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COUNTY EXECUTIVE LAURA Curran was joined by, from left, Sean Sallie, Eileen Meus, Joe Cuomo, Joe Pontecorvo, Jessica Koenig and State Sen. Todd Kaminsky to announce the \$1.3 million project to bring flood-mitigation measures to Island Park.

Flooding help on the way for Island Park

By **TOM CARROZZA**
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On Monday, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and State Sen. Todd Kaminsky were joined by construction workers, homeowners and officials from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery to announce the start of construction on the Downtown Island Park Revitalization Project across from the library.

Both Curran and Kaminsky are running for office — Curran for county executive again and Kaminsky for district

attorney. Both are Democrats. According to Curran, the project will see \$1.3 million invested to revitalize the economic heart of the village with a mix of conventional and innovative green infrastructure.

"I think perhaps the best part about this project might be something that no one will see — it's the innovative drainage systems that are going to be installed," Curran said. "It's the key to being able to withstand these major storms that we are getting." A mix of

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Satriano memorial breast cancer foundation carries on

By **TOM CARROZZA**
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As Breast Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, Joe Satriano's work is just beginning. The Oceanside resident heads the Susan Satriano Memorial Scholarship Foundation in honor of his wife who died from breast cancer in 2005. To honor her memory, Satriano has been awarding college scholarships to students who have had a parent afflicted with the disease.

Though the decisions are not made until March, October is an especially important time for the foundation to find students who qualify for the scholarship. The

only three requirements for the scholarship are: the student has to be a high school senior, heading to college and have a parent who is fighting or has died from breast cancer.

Every student who meets those criteria receives the scholarship, and Satriano interviews each and every one either in person or virtually. The foundation is now in 37 states across the nation and 70 school districts on Long Island.

Satriano said that often the students awarded the scholarship look for ways to pay it forward by starting their own foundations or seeking careers in the medical field. "It's something

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JOE SATRIANO
Founder, Memorial Scholarship Foundation

that I didn't expect to happen, but when it does it makes you feel like a million bucks," Satriano said. "As youngsters, they've seen tragedy, and they want to make something of it. I tell them that they're my heroes, and I feel good leaving the world in their hands."

The Satrianos were both math teachers who treasured

their roles in shaping young students' lives, so it was a natural conclusion that Joe would gear the foundation toward helping students continue their educational journeys.

Satriano created the foundation six months after his wife's passing, and using the money he received from his wife's life

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ISLAND PARK RESIDENTS filled the tractor which drove from the parking lot at Masone Beach to the end of Waterfront Road, and back.



AIDAN HORAK PICKS a pumpkin from the patch on the beach., above.

LUKE LONERGAN AS Hulk Hogan, left, and his sister Ellie dressed as Super Girl, right.



Halloween morning in I.P.

The Village of Island Park hosted its annual Halloween Morning on Saturday, as residents and their children got to have a memorable morning at Masone Beach.

On the beach in front of the playground, costumed children picked pumpkins from the sandy pumpkin patch. Residents could also ride in the tractor in the parking lot down Waterfront Road on hay-covered seats. Children could also go under the canopy to the right of the beach's entrance by the handball courts to paint their faces and pumpkins and also have a balloon animal made for them.

ISLAND PARK RESIDENTS Arianna DeBellis as a penguin, left.



