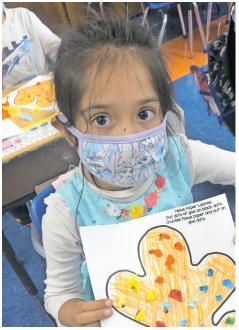
Fall fun at Maurice W. Downing School

BY ROBERT TRAVERSO

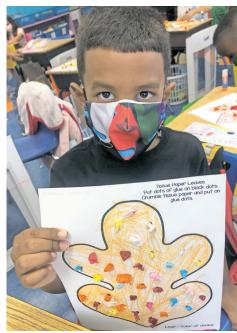
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First-grade students at Maurice W. Downing School in Malverne celebrated autumn by creating their own leaves with colorful tissue paper during class and learning about the fall season.

The students also learned about why leaves change color during autumn and read the poem, "The Leaves on the Trees."



ALEENA AMMAD CREATED her own leaves with colorful tissue paper during a classroom assignment on fall leaves.



JARIEL GONZALEZ LEARNED all about leaves during a fall-themed classroom activity.



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Photos courtesy Malverne Union Free School District

JACK BRENNAN SHOWCASED his leafy artwork during a classroom assignment on fall leaves.

Hempstead woman urges compassion

'Candles in the Window' initiative revamped for holiday season

By ROBERT TRAVERSO rtraverso@liherald.com

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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SEVEN-YEAR-OLDS CAYDEN CARDIFF and Benjamin Forloine picked out a Dracula face for their pumpkins in 2019.

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Day of Halloween fun

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the gazebo, followed by a day-early opportunity for kids to trick-or-treat along Hempstead Avenue, at chamber member businesses, as part of the organization's first Candy Crawl. "We wanted to have the families coming out again to all the different stores," said Malverne chiropractor and four-year chamber member Evelyn Heredia, who is coordinating the Crawl, "and hopefully it will be a tradition that will continue on even after this year."

The last stop of the Crawl will be outside the Malverne Cinema, at 2 p.m.,



New infections, Oct. 11-18 53 Total infections as of Oct. 18 6,720

where children will receive free raffle

tickets for a chance to win a superhero

statue from Rocky's Comics, a Chamber

similar to that of the chamber's Bunny

Hop in April, in which nearly 300 kids

participated this year. Chamber President

Kathi Monroe encouraged families to hit

the town for the events, which help

increase foot traffic at local merchants.

"It's always fun for the kids," said Mon-

roe. "The purpose of it might be business,

but it's really going to be a fun day."

Heredia said she anticipated a turnout



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ELECTION 2021



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

Cronin, Phillips vie for county comptroller seat

By CRISTINA ARROYO RODRIGUEZ

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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 "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 Nassau County comptroller, I will have a crucial role to play in objectively identifying those gov-

ernmental 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. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers in a safe and efficient manner. 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 minorityowned, 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 multi-

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY UPDATE

2021 – MALVERNE/WEST HEMPSTEAD HERALD Thursday, Oct. 28 Genealogy

Join the West Hempstead Public Library between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for a virtual event that is part two of a series with librarian Jean King that will discuss where you can search online to find military and naturalization records to discover your family history. Learn what records are available from Ancestry.com Library edition, FamilySearch.org and other web-October 28, sites. To register and receive the Zoom link to attend this event, visit the library's website online at www.whplibrary.org.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Intro to Meditation

Join the West Hempstead Public Library and Piedad Ramirezbetween 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for a virtual introductory class on meditation. Contact Piedad Ramirez at (516) 481-6591 X 11 or via email at canaria@whplibrary.org to learn more about the class.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Virtual Simply Stronger

Join the West Hempstead Public Library and Marilyn Bunger between 9:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. for another installment of her virtual exercise and strength training class via Zoom. Registration is required. The class is held weekly and gives you access to Marilyn's recorded videos 24/7 for 13 sessions from October to December and costs \$30. Your registration will not be approved until payment is received. Once your payment is received, you will be sent a link to join the class. Please make your check payable to WHPL and mail to West Hempstead Public Library. Register online at the library's website, https://www.whplibrary.org/.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Virtual Conversation Circle Join the West Hempstead Public Library and Sandy Hindren for a virtual conversa-



Checkmate

The West Hempstead Public Library is holding a virtual chess tutorial class for children in 1st grade and up with some prior knowledge of chess on Wednesday, Nov. 3 between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

tion circle between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Chat with friends and neighbors as those who attend pose questions or topics and give everyone a chance to respond. Attendees learn from each other, share experiences and wisdom, and clarify goals and values. The conversations aim to foster deeper knowledge and understanding as we talk about money, improving society, medical issues, any concerns of the day, and all topics that arise. Have a topic you'd like to discuss? Join the conversation and share it with the group. Registrants will receive a copy of Sandy's book, "7 Keys to Love." Registration is required with an email address. A class link will be emailed to participants. Register online at the library's website, https://www.whplibrary.org/.

Long Island Chess Nuts

Join the West Hempstead Public Library and instructors from the Long Island Chess Nuts between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for a virtual chess tutorial class for children grades 1 and up with some prior knowledge of how to play chess. Space is limited for this event. A valid e-mail address is required to receive a Zoom link to the virtual program session. Register online at the library's website, https:// www.whplibrarv.org/.

