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**PREVIEW SHOW DIRECTOR** Nick Mercado, of Long Beach speaking to the crowd with fellow cast members at Kennedy Plaza.

## Theatre Guild nears 50th year with big plans ahead

By **JAMES BERNSTEIN**

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Last Saturday afternoon, the “stage” was simply the concrete floor at Kennedy Plaza in Long Beach. The backdrop was City Hall. The performers included a Hofstra medical ethics professor, a pension analyst and a publicist for a nonprofit organization.

This was community theater in Long Beach in an era when the coronavirus pan-

demis still determines what’s indoors and what’s not. In the City by the Sea, community theater means the Long Beach Theatre Guild. Next spring the organization will mark its 50th year, and there may be a gala, a cocktail party or something big to mark the anniversary.

Last Saturday, the guild was showing off what it does best: offering musicals, mostly, to Long Beach residents, giving them theater without the trip, or the expense, of

Broadway shows.

“It’s all about bringing Broadway-quality productions to the community,” said Lisa Simon-Weitz, a vice president of the guild’s board. She is a pediatric nurse practitioner.

On this balmy Saturday afternoon, the cast members were performing songs from a musical, “Broadway the Road Trip,” which in December is to be filmed at Lindell Ele-

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## Walsh offers first crime stats in years

By **BRENDAN CARPENTER**

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Ron Walsh, who took over as Long Beach police commissioner last February, said crime has declined in the city over the past nine months, but the department has handed out more than double the number of parking tickets compared with the same period a year ago.

The statistics are the first to be released by the department in several years. Walsh presented them to the City Council last week, and spoke about them in an interview earlier this week.

The statistics, which span Jan. 1 to Aug. 30, divide crimes into part-one and part-two offenses. Part one includes crimes such as murder, burglary and robbery. Part two are crimes such as arson and possession of dangerous weapons.

Part-one offenses have decreased since 2019, dropping from a total of 61 to 48, according to Walsh. They are, however, up 2 percent over last year. Part-two

offenses have decreased from 2019 as well, dropping from 265 to 178.

What is striking in the report is that the Police Department has handed out 13,099 parking summonses this year, more than double the number last year.

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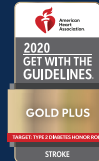
**RON WALSH**  
Long Beach police commissioner

Walsh said the numbers should be compared with 2019 because Covid-19 impacted crimes and violations last year. The jump in parking summonses, officials said, is attributable, in part, to an increase in the number of people driving as the coronavirus gradually fades, and to officers enforcing parking rules more vigorously.

The department “is focusing on changing the culture of the city with the philosophy of following the rules more,” Walsh said. “One of my focuses is creating a rule-following atmosphere.”

Brian Wells, the Police Benevolent Association president, said the increase in parking tickets was mainly for revenue.

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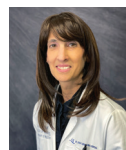
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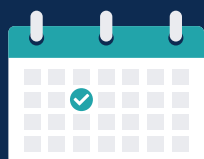


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# Seeing more mustaches in Long Beach lately?

By **BRENDAN CARPENTER**  
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The Long Island chapter of Mustaches For Kids, which raises money to support pediatric cancer in conjunction with the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, is wrapping up their 15th year of facial hair fundraising.

Billy Kupferman, an elementary school teacher, established the local chapter in 2007. Justin Fitzmartin, Vinnie Leis and James Bogdan were also involved in getting the chapter started.

"Billy started the chapter after two of his students were diagnosed with cancer," said James Bogdan. "It really sparked his interest to help."

The fundraiser is a four-week process that takes place throughout October. This year, about 30 men took part in the event, according to Bogdan.

Through the first three weeks of this year's fundraiser, about \$30,000 was raised. Across the 15 years of the chapter, about \$810,000 has been raised for pediatric can-

cer overall.

There are three "stages" of the yearly fundraiser. The first of which is self-explanatory: grow a mustache. While growing the upper-lip facial hair, the chapter holds a weekly checkpoint at local venues to get the growers to meet each other and get the word out.

Stage two is the Stash Bash. The bash is a final fundraising push for the year and a celebration of the accomplishments that were achieved. Growers can earn an award for being the top fundraiser, having the best mustache or being dedicated to the cause for several years.

The third and final stage is spending a day at Sloan Kettering with the kids and families that the money is for.