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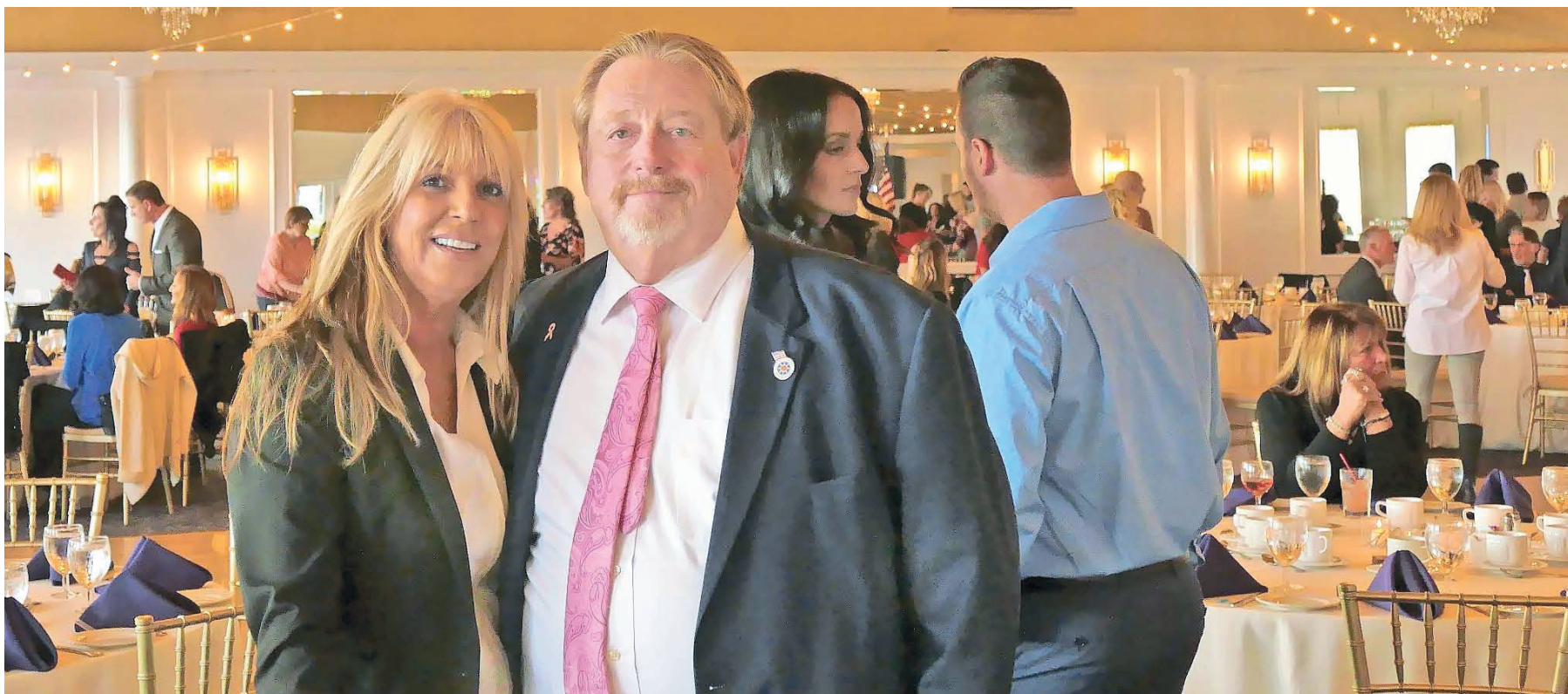
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TINA ROSSETTI AND Island Park Mayor Mike McGinty celebrated the return of the fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

St. Jude fundraiser returns to Island Park

By **TOM CARROZZA**
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Over 200 residents returned to the Bridgeview Yacht Club for the 10th annual fundraiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Sunday night. Island Park resident Tina Rossetti returned to host the event after last year's iteration was cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

A realtor with Signature Premier Properties in Rockville Centre, Rossetti was excited to finally get back to her event. Rossetti said that usually she gives herself around six months to send out all the invitations, but this year she managed to cram all that work into a month and a half and still get to over half of what the guest list typically looks like.

"Today, I was so excited and nervous at the same time, but I think I did better than I thought I would," Rossetti said.

Rossetti also credited Dorothea and Danielle Dono with helping to pull off the feat. Additionally, she thanked Island Park Mayor Mike McGinty for sponsoring and donating to the event.

All of the proceeds will go directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Those proceeds were generated as attendees purchased raffle tickets to put in one of the 85 gift baskets. Those baskets included a 32-inch smart TV, Coach handbags, jewelry and restaurant gift certificates.

Among the donors were: Kavka Designs Factory Outlet, Lia's Pizzeria & Restaurant, Jason V. Corp, John Manzollilo, Ken Apple, Island Park Mayor Mike McGinty, Mike Ricci, and Rossetti's father Joe Marino.



PREVIOUS FUNDRAISER PHOTOGRAPHER John Manzollilo saluted the American flag as Tina thanked him for coming, above.

ATTENDEES HAD 85 gift baskets to choose from in the raffle, left.

NEWS BRIEF

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Family and Children's Association receives \$330,000 grant for high-tech van for seniors

The Town of Hempstead Board recently joined with the Family and Children's Association to announce a grant of over \$330,000 in CARES Act funding for the purchase of a van that will provide technological access and assistance to seniors in underserved communities across Nassau County. The van, dubbed the FCA S.M.A.R.T. (Senior Mobile Access to Resources and Technology) Van, will be outfitted with four computers, two printers and free WiFi service and travel to senior centers and housing complexes across Nassau County. FCA staff and volunteers comprised of tech-savvy students from local universities and other groups will assist seniors with vital processes that have gone primarily digital since the COVID-19 pandemic began, such as telehealth appointments. Additionally, staff will train those interested in using the inter-

net for social purposes and offer assistance to those interested in outfitting their homes with certain affordable WiFi services. "The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated the isolation that can prove deadly for seniors who live alone and emphasized just how important social connections are to both physical and mental health," said FCA President and CEO Dr. Jeffrey Reynolds. "FCA's brand new SMART van - staffed with social workers and IT professionals - will travel throughout the town, teaching vulnerable seniors how to use technology, navigate the internet and connect with loved ones, health care providers and social service organizations. The FCA SMART Van is on schedule to begin servicing Nassau County by the end of November 2021. To learn more about the initiative, residents can call the FCA at 516-746-0350.