Monday, Nov. 3

Virtual Tai Chi

Join the West Hempstead Public Library and Eddie Hug between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for a virtual tai chi class. Registration is required. This class is weekly and gives you 24/7 access to Eddie's recorded video sessions (12 sessions). No class is scheduled for Nov. 24. Access to the courses costs \$30. Please note: Your registration will NOT be approved until payment is received. Once your payment is received, you will be sent a link to join the class. Please make your check payable to WHPL and mail to West Hempstead Public Library Attn: Programs, 500 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, NY 11552. Include on the check: Your name. address, phone number and the name of the class. Register online at the library's website, https://www.whplibrary.org/.

Friday, Nov. 5

Outdoor Stories and Songs for Babies and Toddlers with Miss Victoria

Join the West Hempstead Public Library and Miss Victoria between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. for outdoor stories and songs! Please bring a towel or blanket. Space is limited and the program is weather-permitting. Registration begins 1 week prior to the program, on Oct. 29 at 9 a.m. If the class is full, please add your child to the waitlist. If we have enough children, another class will be added following the first. This event will take place outside the library.

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

5 things to know about your town

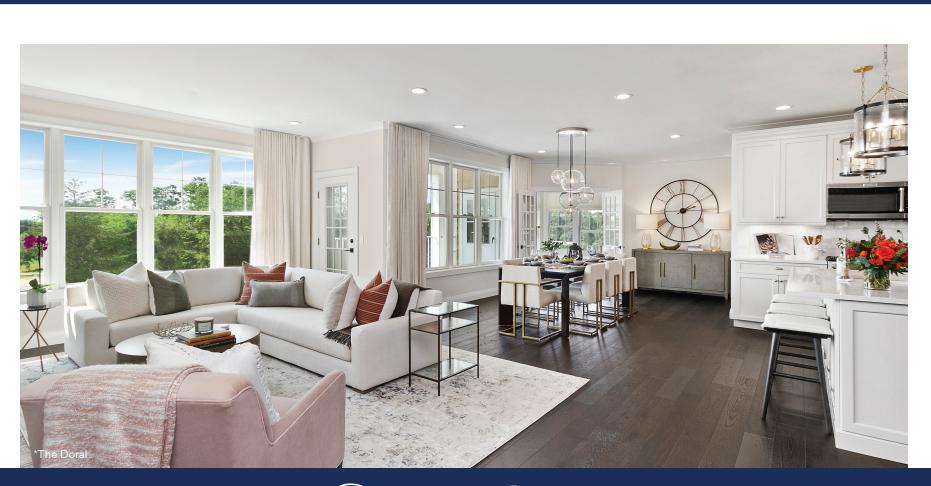
- Orville Wright, who invented powered flight, lived in West Hempstead during the early 1930s.
- The Village of Malverne, a "full service" municipality, provides most public services by itself.
- West Hempstead is home to seven synagogues.
- A 2012 report found that Malverne was the second safest village in New York State.
- Charley Steiner, the former ESPN sportscaster, was born in Malverne.

Monday, Nov. 8

Starting a Business

Join the West Hempstead Public Library and SCORE between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. for an installation of a seven-part virtual series that will address aspects of starting a business. Topics include planning, budgeting, marketing and more, Session one will focus on starting a business with a small budget. Other issues discussed will include: Basics of setting up a business; legal entity structures (sole proprietor, partnerships, LLC and others); paying taxes; keeping financial records; insurance; business Plan introduction; marketing basics; and financing a business. Register online at the library's website www.whplibrary.org.

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SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



CHARLIE MCKEE Oceanside Senior Football

IN THE THIRD quarter of last Friday night's victory over East Meadow, McKee etched his name into the Nassau County football record book when he became the all-time leader in passing yards. He entered the contest 159 yards shy of Lawrence 2013 graduate Joe Capobianco's 8,013. McKee, the reigning Thorp Award winner as the county's top player, threw for 1,459 yards and 16 touchdowns in a shortened junior campaign. He has 80 career touchdown passes to rank No. 2 all-time in Nassau behind Capobianco's 100.

GAMES TO WATCH

Friday, Oct. 29

Football: Oceanside at Freeport 6 p.m.
Football: Bethpage at South Side
Football: C.S. Harbor vs East Rockaway (at Hewlett) 6 p.m.
Football: Seaford at Island Trees
Football: Hewlett at Mineola 7 p.m.
Football: V.S. South at Division7 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	

HERALD SPORTS Rams' homecoming in flux

By TONY BELLISSIMO tbellissimo@liherald.com

Following two of the longest bus rides any school in Nassau County could take, West Hempstead was looking forward to its homecoming football game last Saturday.

However, Rams' opponent Friends Academy saw its roster size fall to a number unfit to play and therefore forfeit. West Hempstead improved to 4-3 in Conference IV with the victory and plan to have some level of homecoming festivities when Oyster Bay visits this Saturday at 2 p.m. for the regular-season finale.

"You never want to have a game cancel, especially when it's homecoming," Rams head coach Dom Carre said. "I'm sure we'll try to make the next game as much of a homecoming atmosphere as possible. We've been banged up most of the season so we'll get some time to heal and get ready for Oyster Bay and then the playoffs."

If the Rams can defeat the Baymen and earn the No. 5 seed for the playoffs, it would be their first non-Friday night win of the season. Carre said junior running back/linebacker Michael AbiAoun pointed that fact out to him during practice last week.