"The goal is to raise money and help the kids and families that need it," Bogdan said. "We want to help those facing this disease."

The fundraiser will continue next year, with the goal remaining the same: help kids and families dealing with cancer.



Courtesy James Bogdan

**FOUR MUSTACHIOED MEN** took part in a month-long mustache-growing campaign to raise money for pediatric cancer in conjunction with Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

## Mercy Hospital honors breast cancer survivor

By **TOM CARROZZA**  
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Six months ago, Yolanda Sanchez had a routine breast exam at Mercy Hospital, in Rockville Centre, and got life-changing news when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. After a whirlwind half-year, she was honored at the hospital on Oct. 18 for being proactive about her disease, as physicians say women across the country should be.

"I never thought it would be me," the 43-year-old Sanchez, a radiology technician in Island Park, said at the ceremony in Mercy's Garden of Caring. "I'm young, a new mom, had zero symptoms and no family history. But it was me, and I'm here to share that it could be you, too. Please schedule your mammograms. It can save your life. It saved mine."

Dr. Alice Kim, the hospital's director of imaging, encouraged others to be proactive and get tested even if they do not feel any lumps in their breasts. Sanchez had no such warning sign, and caught the cancer early because she had a routine check.

Sanchez was brought to tears just thinking about celebrating her 44th birthday next month, one day before her twin sons, Lucas and Liam, will turn 2. "This birthday is definitely going to be different," Sanchez said. "I'm aware that my outcome could have been different had I not made that appointment, so I'm going to appreciate all the moments, no



Photos by Tom Carrozza/Herald

**THE MERCY TEAM** with breast cancer survivor Yolanda Sanchez; her husband, Alan; her sister, Michelle; and her twins, Liam and Lucas.

matter how small they are, and just enjoy the things I love."

Jeannie Colamussi was the nurse navigator who aided Sanchez through the diagnosis and treatment processes. "It's really not hard when you get a day like today," Colamussi said. "I get more from my patients than they get from me. That's what gives us all the strength to carry on and do this every day, is because of patients like Yolanda."

Yolanda's father, Eddie Sanchez, was with her for every chemotherapy treatment. Her husband, Alan, who attended the ceremony, couldn't hide his glee that his wife was being recognized.

Sanchez opted to have a total mastectomy, after hereditary genetic testing at Mercy determined that she was positive for a moderate risk of the breast cancer gene, which increases her overall lifetime risk of contracting cancer. She had

the procedure on Monday.

Dr. Sophia Fu, the hospital's director of breast surgery, performed the mastectomy, and will also conduct Sanchez's reconstructive surgery.

"This will help give her a chance to feel normal again," Fu said, "and not be reminded every day, physically, that she had cancer as she journeys into being a breast cancer survivor."

# Guild draws diverse members to stage

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mentary School and distributed to Long Island schools serving children with sensory-deprivation issues. On Saturday, guild officials handed out headsets to a small audience to demonstrate how such equipment could help the children focus on the show.

The Long Beach Theatre Guild got its start in 1972. The Kelly family of Point Lookout was among the early members. Don Kelly, now 89 and a retired banker, did some character acting years ago and helped with the guild's finances. His wife, Ginny, 88, was an actress and singer. "She still writes the checks" for the guild, Kelly said.

Their daughter, Nancy Kelly Sullivan, of Long Beach, is now the guild president.

Sullivan said the guild had received grants from the Huntington Arts Center to film "Broadway the Road Trip" and distribute it to children with sensory issues. She said the performances would also be on YouTube.

Sullivan said the guild is hoping to stage live performances again next year. It has been staging one performance a year. Performances can cost as much \$25,000 to \$30,000 apiece, which includes musicians' pay and royalties to perform the music. Tickets for performances are \$25 for adults and \$22 for seniors and children.

Dan Kelly said he recalled that in the early 1970s, there were several people

who wanted to start a theater group in Long Beach. But he and his wife became involved later in the decade, when a production of "L'il Abner" was showing at Eisenhower Park. Kelly said his wife asked him to drive over from their then home in Freeport.

"I expected to see a few hundred people there," Kelly said. "But there were thousands." The desire for community theater, he said, was obvious, and he and wife became guild directors. They remain active today.

Community theater, which has been growing on Long Island, took a bow during the pandemic, with some organizations shutting down and others offering only recorded shows. The Long Beach guild's last show came before Covid-19 broke out, in 2019.