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'She has an eye for it'

Teen creates music video for local songwriter

BY JILL NOSSA
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With the prevalence of iPhones, editing software and platforms such as YouTube and TikTok, anyone with a digital camera can create and share videos. Having the tools doesn't necessarily mean a person has talent, but for 15-year-old Ava Solange of Glen Cove, an amateur interest in videography led to a paid opportunity.

The high school junior already has a portfolio of completed video projects, including a professional music video. Initially, she said, her interest was in photography. But, she added, "As I started working with my camera more, I realized I could film videos."

Like many teens, Ava taught herself how to use the camera by making TikTok videos, and expanded the scope of her projects. This summer, after hearing a song by singer-songwriter Chris Armata of Oceanside, she decided to shoot and edit a music video. She created a video for Armata's song "Gratitude" while vacationing in Southern California, enlisting her mother and her aunt as subjects.

"I knew that I'd have some nice shots for scenery, and I thought that would go well with the song," Ava said. "I was just picturing a lot of fun dancing and a good time, because that's what the song is about — appreciating the happy moments."

After four days of filming with her iPhone and a drone, she spent two days editing down about 90 minutes of footage for the three-minute song. "I had to look for the best parts of the videos and see what went well with the song and the rhythm of the song," she explained.

Using the drone footage in the video, she thought that would go well with the song," Ava said. "I was just picturing a lot of fun dancing and a good time, because that's what the song is about — appreciating the happy moments."

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New Infections from Oct. 4-18

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A new school year, more Covid challenges

BY JILL NOSSA
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ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021



VOTE FOR DENISE FORD

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR

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Denise Ford has been a tireless advocate for the south shore communities that make up the 4th Legislative District that she represents. She is a strong supporter of the environment and has successfully advocated for upgrades to the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant and supports the Bay Park Conveyance Project to help protect and restore the western bays. Denise has worked hard to help those who were affected by Superstorm Sandy. Denise Ford is a proven leader who has continuously been a fighter for Nassau County taxpayers and a strong voice for law enforcement and community safety. This election day vote for proven leadership, vote for Denise Ford.



I believe candidates should run on their records. Here are a few of my accomplishments during the last term:

- Fought the County Executive’s reassessment, which hiked taxes for 65% of homeowners.
- Proposed to use County Budget Surplus to deliver tax cuts.
- Brought COVID-19 testing and vaccines to local neighborhoods.
- Lobbied for mobile COVID-19 testing unit.
- Helped to reverse the County Executive’s effort to remove law enforcement officers from the County Jail.
- Advocated for our first responders and provided funding for much needed equipment.
- Strong advocate for our crossing guards and police medics.
- Protested and stood against any development of the Woodmere Golf Course.
- Supported smart development in Nassau County, not over development.
- Brought road rehabilitation projects to towns all throughout the 4th Legislative District.
- Sponsored legislation banning styrofoam or distributing polystyrene products in the county.
- Voted to create a 24/7 hotline to help victims of opioid addiction.
- Fought for clean drinking water in Nassau County by demanding responsible action be taken by New York State.
- Supports the Bay Park Conveyance Project to help restore the western bays.
- Brought the NUMC Mobile Mammography Van to our area to provide breast cancer screenings for women.
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Ongoing

NAMI Support Group

The NAMI Queens/ Nassau National Alliance on Mental Illness is offering a support group for family members of persons with mental health concerns, free of charge, beginning July 6.

The group will meet, virtually, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the first and third Tuesday of each month. To register or get information, e-mail, dsills@namiqn.org.

October Take & Make

Use crayons or markers to color an October tote bag perfect for trick or treating. Bags can be picked up at the Oceanside Library website. Register by calling 516-766-2360 or email jprogram@oceanside-library.com.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Literacy Nassau

This class is for English language learners. Register online at www.LiteracyNassau.org. The Oceanside Library hosts this event in-person at meeting room 3. Starts at 10 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 29

Virtual Chair Yoga

Marianne Bochilo leads a relaxing session of online chair yoga from the comfort of your home. Zoom link available on the Oceanside library website. Event starts at 11 a.m.

Movie Screening: Belushi

The Island Park Library hosts this screening of the film Belushi (Rated TV-MA). Register at the front desk to reserve a spot. Starts at 1:30 p.m. Masks required.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Saturday Vinyasa Yoga with Dot Scott

Join Dorothy Scott for a relaxing class that encompasses basic yoga poses which focus on lengthening the body's muscles. Zoom link available on the Oceanside Library website. Starts at 9:30 a.m.



Tom Carrozza/Herald

Halloween on the Beach

Dozens of families, including Cameron Lucas, his mother Lianne, and his grandmother Kathy Allocca, enjoyed Halloween festivities at Masone Beach on Saturday.