"I thought it was funny but it's just coincidence," Carre said. "We played well in the opener at Malverne, but then we kept losing bodies and we weren't really healthy for three weeks. We had only 14 kids practice leading up to the Cold Spring Harbor game and 19 played. Then we had almost everyone who could play do so at Locust Valley."

Carre said the team bus was late to both Cold Spring Harbor on Oct. 1 and Locust Valley on Oct. 15. "We warmed up as best we could and just played," he said. "The kids were awesome against Cold Spring Harbor. It was a good, hard-fought game that as a coaching staff we needed to scheme the whole time."

Senior Zadrian Budhoo's two touchdown runs guided the Rams over the Seahawks, 16-6. The game was scoreless at halftime. Budhoo opened the scoring with a 33-yard touchdown run in the third quarter and then had a tiebreaking 29-yard scoring dash in the fourth. Senior Petro Adikmenakis' sack led to a safety

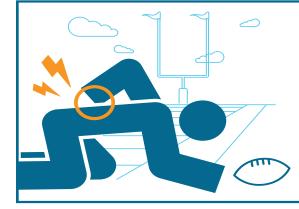


CAPTAINS, CLOCKWISE FROM bottom right, Zadrian Budhoo, Corey Pierre, Michael AbiAoun and Mariano Torres will lead the Rams into the Conference IV playoffs.

with under a minute remaining to seal the outcome. AbiAoun (13) and junior Brendan Close combined for 22 tackles to lead the defensive effort.

Following its bye week, West Hempstead steamrolled to a 40-0 win over struggling Locust Valley behind junior quarterback Cory Pierre's three touchdown runs and a pair from junior A'lorenz Chatman. "Cory's a fantastic kid who's doing a nice job running the offense," Carre said of Pierre, who shares the workload with AbiAoun, Budhoo and Chatman. Close had two sacks and forced a fumble at Locust Valley, while Chatman and senior Tim Holung recorded interceptions.

Protecting the football is one glaring issue the Rams need to correct to make noise in the playoffs. Carre said they've lost 16 fumbles in six games.



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O'Connell, Brown vie for county clerk

By MIKE SMOLLINS

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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 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 Union-



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)

dale 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 top priority is the delivery of efficient, timely and easily accessible services to the residents of Nassau. One of the most important roles of the clerk is to ensure the integrity and security of the records we maintain. The land and court records are vital to the individuals they relate to. Properly filing and safeguarding these records is crucial.

In addition, making the records avail-



Justin Brown Challenger

Age: 30

Hometown: Baldwin

Career: Healthcare administrator

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

able to the residents 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. I also created a property fraud alert system for residents to protect them against predatory deed scams and identity theft.

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.

Teachers and Parents at the Table Act introduced

A new bill would create committees of public school teachers and family members of students to advise the Secretary of Education.

Last week, U.S. Representative Kathleen Rice introduced the Teachers and Parents at the Table Act, which would create volunteer committees of public school teachers and families to advise the U.S. Secretary of Education and report to Congress on topics that affect public school students such as testing and assessment, teacher diversity and training, family engagement, school climate, and more. Rice announced the introduction of her bill during a meeting last week with Jennifer Wolfe, a social studies teacher at Oceanside High School and the 2021 New York State Teacher of the Year.

"No one should have a stronger say in the policies impacting our schools than those who implement them and see their effects every day in classrooms and homes across the country," said Rep. Kathleen Rice. "The educational challenges of the pandemic have underscored this fact and made it abundantly clear that we need an expanded platform for our public school teachers and families to share their expertise with national policymakers."

The Teachers and Parents at the Table Act was first created with the assistance of Marguerite Izzo, a teacher in the Malverne School District and the 2007 New York State Teacher of the Year. The bill is supported nationally by the National Network of State Teachers of the Year and the National PTA.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS **** GUIDE ****

CANDIDATE PROFILES, BALLOT REVIEW AND MORE INSIDE!



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.

We were open and transparent

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 vears 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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Re-Elect Don Clavin Supervisor Re-Elect Anthony D'Esposito Councilman

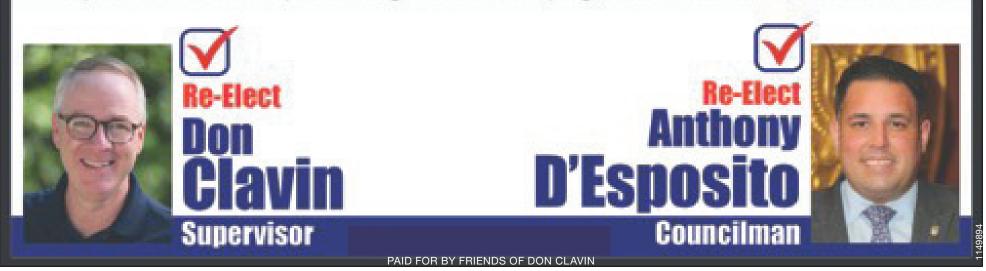


CUTTING TAXES -

- Cutting total Town taxes for 2022.
- Froze taxes for 2021.
- Cut administrative staff costs by \$1 million (annually).

HELPING PEOPLE -

- Provided COVID relief and resources to fire departments, libraries, schools, local businesses and more.
- Investing \$75 million in roadway improvements and \$10 million in parks upgrades.
- Don and Anthony delivered masks and gloves to local businesses and created outdoor dining zones to help restaurants.
- Enhancing our downtowns with streetscape upgrades that include Victorian street lighting, brick-paved walkways and more.
- Operation Clean Sweep is sending sidewalk sweeping crews to clean our business districts.