Community theater brings together diverse types. Nicholas Mercado, 31, of Long Beach, is a Hofstra professor of medical ethnics. His work involves helping families and doctors reach final decisions about patients.

"This allows me to have some sort of self-expression," said Mercado, who belted out a ringing rendition of "Mack the Knife" Saturday. "A lot of people do this because they like the sensation of being on stage, a sense of bringing about art and music."

Janna Strand, 42, of Lynbrook, is a publicist for the Association for Reform Jewish Educators, and is also a classical-

ly trained singer. She performed Saturday. She started singing when he was 3. Her daughter, Baia, 8, also sings.

"You do it because you love it," she said. "There'd an itch. It says, I haven't performed in a long time. I've got to sing."

Some guild performers have gone on to professional careers. Jax Miskanic, of Atlantic Beach, is with Atlantic Records and finished third on the 14th season of "American Idol." Mary Sill Major Stewart acts in London, and Amy Dolan is known for her work in 2014 on "Agatha Raisin," a British comedy-drama TV show.

Lloyd Baum, of Long Beach, works as a pension analyst, but his heart has long been on the stage. He is doing a rendition of "New York, New York" for "Broadway The Road Trip." "I was bit by the theater bug while I was in high school" in Valley Stream, he said.

Strand, for one, can't wait for live theater again. "I think because of the pandemic, we didn't realize how much we missed this until we couldn't do it," she said.

Brandon Carpenter contributed reporting.



Brendan Carpenter/Herald

**SINGER JANNA STRAND**, sang "I Dreamed A Dream," from "Les Miserables," at the Long Beach Theatre Guild's preview.

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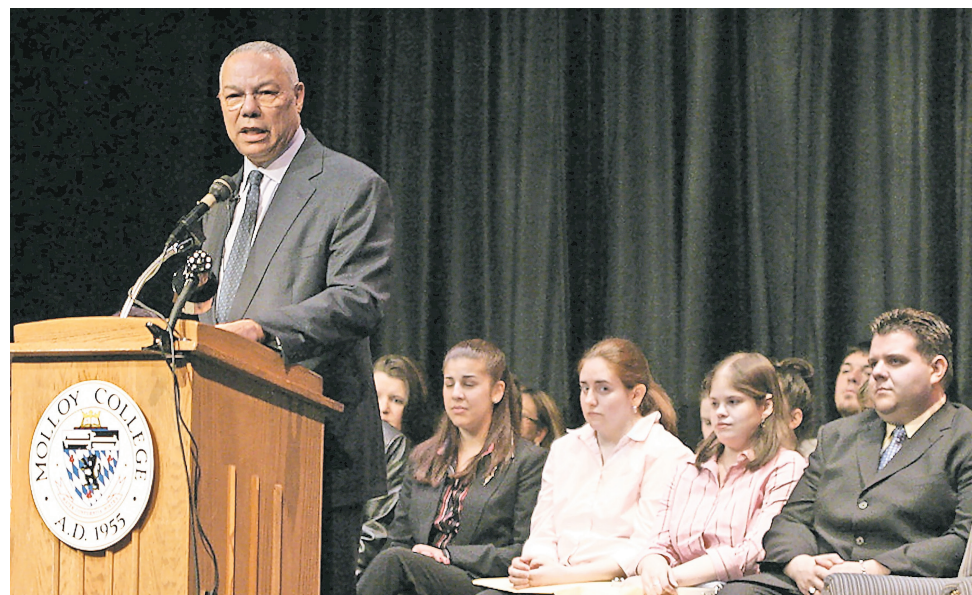
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**LATE FORMER SECRETARY** of State Colin Powell visited Molloy College in 2005.

## Molloy administrator reflects on late Colin Powell's visit

By **MIKE SMOLLINS**

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When then-Secretary of State Colin Powell visited Molloy College in Rockville Centre for a forum on April 29, 2005, he spoke to attendees about international affairs and expressed the importance of diversity across the world. Though he died on Oct. 18 at 84 from complications of Covid-19, many people who witnessed his speech still remember his message 16 years later.

"I think the thing that I liked, he talked about the country in general, he didn't say the country was perfect," said Ed Thompson, the college's vice president for advancement, "but he did say we're still the greatest experiment on the planet because our ideals are what's important. It's not necessarily the land, not necessarily the people, but it's the ideals that we aspire to."