Pokemon Club

For ages 9 and up. Email iplinfo@island-parklibrary.org to join the battle with your friends in the legendary card game. Starts at 10 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 1

Mah-Jongg

The Island Park Library hosts this Chinese tile game. All participants must be vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. Masks not required. Sign up at the library front desk. Starts 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

NY Project Hope Information Table

The Oceanside Library hosts this information table with resources for emotional support during the pandemic. Table is open from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

10 Can Challenge

Join the Do Something Movement to help reduce waste in our landfills by recycling. For every 10 cans or plastic bottles recycled, submit a copy of your receipt to bmickowski@oceansidelibrary.com or to the @olnyteens Instagram. Earn one hour of community service for each ten cans! Goes from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes -- Tax Collection

The Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes will be at the Oceanside Public Library to collect 2021/2022 school taxes from parents from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No registration required. Masks required.

Time for Tots

Come to the Oceanside Library to learn pre-school readiness skills in this educational class. Register by calling the Youth Services Department at 516-766-2360 or email jprogram@oceansidelibrary.com. Registration begins Nov. 1. Starts at 11 a.m.

Simply Stronger

Personal trainer Marilyn Bunger teaches a low-impact exercise class at the Island Park Library. This class is a hybrid program with some participants meeting on library and others on Zoom. Register

online at the library website. Starts at 11 a.m.

Scrabble

All participants must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination. Masks are not required. Sign up at the Island Park Library. Starts at 1 p.m.

Virtual Writing Workshop

Join media executive and author Deborah Burns as she shares wisdom from her latest book: *Authorize It! Think Like a Writer to Win at Work & Life* to help you advance in your career. Zoom link available on the Oceanside Library website. Starts at 7 p.m.

Upcoming

Sunday, Nov. 21

Temple Avodah Sisterhood Fall Thrift Sale

Come to the Temple Avodah Annex for the best bargains around on new and gently used fashions and accessories. Masks required. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 msmollins@liherald.com

5 things to know about your town

- The NAMI mental health support group meets twice a month.
- The Island Park Library has a Take & Make DIY all week.
- Pet Supplies Plus hosts a VIP Petcare event on Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m.
- AARP's Cars and Coffee meets Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. at 3118 Lawson Blvd.
- Oceanside Jewish Center hosts its HOPE group on Nov. 3 at 7 p.m.



ELECTION 2021



Maureen O'Connell
Incumbent

Age: 70

Hometown: East Williston

Career: Attorney; former nurse

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



Justin Brown
Challenger

Age: 30

Hometown: Baldwin

Career: Healthcare administrator

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

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 peo-

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

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

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

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

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Oceanside's McKee sets yards mark

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

Saturday, Oct. 30

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

By **JAMIE DEJONG**
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History was made during Oceanside's 34-13 Conference I football victory against East Meadow last Friday, as senior quarterback Charlie McKee broke the Nassau County career passing record for yards midway through the second quarter. Even though he was aware of the number he needed prior to the game, he said he was not cognizant that he had broken the record until it was announced.

"I didn't know where I was at yardage wise until the guy said it over the loud speaker," McKee said. "Coach [Rob Blount] and I and all off these guys have been through a lot these four years. Having all of my guys there to hype me up afterwards was surreal. I love these guys so it was a great feeling."

In the first half, the Sailors' offense was as efficient as can be, as they came away with a touchdown on each of their five possessions. It was a multifaceted aerial attack, as nearly every eligible receiver was utilized in some capacity.

Senior Dan McCormick led the team in both yards and catches, as he finished with 5 catches for 87 yards. Senior Ronnie Kraemer totaled 77 yards and a touchdown on 4 catches. Seniors Michael Mecca and Nick Ebel also had receiving touchdowns. Junior tight end Logan Lyson caught the ball that's destined for the trophy case, as he was on the receiving end of the 12-yard pass that broke the record.

McKee only played the first half, but finished with 311 yards passing, and also had a 43-yard rushing touchdown on a designed sneak on a fourth-down conversion.

Oceanside's defensive unit also played admirably, as besides one lengthy run, they were mostly able to stifle East Meadow's offense. The Sailors forced four punts in the first half, and junior Miles McGann also notched an interception on an overthrown ball down the right sideline.

With the Sailors (6-1) up by 27 at half, they were able to give backups significant playing time in the second half. Blount was very content with the effort and execution they demonstrated. "They work so hard for us and it was great seeing those guys get in and they did a lot of good



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OCEANSIDE'S CHARLIE MCKEE now sits atop the Nassau County all-time passing yards leader list after breaking the previous record last Friday night in a win over East Meadow.

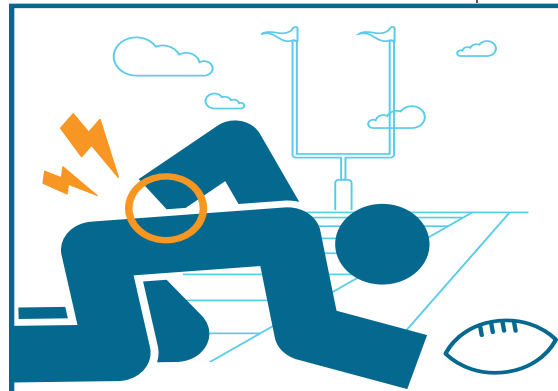
things," Blount said.