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Re-Elect Don Clavin Supervisor

Re-Elect Anthony D'Esposito Councilman

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 Donnel-

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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Professional experience: Corporate attorney, business litigator

Brian

Cronin

Party: Democratic

Age: 40

Political career: Secondtime 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 "highlevel 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

COMPTROLLER

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

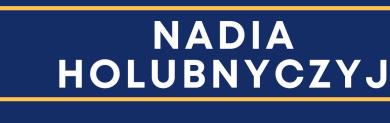


Consumer Affairs, she said. The county administration, she said, should "follow the Town of Hempstead's successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers." While in the private sec-

tor 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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HEMPSTEAD TOWN CLERK

Kate Murray

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 reelected 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

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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 back-

logged records and imple-

mented an electronic filing

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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 ben-

O'Connell and her staff

security measures to protect

residents from scams and

efits of the clerk's office.

have also implemented

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

On the issues:

years

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.

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 6

Bill Gaylor

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

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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;

Demand Action for Gun Sense in America **Political experience:** Sec-

founding member of Moms

ond-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

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include constituents in the process.

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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 8

Nadia Holubnyczyj

Party: Democrat

Age: 53

Hometown: Floral Park

Career: Virtual services, N & M Ortiz, LLC; owner, Pure Potions Aromatherapy

Political experience: None

On the issues:

Nadia Holubnyczyj said the most pressing issue facing the 8th Legislative District is offering transparency and forging trust with community members after 26 years of being represented by the same official. She added that her experience as an active member of the community involved in various civic organizations would help her to forge this trust and understand the issues



important to residents. She said she would focus on attending community events to help educate residents about vaccines and other Covid-19 safety measures to help bring an end to the pandemic, and she would offer perspective as a vaccinated person herself.

Holubnyczyj also said she would push for additional mobile vaccination sites to reach residents across Nassau County. And she said she would work to fight the opioid epidemic that has affected Long Island since

the mid-2010s. With regard to property taxes and the reassessment of property values across the county, Holubnyczyj said she supports the assessment conducted under County Executive Laura Curran as well as Curran's approach to property taxes. She said she would work to make Nassau more friendly to business and invigorate the region with young working people by investing in transportation and affordable housing. Holubnyczyj said she supports a one-stop shop service detailing available at local businesses in the 8th legislative District or across Nassau County. She said she would host job fairs regularly and partner with large hospitals and corporations in the district to publicize employment opportunities for residents, especially those impacted by the pandemic.

John Giuffré

Age: 57

Party: Republican

Hometown: Stewart Manor

Career: Owner and lead attorney, Giuffré Law Offices

Political experience: None

On the issues:

John Giuffré said the top issue facing the 8th Legislative District is cutting property taxes and balancing the county budget by eliminating "wasteful" government spending. He supports the Republican plan to reduce county taxes by \$120 million but emphasized his view that government must spend on crucial public services, especially amid a pandemic that has affected thousands



of Nassau County residents economically. Additionally, Giuffré favors an audit of the reassessment conducted under County Executive Laura Curran to correct what he says are incorrect property values, particularly for owners of multi-million-dollar mansions who he said pay little in tax.

Giuffré said the latest rise in coronavirus cases countywide requires a more vigilant approach that includes an increase in education about the coronavirus as well as an increase in vaccination. He federal funds to increase vaccination and to promote booster shots. He also said he would work to equip local businesses with touchless technology, personal protective equipment and air filters, as well as provide meal deliveries to seniors who are vulnerable to the virus. Giuffré said he plans to publicize these efforts against the pandemic through advertising online and on television. Giuffré said that government must partner with the community to help local businesses and community members cope with the economic impacts of the pandemic. He said he plans to hold events that would highlight employment resources, such as training, education, tutorials and more for workers who are searching for employment opportunities.

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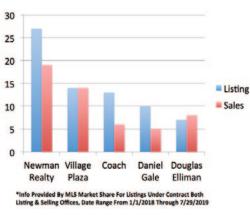
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ELECTION 2021

HEMPSTEAD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Anthony **D'Esposito**

Party: Republican Age: 39

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Hometown: Island Park

Professional experience: NYPD dtective (retired)

Political experience: Town of Hempstead councilman, 2016-present

On the issues:

In spring of 2020, alongside Supervisor Don Clavin, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito spearheaded the region's first outdoor dining initiative, waiving fees and expediting the process to allow and expand outdoor dining. In doing so, he said, the town saved restaurant owners thousands in fees and helped keep their doors



open. Many villages followed the town's lead, and thousands of restaurants are participating in this program, which has been extended to the fall of 2022.

Using federal CARES funding, he said, the town worked with local chambers of commerce to distribute thousands of personal protective equipment kits to small businesses, which helped keep employees and customers safe. As co-chairman of the Town of Hempstead Covid-19 Task Force. D'Esposito was part of

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Clavin's Economic Advisory Council, a group of leaders in business, industry, higher education, healthcare and the community brought together to strategize on how to help businesses navigate the pandemic.