Thompson helped facilitate Powell's visit that spring day, and said he was touched by how knowledgeable Powell was about Thompson and the college, and by his message of the importance of diversity in the country, a sentiment that has only grown louder in the years after his speech.

Powell, a retired four-star general who became the country's first Black secretary of state and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President George H.W. Bush, appeared before a packed house at Molloy. He spoke to those gathered about international relations and how he was able to build himself into a success story despite coming from humble beginnings.

"He talked about the fact that he wasn't rich, didn't go to West Point, but that he was raised right and was raised about the ideals of service," Thompson recalled. "He connected that to the type of student that was attending Molloy. Molloy modeled diversity and service and those are the things that we value at the college . . . all those things that we modeled, so did Colin Powell, so I think all those things helped our students."

Before working alongside Bush, Pow-

ell rose up the military ranks and worked as U.S. national security adviser and deputy national security adviser for President Ronald Reagan in the 1980s. Powell served twice in Vietnam — during the first tour, he was wounded in action and on the second tour, he received the Soldier's Medal for rescuing several men from a burning helicopter.

Thompson said he got to spend an hour one-on-one with Powell before his speech, and that he was taken aback by him. He said Powell was gracious, a good listener and offered him advice about how to be a strong leader, which included telling Thompson to "aggressively listen and take in data, but not too much," Thompson recounted, noting that Powell told him not to wait on "perfect data" before making leadership decisions.

Thompson added that Powell told him he was impressed by Molloy because it served first-generation students who often don't have money for higher education.

"People see us as sort of a nursing, education college, but in fact, our mission was really to talk about issues that were regionally and nationally important," Thompson said. ". . . When there's a chance to really get personal, hands-on explanations of what's going on in the world, we see ourselves as a place that can provide that type of access to our friends and neighbors."

Thompson said he respected Powell because, though he was a Republican, he had no fear in crossing the political aisle if it aligned with his ideals. He called him a champion of diversity and a gracious man who was willing to compromise when he had to.

"I think his legacy, for me, is one of service against all odds," Thompson said. "A diverse, Black soldier in Vietnam rises through the ranks to become one of the preeminent statesman of his time, so that speaks to his perseverance, and speaks to how America changed. He was symbolic about how America became more diverse and open to equality and excellence, so I think that's his legacy."



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**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.

Anybody who watched the Long Beach boys' soccer team play down the stretch of the regular season wouldn't have given them much of a chance in the postseason. The Marines didn't score in any of their last four games and dropped to fourth in the conference to earn a No. 16 seed

Their fortunes would soon change in dramatic fashion.

In a span of three days, Long Beach went from also-rans to putting together a Cinderella run in the Nassau Class A playoffs after beating No. 17 Kennedy 3-0 on Oct. 20 and then shocking top-seeded South Side 3-2 in a thrilling shootout last Friday to advance to the Round of 16.

Against Kennedy, Aran Corbett scored the Marines' first goal in over two weeks and Yeris Miranda added two more in the victory. Arthur Quezada added two assists for the host Marines.

"Today, we played like we played in the beginning of the season," Long Beach coach Leo Palacio said after that game. "We focused on scoring the last two days, getting the ball to the outside and get it back in. And that's exactly how we scored today."

Long Beach controlled the game throughout, and the defense limited Kennedy to just four shots on goal. Corbett's goal was the Marines' first since a 2-1 win over Great Neck North on Oct. 2.

"We've all been missing celebrating with the team when we score," Corbett said afterwards. "We haven't in a while, so that goal really meant a lot for everyone."

But the best was yet to come.

Last Friday, Long Beach had a 2-1 lead with five minutes remaining on goals by Anthony Camas and Ryan Kalb before South Side tied it on a penalty kick. The game remained scoreless through two overtime periods, sending the match into a shootout.

Michael Contreras, Arthur Quezada, and Ryder Moore-Lukaszewski scored on their penalty kicks and goalkeeper Avie Mann made two huge saves during the session, which was tied 3-3 heading into the fifth and final shooter spot for the Marines. Because of injuries, Palacio had to decide who will take that shot and one



Eric Dunetz/Herald

**SENIOR ANTHONY CAMAS'** efforts were a big reason why the Marines upset top-seeded South Side in a wild Nassau Class A playoff match last Friday.

of his players was convincing enough to be the unusual selection...Mann.