Junior Andrew Greco and senior Ryan Denni dominated the ball in the second half, as the Sailors did not throw the ball following halftime. The two combined for 62 rushing yards on the first possession of the second half, which resulted in a field goal and effectively burned 8 minutes off of the clock.

For East Meadow, it was simply too little too late. The game seemed destined for

a shootout in the early going, as Brian Surless ran for a 42-yard touchdown on a jet sweep to give the visitors the lead in the first quarter. However, the Jets couldn't sustain drives. They didn't score again until the fourth quarter, when Nick Longardino went untouched on a 24-yard rushing touchdown.

Oceanside will try to finish the regular season strong in its finale at Freeport this Friday at 6 p.m.



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Brown challenges incumbent O'Connell

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records is crucial.

In addition, making the records available 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 infra-

structure of the office to create greater efficiency in the way it serves the public.

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.

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 governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies. A specific example of a lack of adequate management and adaption has been seen within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Many business owners have been waiting for months to secure required licenses. Some



Ryan E. Cronin

Age: 40

Hometown: Garden City

Professional Background: Business Litigator/Lawyer

Political experience: Ran for state senate for 6th District twice

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



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

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

Phillips: While in the private sector at Goldman Sachs, I oversaw the diversity efforts, and while in public office as a New York state senator, I sponsored multiple educational and outreach forums on 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 taxpayers money. Further, I will audit the recent property tax reassessment to determine the extent to which mistakes made in the Department of Assessment's recent reassessment have adversely impacted property owners. Mistakes in assigning assessments have directly resulted in the erroneous taxation of homeowners and businesses. I will work as an independent watchdog for Nassau's taxpayers, and I will protect their tax dollars. That is my job, and it is my commitment to the residents who I will serve.

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Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bruce Blakeman

Age: 66

Hometown: Atlantic Beach

Professional Background: Attorney

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

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

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

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

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

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



Laura Curran

Age: 53

Hometown: Baldwin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Donnelly, Kaminsky slug it out for D.A.

By JIM BERNSTEIN

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

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

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

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

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



Anne Donnelly

Party: Republican

Age: 56

Hometown: Garden City

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

hide when I am district attorney.

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

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

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



Todd Kaminsky

Party: Democrat

Age: 43

Hometown: Long Beach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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HEMPSTEAD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Anthony D'Esposito

Party: Republican

Age: 39

Hometown: Island Park

Professional experience: NYPD detective (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

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

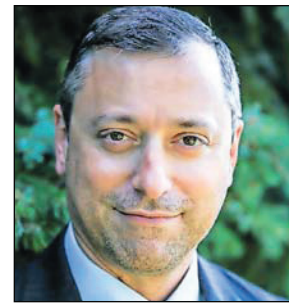
Hometown: Oceanside

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

Political experience: First-time 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."

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 4

Denise Ford Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 70

Hometown: Long Beach

Career: Was elected initially in an upset victory in 2003. Now serves as chairwoman of the public safety committee, vice chair of the Government Services and Operations Committee and the Planning, Development and Environment Committee

On the issues:

Denise Ford has based her campaign on her long record of service on the County Legislature and her constituent services. She said she is at community event most every weekend and, after nearly 20 years, is



well known in the district. She said her environmental work has benefitted not only her district but Nassau County as a whole. She pledges to continue her environmental work in a new term.

Ford is also concerned about the county's rapidly rising home prices. "One of the reasons home prices rose so much was due to the fact that many in New York City chose to move to Long Island" during the coronavirus pandemic, she said. "It became a sellers' market, as

there were more buyers than homes for sale. Rents were impacted as well, as many were looking to relocate here.

"As this appears to be settling," she continued, "we need to look at ways to make it easier for our lower- and middle-income families. There is a need for more affordable housing, and we need to work together to bring these types of units into our communities. One way would be to partner with organizations such as the Long Island Housing Partnership, which has helped people get homes they otherwise could not afford on their own."

Claudia Lovas Challenger

Party: Democratic

Age: 46

Hometown: Long Beach

Career: Attorney

On the issues:

Claudia Lovas, running for the first time, said her campaign is based on the idea that a new face is needed in the County Legislature, and that County Executive Laura Curran, also a Democrat, needs the support of her party. Lovas said she would bring more Latinos and other minority members into the political fold. She noted that she has started two successful law firms and has worked with the Democratic Party in the



past.

On the issue of affordable housing, Lovas said. "Economic development has been an important issue for the county executive. Before we can be more supportive of local issues such as affordable housing, we need to continue and maintain the fiscal health of the county achieved by Laura Curran and her administration. Maintaining fiscal discipline, a balanced budget and holding the line on property taxes ultimately translates into housing affordability. It

is a domino effect that starts from the top down. Despite a global pandemic, the county now has a budget surplus, and Laura Curran has proposed tax cuts for 2022. This is a direct result of the hard work of the Curran administration. Moving forward, we need to eliminate the continued obstacles created by the Republican legislative majority that derail initiatives proposed by the county executive to the detriment of Nassau."