For the last three years, D'Esposito said, he has helped draft and implement either a tax-cut or tax-freeze budget. "I will support Supervisor Clavin's 2022 proposed tax-cut budget," he said. "I have worked hard since 2016 to improve roads, facilities and expand programs. I remain proud to join colleagues in dedicating over \$75 million to roads and infrastructure projects, over \$10 million in park improvements and continue to make the communities I represent along our shoreline more resilient in the face of future storms."

Aaron Meyer

Party: Democratic

Age: 42

Hometown: Oceanside

Professional experience: Attorney, author, researcher, academic, public speaker, consultant

Political experience: Firsttime candidate

On the issues:

Aaron Meyer said he believes there is much work to be done to help small businesses through the pandemic. "A lot more can be done to help local businesses, which should be the town's priority," he said. "Whether that means starting by designating town personnel to work directly with



small business to tasking the Hempstead Industrial Development Agency to evaluate rental and/or tax relief available under section 862 of the General Municipal Law, or any number of other options available, nothing will happen until local businesses are treated as the priority they should be. "With respect to staffing

shortages," he continued, "that can't be solved without rectifying our housing shortage, which in turn means the town and its IDA have an obligation to promote con-

struction that will keep our younger generation here, especially and pointedly our growing differently-abled community, who must be able to commute from their homes to their jobs. Two-story garden-style apartment buildings can be prioritized in keeping with existing zoning and built to be affordable for the rising generation of younger Long Islanders and those who will come next. It's absurd to expect people to travel long distances in order to collect low hourly wages.

"The three hallmarks of my candidacy have been, from the start, bringing about transparency, accountability and representation," he said. "So, my overall priority is to be the catalyst for the Town Board to be transparent, which in turn will force it to be accountable."

ELECTION 2021

Includes Baldwin, Cedarhurst, East Rockaway, Hewlett, Island Park, Lynbrook, Malverne, Oceanside, Rockville Centre, South Hempstead, Valley Stream, Woodmere.

HEMPSTEAD COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

Includes Baldwin, Freeport, Hempstead, Lakeview, Lynbrook, Rockville Centre, Uniondale and West Hemsptead.

Dorothy Goosby Incumbent

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Party: Democrat

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Age: 83

Professional experience: Licensed dietician nutritionist, journal author, chemistry teacher

Political career: Town of Hempstead councilwoman, Association of Towns president, Hempstead Board of Education vice president. Marshall Elementary School PTA president

On the issues:

Dorothy Goosby said she voted to implement and supported the following measures during the coronavirus pandemic:

Mobile Covid-19 testing and vaccinations



More than \$11 million in federal pandemic relief funds to colleges and schools

Over a million meals and six million for food banks.

More than \$800,000 to local villages.

More than \$400,000 to fire departments.

- A small business personal protective equipment program.
- An expedited process for outdoor dining permits.

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"My entire life and political career have been dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion," Goosby said. "I'm a living testament of DEI. Goosby v. the Town of Hempstead has been cited in over 150 cases nationwide as an instrument God divinely used and continues to use to let the world know that diversity, equity and inclusion are our reasonable service to humanity. "My focus is quality-oflife equity," she said, "because the disparities in

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my district remain unbalanced and alarming. In terms of sewage equity, our sewage system is at the forefront of my list. The Village of Hempstead must be repaired, not just the sewers maintained by the government. In terms of water equity, the North and South shores must be treated fairly and equitably."

James Lamarre Challenger

Party: Republican

Age: 45

Professional experience: Business owner

Political career: None

On the issues: Lamarre did not respond to

Editor's note: James Lamarre could not be reached, despite many attempts.



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2021 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

3rd District Court Judge

David I. Levine

Democratic, Republican.

Conservative

Lisa Saltzman

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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.



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Age: 55

Lives in: Roslyn Heights

Law School in 1990.

Education: Gaduated from SUNY

Binghamton in 1987 and earned

his law degree from New York

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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 Hohauser

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Democratic, Republican, Conservative

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

Age: 62



as counsel and the executive director for Morgan Stanley

Legal career: Hohauser served

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

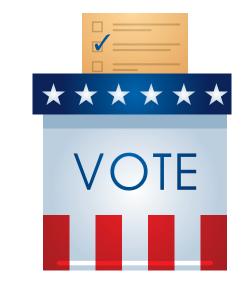
Age: 55

Hometown: Uniondale

Education: University of Pennsylvania; Hofstra University

Legal career: District Court judge since January 2015, practiced law in family court for 13 vears, 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 lifelong 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.

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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: Earned bachelor's from St. John's University in 1984 and J.D. St. John's University in 1987.

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

Joseph Girardi

Party: Democratic, Republican and Conservative Age: 62

Education: Graduated with Highest Honors from SUNY Oneonta in 1981 with a dual major of U.S. history and political science. Graduated from Georgetown Law Center in 1984 and was a Criminal Justice Clinic participant.

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

ELECTION 2021

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: Daly-Sapraicone began her legal career in 1995 as an 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 in 2002; received law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2005.

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

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Timothy S. Driscoll

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

Education: Bachelor's Hofstra University, 1988; law degree, Harvard Law School, 1991.

Legal career: After graduating from law school, Driscoll began a year-long clerkship with the Hon. Joseph M. McLaughlinof 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.

SUPERVISOR

Vito DeStefano

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

Education: Wagner College; Brooklyn Law School.

Legal career: Elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 2007 and is presiding in the Commercial Division and over the Tax Certiorari part of the court in Nassau County. He was a Nassau County District Court judge from 2004 through 2007. Was appointed to the New York State's Advisory Committee on Judicial Ethics.

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Don Clavin Incumbent

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Party: Republican

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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 mil-



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lion 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 ntroduced 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 Abelove Challenger

Party: Democratic

Age: 51

Hometown: Oceanside

Career: Discrimination attorney since 1994 Political experience: First-time

candidate

On the issues:

Jason Abelove 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."

Abelove 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.

Abelove said if he were elected, Hempstead would distribute the federal relief money. Abelove said he believes that the town's primary responsibility is local infrastructure, and roads need to be adequately cared He added that, if elected, he would place resources on infrastructure based upon need.

Abelove 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.



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ple educational and outreach forums on MWBE. As Nassau 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. This role will take on increasing importance given the uncertainty of the post-COVID economy. 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 taxpavers 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.

West Hempstead woman honored

Theresa Oster of West Hempstead was one of 12 women honored as "Women of Distinction" from the 19th Assembly District. These women were selected for their notable accomplishments professionally and in the community last week. Additionally, he presented three women with W.I.S.E., Special Recognition, and Emerging Leader awards.

"I am proud to recognize these exceptional 'Women of Distinction' in my district. Their accomplishments and what they give back to our communities are what make this part of Long Island great," said Assemblyman Ed Ra. "It is an honor to applaud their life's work and celebrate them with their families and friends."

Mary-Grace Tomeck was the keynote speaker for the evening and Angelina Kolobukhova was the singer providing music for the ceremony. Family and friends were in attendance, both in person and virtually.

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Nurse Manager, Nassau University Medical Center

uring school when I went through the various clinicals, the psych rotation grabbed my attention the most. I always had an interest in how the mind works and mental health.

At NUMC, I manage the staff for ... one of the [six] psych units. ... My unit deals with more acute patients. These are the patients that are too aggressive or have more of a serious mental health problem than the average patient. We also take the inmates from the neighboring jail.

Covid-19 made our job more challenging because we had to deal with the mental aspect of patients and the medical side of it. Someone with a mental problem may not know how to take care of themselves. We started to experience more deaths, more illnesses and everyone throughout the hospital started hearing the codes called constantly, the codes that describe a patient's condition. ... It caused us to work short-staffed, too, because a lot of staff got Covid-19.

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It shocked me to see the resiliency of the staff at the hospital. Despite everything going on, even at the height of the pandemic, we still had a core group of staff members that showed up regardless and found a way to get the job done.

For me, it was hard to be strong for my peers and staff that looks at me for direction. Coming out of the pandemic, we are more appreciative of certain freedoms that we didn't highlight before, like walking around freely and not thinking we were going to get sick. We were always worried whether a symptom we had was Covid-19.

HERALD HOMETOWN HERO



ROSSY DUARTE OCEANSIDE

Family Specialist, Mount Sinai Doctors Oceanside Family Medicine

At the beginning of the pandemic, my staff and I found most difficulty navigating patient safety while the protocols for Covid were still being developed. We had to find a balance between keeping everyone safe while also continuing to care for all the patients; it was really tough because it felt like something was changing every day, but my incredible staff rose to the challenge every day to keep the practice running.

The most important change to my practice during the pandemic is telehealth visits. It allowed us to continue care for all of our patients who could not leave home.

For office changes, many safe measures are still in place. There is more disinfecting before and after patients, spacing visits out, and starting earlier as well as changes to the





waiting room for proper social distancing. These changes will most-likely last after the pandemic.

Medical professionals collectively have stepped up to the plate during this pandemic. It is incredible to see how everyone came together and no matter what, continue to move forward. People need to remember that their primary care doctor is the number one resource when it comes to health. Your primary doctor knows you, your health history, and has an in-depth understanding of Covid based on extensive research within the medical community.

Primary care doctors are underutilized right now. I would encourage people to keep in contact with their doctors and get back on track with their health.

CAROL WRIGHT NASSAU COUNTY

Pandemic Response Coordinator/Charge Nurse, Mount Sinai South Nassau

am in charge of coordinating the Covid-19 swab team for the employees that are being checked for symptomatic or exposure reasons. I prepare and adjust the schedule as need be, assisting other nurses in swabbing, and coordinating registration for new and incoming patients.

We started in May of last year after Covid first hit us, and we started off with the preprocedurals. It has escalated from swabbing about 150 patients a day in any kind of weather and then it dipped because Covid was being contained and people were wearing proper [personal protective equipment].

In 2021, the Covid cases took a turn for the better, and so we were doing less swabbing in May and June. In July, cases started to escalate again because of the Delta variant, so we were



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THE TWO TEENS killed in the fatal West Hempstead crash early Thursday have been identified as 19-year-old Kurtis "CJ" Caesar of Queens and 17-year-old Amanda Arguinzoni of West Hempstead.

Teens die in crash

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they're late," locksmith John Plant said. "We see car crashes every day over speed," baker Raul Argueta said.

Westminster Nursery and Garden Center owned the truck that was parked on the road overnight. The business declined comment.

Verv respectful young man and he had a lot of friends, always willing to do for anybody," Patrice Blake, Kurtis Caesar's aunt, said.

Friends of those in the crash gathered near the site Thursday, bringing flowers and photos of the victims, creating a memorial to mourn the teens lost in the tragedy. "Big heart; she was good with everybody...she likes to make conversation with everybody," one student said.