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COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 7

Howard Kopel Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 70

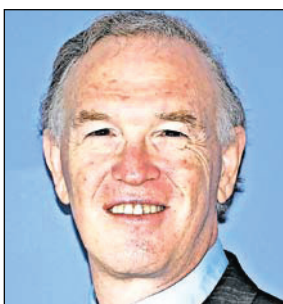
Hometown: Lawrence

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

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

On the issues:

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



said he has significant influence in the Legislature.

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

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

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

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

Lisa Daniels Challenger

Party: Democrat

Age: 55

Hometown: East Rockaway

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

Political experience: Second-time candidate

On the issues:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



NASSAU COUNTY CLERK

Maureen O'Connell Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 70

Hometown: East Williston

Career: County clerk, former nurse

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

On the issues:

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



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

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

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

Justin Brown Challenger

Party: Democratic

Age: 30

Hometown: Baldwin

Career: Health-care administrator

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

On the issues:

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



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

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

HEMPSTEAD TOWN CLERK

Kate Murray Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 59

Hometown: Levittown

On the issues:

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

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



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

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

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

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

Oneka Nicks Challenger

Party: Democrat

Age: 29

Hometown: Uniondale

On the issues:

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

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



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

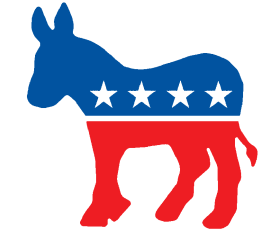
Nicks would also like to ensure that documents for residents are available in multiple languages and to make sure that everyone the community is informed on the services offered by the clerk's office. She believes outreach is key, as is modernizing the website to make

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



SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT

ELECTION '21



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

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COMPTROLLER

Brian Cronin

Party: Democratic

Age: 40

Professional experience: Corporate attorney, business litigator

Political career: Second-time candidate

On the issues:

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



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

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

the uncertainty of the post-Covid economy."

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

Elaine Phillips

Party: Republican

Age: 61

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

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

On the issues:

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



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

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

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

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

SUPERVISOR

Don Clavin

Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 52

Hometown: Garden City

Career: Elected official, attorney

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

On the issues:

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



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

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

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

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

Jason Ablove

Challenger

Party: Democratic

Age: 51

Hometown: Oceanside

Career: Discrimination attorney since 1994

Political experience: First-time candidate

On the issues:

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

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

Ablove said his goal is



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

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

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

Ablove said if he were

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

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

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



2021 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

3rd District Court Judge

Lisa Saltzman

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

Age: 55

Lives in: Great Neck

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

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



David I. Levine

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 55

Lives in: Roslyn Heights

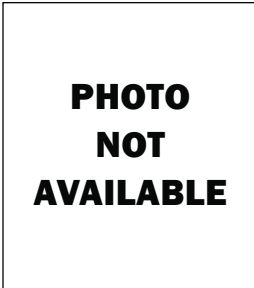
Education: Graduated from SUNY Binghamton in 1987 and earned his law degree from New York Law School in 1990.

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

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

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

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



William Hohausser

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 62

Lives in: xxxxx

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

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



Family Court Judge Candidate

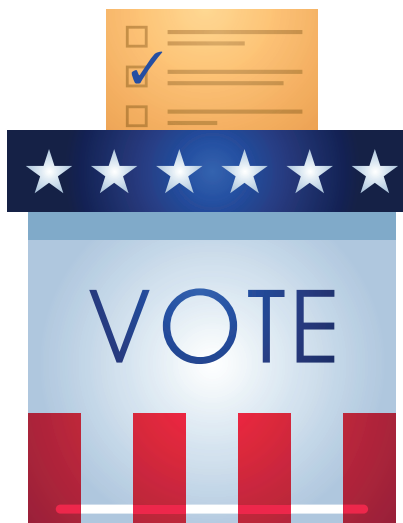
Darlene D. Harris

Age: 55

Hometown: Uniondale

Education: University of Pennsylvania; Hofstra University

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



2nd District Court Judge

Vincent T. Muscarella

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



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



NOVEMBER 2, 2021



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

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.

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. McLaughlin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the second circuit. Upon completion of his clerkship, he entered into private practice. Driscoll left the private sector in 1996 to join the Nassau district attorney's office.

Vito DeStefano

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

Education: Wagner College; Brooklyn Law School.

Legal career: Elected to the 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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Courtesy Office of Laura Curran

LAURA CURRAN SPOKE with Liro representatives about the Island Park project.

Storm project announced nine years after Sandy

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underground catch basins and rain gardens will be installed to help collect, absorb and treat excess stormwater before it flows back into waterways.

The announcement came almost exactly nine years after Superstorm Sandy caused immense damage and flooding. The village has continued to see flooding in the years since the storm, especially at the train station right down the road from the Island Park Library. Curran thanked Kaminsky and Gov. Kathy Hochul for providing the resources for the project and representatives from the Liro Group for their labor and design.