Schools are making counselors available to help students as they mourn and teenage driving. "Life can just switch up on you. That's why you have to have your eyes open,'

share advice on the dangers of late-night

student Aaron Benitez said. "Left the world so early, had a bright future ahead of them," student Cindy Clare added.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, motor vehicle crashes are the number one leading cause of death for U.S. teens. In 2019, almost 2,400 teens ages 13 to 19 were killed, and about 258,000 were treated in emergency departments for injuries suffered in motor vehicle crashes. Per mile driven. teen drivers in this age group are nearly three times as likely as drivers aged 20 or older to be in a fatal crash.

Data shows nighttime driving is raytime but is particularly dangerous for teen drivers

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Q. Our home seemed very normal when we first moved in, but little by little, things began to happen that we couldn't explain. Doors would open and close, floors creaked with nobody in the room, a particular wall only "sweats" one day a year, and we keep hearing a low moaning sound followed by tapping coming from our den. We've had a handyman come and try to assess some of the door stakes and things, but is any of what I described normal, or could some of it truly be a sign of something unexplainable?

A. When things go bump in the night you cannot always run to your mummy. It seems we humans have always had a fascination with death, and our minds create endless possible scenarios.

The first two things I was taught in architecture school were that we need to always be concerned about water and movement. How water affects our lives as a gas, liquid or solid is fascinating and maybe a little



MONTE LEEPER

spooky. The center of a tree trunk now exposed, sanded and coated becomes reactive to humidity we cannot easily see as it causes the wood to re-swell. The fibers in wood were once a set of feeding tubes drawing water from the roots to the leaves before someone came along and cut the tree down, stripped, sliced and kiln-dried it.

Nature is super and natural, so it's no wonder that it seems supernatural for wood to want to regain its former capability and creak and moan as it delightfully regains its former life. Some things can't be explained easily, like why someone doesn't check to see that a door is hung correctly, to be plum in the horizontal and vertical, so that the slightest breeze or pressure change makes it seem to move on its own. When heated or cooled, water moves through a metal pipe (more so than through a plastic pipe), expanding it or contracting. If the pipe hangers holding it in the floor structure or the holes it snakes through are only the size of the pipe, the materials push and pull against each other, making banging and tapping sound or squealing sounds in some cases

I've often explained that homes are in many ways just like other living things, possessing nervous systems with electric wiring, a skeleton, a skin and the ability to breathe in and out. Even though your home may have "good bones," it still gets creaky and expands and contracts with the heat and cool cycles of being hit with the hot sun and cool winds. Every day your home lifts itself out of the ground, expands outward toward the sun and then, as you lie in bed in the darkness, you hear the materials all move past each other as they contract, settling in for the night, just like you.

Just remember, if you don't pay your exorcism bill when it comes due, you run the risk of being repossessed.

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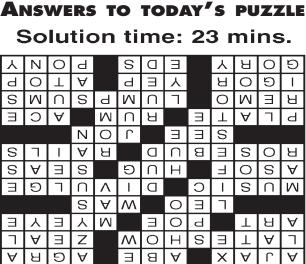
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HERALD ENDORSEMENTS For Nassau County district attorney, Todd Kaminsky

he most hard-fought, nastiest race in Nassau County this election season has been the contest for district attorney, pitting Demo-

cratic 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 bailreform 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 worked a senator, particularly when it comes to the environment, an issue of great importance to his South Shore constituency. He is chairman of the Senate Endorsement

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 cleanwater systems.

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, including former State Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., State Assemblyman Jimmy Meng and Michael Grimm, a member of Congress.

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. We give him our wholehearted support, and voters should, too.

Ryan Cronin is choice for county comptroller

n 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 pri-

orities, 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.

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Todd Kaminsky



Ryan Cronin

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. MALVERNE/WEST HEMPSTEAD HERALD – October 28,



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Re-elect Laura Curran Nassau County executive

ust 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 factbased 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 infec-

tion 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 vaccina-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 elect-

ed. 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 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. During the turmoil of the past couple of years, Curran, in partnership with Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, kept a lid on crime in the county. The work was recognized nationally by U.S. News & World Report, which named Nassau the safest community in the country based on several metrics. 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. Blakeman said he would aim to increase its revenue by focusing on specialties such as cardiac surgery. Both are good ideas, especially if the federal money is received.

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.

Vote for O'Connell for county clerk

hough 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.

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Maureen O'Connell

O'Connell and her staff also imple-

mented security measures to protect residents from 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 pro-

vides. 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.

Laura Curran

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HERALD ENDORSEMENTS Laura Burns is the choice in the 6th L.D.

aving served as the offin District a lator 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

aving served as the 6th District legislator since 2015, Bill Gaylor has introduced several bills 2012, also became a community

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Laura Burns

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

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John Giuffré

office hours when she 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 them 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.

In the 8th L.D., vote for John Giuffré

fter Nov. 2, the Nassau County Legislature's 8th District will be represented by someone other than Vincent Muscarella for the first time since the legislative body was formed in 1995. Muscarella's successor should be Republican John Giuffré.

Despite the on-paper similarities between the two attorneys, Giuffré, deemed a "latterday Vinny Muscarella" by county GOP Chair Joseph Cairo, is a unique candidate with the skill set and approach necessary to guide the 8th District through this crisis-riddled time.