“More than any other community I represent, Island Park, Barnum Isle, Harbor Isle have borne the brunt of chronic flooding in unacceptable ways,” Kaminsky said. “Not just in major storms, but in regular rains and moon tides, you often have difficulty driving in the community.”

Parents and teachers have had to hand children through the windows of their cars at Francis X. Hegarty Elementary just a few blocks away from the site of the announcement. Kaminsky said he hopes that projects like this and the Bay Park Conveyance Project will protect residents and businesses for years to come.

The project includes new sidewalks, repaved streets, pedestrian-friendly traf-

fic-calming devices and green infrastructure that will help beautify and protect downtown Island Park and provide a major hurricane evacuation route for thousands of Long Islanders.

As part of the beautification and safety portion of the project, a crosswalk will be constructed at the library to help residents cross a busy stretch of Long Beach Road. The project is expected to be completed in one year and will be headed by Liro Program and Construction Management, an architecture, engineering and construction firm based in the Northeast and on the West Coast.

Curran said she believes the beautification and safety measures, which also involve repaving Island Park’s portion of Long Beach Road with new blacktop, will give a boost to the “economic heart” of the village, as Curran put it.

Fittingly, the flood infrastructure project announcement was preceded by the county executive’s briefing on a nor’easter that was expected to deliver heavy rains and strong winds to the area Monday night. The county was under a flash flood watch from Monday night to Tuesday evening.

“I’m so impressed with Island Parkers and their real grit and resilience, and I’m incredibly proud of them,” Curran said.

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LAURA CURRAN
County executive

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Hospital



I always had a passion for patients and their families, and throughout my career I always wanted to help drive improvement for our patients and their families. Throughout the years, as I began my career, I realized that as I knew I was providing our patients with great care, I wanted to lead at a higher level and drive improvement across the organization, and that led me to a role in administration. ... While I might not have direct one-on-one impact with our patients, I know that I'm making a difference every day for our patients, the hospital at-large and our community.

My career is everything to me. I always had a passion for people and helping and advocating for others, and I feel that working in this administrative role helps me to strategically align the hospital's mission and vision with quality and patient safety always at

the forefront.

On a personal level, four family members died in April 2020, at the height of it, and it was not an easy thing to go through. Other than that, thank God we stayed safe and were able to keep our commitment to the community.

Our run numbers went down as the Nassau County Police Department had the Federal Emergency Management buses, and that relieved the pressure and stress on us. With people being home there were [fewer] false alarms, and that made it a little easier.

Operationally now, we are somewhat back to normal. Most people are vaccinated in the fire department with the delta variant, which is kind of a scary thing. Bottom line, if we do the right thing, everyone will be safe.

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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's 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.

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CAROL WRIGHT

NASSAU COUNTY
Pandemic Response
Coordinator/Charge Nurse,
Mount Sinai South Nassau



I 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 pre-procedurals. 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

swabbing more people again. So, we have been swabbing people whether they have been vaccinated or not. We're back up to seeing up to 70 to 80 patients a day.

It's very disconcerting watching so many people being infected, but as a pandemic unit, we feel good about what we're doing because we are controlling the cases that might come into the hospital for people who are having surgery.

We're controlling that environment to protect the doctors, patients, the hospital staff and their families. Swabbing isn't a pleasant job, but it is a job that's necessary. If you're a nurse, it's something you get used to.

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DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

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Courtesy Joe Satriano

JUSTIN, LEFT, JOE, Susan, and Matthew Satriano celebrating Christmas for one of the last times before Susan died of breast cancer in 2005. A foundation in her memory now provides scholarships to graduating seniors who have had a parent with breast cancer or who has died of the disease.



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JOE SATRIANO LEADING the Walk of Lights in Oceanside in 2018.

Breast cancer foundation offers scholarships

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insurance policy, Joe gave \$8,000 in scholarships to four graduating Oceanside High School seniors.

While the foundation has struggled to find places for in-person events during the pandemic, it has continued to be funded from sales of Satriano's book, "In Sickness and In Health." Satriano said the book came to life when several of his friends and family members gave him journals to write in after the loss of his wife.

Satriano said that once conditions improve for indoor in-person events, the

foundation would resume their benefit concerts at schools that they were at before the pandemic.

"Four people at Sue's wake gave me journals, and they said, 'Start writing, it's good for you,' and that was the last thing I wanted to hear at that time," Satriano said. "I had just lost my wife of 29 years, and I wasn't thinking of doing anything but crying and feeling sorry for myself."

Satriano is now working on a second book called "After Math: An Unplanned Journey," which chronicles the time from right after Susan's death to the present.

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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 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.

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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.