We agree with Nadia Holubnyczyj, Giuffré's opponent, about Muscarella: He wasn't visible enough at the height of the pandemic, and failed to offer innovative policies and engage resident. But Giuffré isn't Muscarella. The owner of a law firm that focuses on personal injury and wrongful death cases who has served on the county Bar Association's Ethics

Committee, Giuffré never aspired to hold public office. He agreed to run for the now-vacated seat only after being asked by the Nassau Republican Club.

With the end of the pandemic in sight, Giuffré's sensible yet bold approach will guard against a new wave of coronavirus cases by directing federal funds to increase vaccination efforts and promote booster shots. He also plans to equip local businesses with touchless technologies and better air filters. While Giuffré stresses the need to balance the county budget and eliminate "wasteful" government spending, he believes that government must spend money on vital issues such as edu-

cation. While he supports lowering property taxes, he is open to reassessing property values. He has pointed out million-dollar mansions with what he said are low property taxes following the latest reassessment.

Lastly, with Elmont's new UBS Arena set to open soon, Giuffré's experience as an attorney would serve the constituents of the district. While Holubnyczyj's 2016 effort to block the construction of a casino at Belmont Park is evidence of her passionate defense of local communities, but Giuffré's experience is what the 8th District needs.

Re-elect Town Supervisor Don Clavin

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 reelected 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 Abelove,

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Don Clavin

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 an effort to expedite repairs using stateof-the-art vehicles and promoting a hotline to report potholes.

Clavin and the Town Board also acted quickly at the height of the pan-

demic, 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 Abelove 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.

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 reelect him on Tuesday. , 2021

HERALD ENDORSEMENTS Re-elect Kate Murray as Hempstead clerk

n 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 program and the Senior ID Program, which collect information from residents that can be

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Kate Murray

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 on Tuesday.

Dorothy Goosby is only option in Hempstead's 1st District

n the race between incumbent Dorothy Goosby and challenger James Lamarre, the choice to reelect Goosby comes almost as a default, because Lamarre has been a ghost throughout this race.

Goosby has served for 20 years on the Town of Hempstead Council, advocating for communities of color such as Hempstead, Lakeview, Roosevelt and Uniondale, as well as portions of Baldwin, Freeport, Rockville Centre, East Garden City and West Hempstead.

Although she is the only Democrat, person of color and woman on the council, she has worked collaboratively with the rest of its members to address revitalization, quality of life and, most recently, the

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Dorothy Goosby

business and health needs arising from the coronavirus pandemic. In her upcoming term, if re-

elected, Goosby said, she will prioritize renovating the town's sewage system, which is in disrepair and outdated. She also has her sights on making water more affordable for residents, bearing in mind that there is the potential municipalization of New York American Water. Finally, she has expressed concern about charter schools diverting resources from public schools, which are already underfunded in the district.

With the bureaucratic know-how and political savvy that comes with her veteran status, Goos-

by is adept at perpetuating the status quo rather than challenging it. But the town and its leadership need an audit of its internal processes to address the lack of transparency and conflicts of interest and to streamline its bureaucracy. In other words, the town needs her to be a disrupter, an ideal position for the sole Democrat on the board, as residents currently wrestle with inequitable distribution of resources, lack of minority representation and a long history of nepotism and cronvism.

Lamarre, 45, a Republican, was not available for comment, questions or interview. What we do know is that he is a West Hempstead resident, and the owner and president of County Cleaners Corporation, a commercial cleaning company.

Vote for Dorothy Goosby in the 1st District.

Re-elect Anthony D'Esposito in the 4th Council District

he Herald endorses Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito in the 4th Councilmatic District.

D'Esposito, a Republican, is seen with constituents often, and has sponsored programs like Narcan trainings to aid in the fight against opioid abuse. Narcan is a life-saving drug that disrupts an opioid overdose.

With the coronavirus sweeping across Nassau County over the past year and a half, D'Esposito co-chaired the town's Covid-19 Task Force and helped provide critical resources like testing materials and personal protective equipment to residents and business owners.

D'Esposito, a retired New York City police detective who made more than 600 arrests on the job and a former volunteer fire chief, is clearly committed to public service and has the leadership credentials to do enormous good during crises such as the coronavirus pandemic. That is why Supervisor Don Clavin tasked him with leading the town's coronavirus task force.

An Island Park resident, he witnessed firsthand the destructive power of Superstorm Sandy, and has committed to ensuring that local infrastructure is improved to ensure to limit and prevent damage in such future storms.

His opponent, Democrat Aaron Meyer, has said Hempstead needs to do more to keep young people in the district, and that the town's

Industrial Development Agency should prioritize local businesses over luxury rental apartment complexes like Woodcrest Village Park.

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The town, Meyer says, has not made enough of an effort to use the IDA to keep local businesses open rather than outsource jobs to Manhattan-based groups like Woodcrest's Feil Organization.

D'Esposito was, however, the lone vote against the Woodcrest plan in 2019, citing his and his constituents' concerns about the size of the project. Though the project was completed, and there are concerns among residents about overcrowding on local roads,

D'Esposito showed that he was on their side.

Despite a strong showing from Meyer, the Herald encourages voters to re-elect D'Esposito.

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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



RANDI **KREISS**

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

the mom of a

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-ortreaters 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 $\overset{\Join}{\sim}$ 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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