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Ask The Architect



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- "Now, where - I?"
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- Reveal
- Dating from
- Embrace
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Elect Todd Kaminsky Nassau County district attorney

The most hard-fought, nastiest race in Nassau County this election season has been the contest for district attorney, pitting Democratic State Sen. Todd Kaminsky against Republican Anne Donnelly. Both have run scathing television ads, with Donnelly accusing Kaminsky of freeing prisoners under the state's new bail-reform law, and Kaminsky accusing Donnelly of botching a murder trial leading to a mistrial.

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

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

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

This issue was central to the campaign for D.A. That's a shame, because there are other issues that demanded the attention of both candidates. Kaminsky, while having to defend himself against the false allegations, did bring up other matters, including the need for stron-

ger gun control legislation and a woman's right to choose in the growing debate over abortion.

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

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Todd Kaminsky

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

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

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

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

Cronin raised a blueprint for the office's 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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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.

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

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

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

Curran used federal money to fund the Boost Nassau program, which began last summer to offer grants to businesses. Also, some 400,000 county households will receive a one-time \$375 direct payment for residents to use as they wish, but which Curran is encouraging people to spend locally to help support pan-

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Laura Curran

demically ravaged businesses.

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

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

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

Blakeman, for all his years in public office, which include two stints as a town councilman and his time in the County Legislature, where he served as presiding officer, was

unable to offer concrete suggestions for fixing the reassessment. The best plan he offered was to take a look under the hood, so to speak, assemble a panel of experts and appoint a special master to investigate what was done and how it could be repaired. When running for the county's highest office, a candidate needs to offer more than that.

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. Now we expect Curran to take on the challenge of increasing the NCPD's diversity as enthusiastically as she did reopening two police precincts in Manhasset and Levittown.

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 and spent on what Curran envisions as village-like housing for military veterans on the grounds of the county's "safety-net" hospital. And Blakeman is right that a greater focus on specialties is needed.

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 next Tuesday.

Vote for Maureen O'Connell for county clerk

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

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

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

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

Her opponent, Justin Brown, a Democrat from Baldwin, offered many solid ideas for improving the office moving forward, and as a health care administrator for Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center and a former Uniondale Board of Education trustee, he has shown proven leadership skills.

Brown's ideas include making the clerk's office more technologically efficient, so residents can receive documents

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Maureen O'Connell

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.

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Re-elect Town Supervisor Clavin

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

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

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

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Don Clavin

hotline for residents to report potholes.

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

Though Ablove claimed that Clavin spent some of the money on raises and promotions for political

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

To further aid local businesses dealing with the health crisis, Clavin and the board instituted the first outdoor dining initiative in the state in the spring of 2020, waiving permit fees

and expediting the process for restaurant owners.

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

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

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

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

Re-elect Kate Murray as Hempstead clerk

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

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

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

Because the clerk's office remained open, it served Hempstead residents throughout the pandemic. Murray even officiated at marriage ceremonies over Zoom, having been granted

permission to do so by the New York state.

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

Murray also put many applications online, and she has continued the Child Safety ID program and the Senior ID Program, which

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Kate Murray

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

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

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



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

The 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

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Anthony D'Esposito

storms.

His opponent, Democrat Aaron Meyer, has said Hempstead needs to do more to keep

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 limit and prevent damage in future

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. 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.

The Herald encourages voters to re-elect D'Esposito.

In the 4th L.D., re-elect Denise Ford

The choice of a lawmaker to represent the Nassau County's 4th Legislative District, which encompasses much of the county's vulnerable South Shore, becomes more important each year as dramatic weather changes threaten the area because of the climate crisis.

Denise Ford, who was first elected to the seat in 2003, has been committed to the environment, and has overseen a number of projects, including the development of the crucial Bay Park Water Reclamation Facility, which was severely damaged in Superstorm Sandy. Ford, a Republican, has also been a strong advocate for an outfall pipe to divert treated effluent from the Bay Park plan to the Cedar Creek Pollution Control Plant in Wantagh in an effort to restore the Western Bays.

She continues to push hard for completion of the Army Corps of Engineers Back Bays Study, which is now in draft form, and has sponsored legislation to prohibit the sale of plastic foam products in the county.

In large part because of her

commitment to the environment, the Herald endorses Ford.

She has supported an increase in the number of police and correction officers as well as civilian employees such as school crossing guards, medics and public safety officers.

The 70-year-old legislator has made friends over the years on both sides of the aisle, and established strong relations with her constituents, who see her just about every weekend at one community event or another.

Her opponent, Democrat Claudia Lovas, 46, is a solid candidate, an attorney who has started two successful law firms. A Latina, Lovas wants to bring more minorities into the political process,

an admirable goal in a county that is becoming increasingly diverse.

She is articulate and keenly aware of the issues in the district. Lovas is the kind of candidate we hope to see more of in the future, and we hope she run again, but our choice in this race is Ford. She has accomplished much for the residents of the 4th L.D., and we're confident she will continue to do so.

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Jason Kreiss at 50: Blessings on your head

How is my son, Jason, like a Mac-Donald's quarter-pounder?

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

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

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

life to live?

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

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

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

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

become annoying goblins beating at the door.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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