"After that confidence he had and the way he said it and the way he played in that game, I said, 'You've got the fifth penalty,'" Palacio recalled the next day.

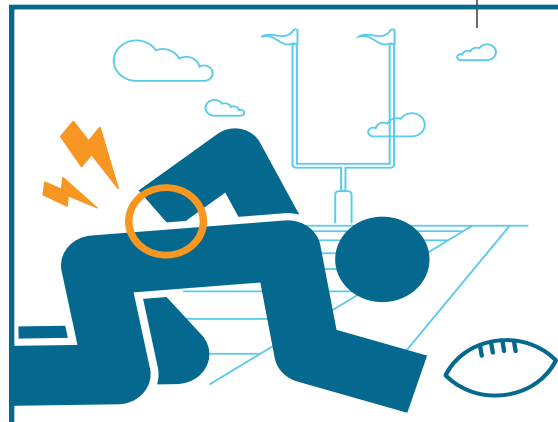
Mann, who helped Long Beach reach the shootout with two more clutch saves in overtime, backed up his plea by blasting the ball into the right side of the net,

sending his teammates into a frenzy and leaving the Cyclone players and their home crowd gasping in shock.

"All week, I've had him shoot in that goal taking penalties, but for fun," Palacio said. "But he made every single one in practice. And he scored for the win."

Palacio said the win will be long remembered.

"It was one for the ages," he said.



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# Police statistics show drop in crime in city

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“Another initiative that defies the current thoughts on policing is strict ticket enforcement for revenue generation,” Wells said. “This is something police departments across the country have been admonished for, yet the City of Long Beach is doubling down and bragging about it.”

Along with reported lower crime numbers, the number of overtime hours officers are logging is down as well — more than 1,000 from last year and more than 2,000 from 2019.

Walsh said that effective policing has reduced the need for overtime. “The department is more visible and more active in the community now as compared to 2019,” he said.

Another factor contributed to the drop in overtime, Wells said. “The overtime savings highlighted was a result of senior police officers, detectives and sergeants forced to retire by an arbitration award and replaced with new hires,” Wells said. “There have also been several violations of the expired collective-bargaining agreement that are currently being litigated. However, these savings that were highlighted seem to not be enough. Over the past two weeks, [Walsh] has told myself and several other members that if overtime costs are not further reduced, the city manager will be laying off city employees,” including, potentially, police officers.

Wells said he doubted that layoffs would be necessary, however.

The two major crime numbers that have gone up involve dangerous weapons and driving under the influence. There have been 41 DUI arrests reported to date this year, which is down from 2019 but up 128 percent over last year. Dangerous weapons cases are up 250 percent, with the department making seven weapons recoveries.

Walsh said he did not believe the increased number of weapons cases is cause for concern. “The increase in [numbers] is not meant to cause a panic,” he said. “[The department] is very proud of the numbers because it means we took more guns off the streets.”



Darwin Yanes/Herald

**LONG BEACH POLICE** Commissioner Ron Walsh released the first set of crime statistics in years.

One set of statistics that was not included in the commissioner’s presentation was the number of fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses, or the recorded uses of Narcan. Wells said those numbers should have been released.

“Where were the numbers on fatal and non-fatal drug overdoses?” Wells asked. “I only ask since this administration has gutted the detective division and defunded the narcotics task force, even though they lied publicly about it twice.”

Walsh said there were two detectives focusing on narcotics cases at the time he took over. There are more working on those cases now, he added, even if there is no distinct narcotics division.

“Everybody is now assigned all kinds of cases, including narcotics,” Walsh said. “We’re looking to increase the size of the detective division. We’ve had much contact with Nassau County about it.”

The exact number of overdose cases, including the use of Narcan, was not provided. Walsh did say that controlled-substance cases have dropped 90 percent from 2019, from 71 to seven this year.

## NEWS BRIEF

### Retired NYPD sgt. nabbed for drunken driving

A retired New York City police sergeant was arrested early Wednesday morning after Long Beach officers said they saw his car “traveling recklessly at a high rate of speed” eastbound on West Park Avenue before striking a police car at 12:34 a.m. A city police officer in the car was injured.

The retired sergeant was identified as Robert Garrity, 52, of Long Beach. Police said an empty 24-ounce can of Miller Lite

beer was found under the driver’s seat, a “strong odor” of an alcohol emanated from the driver’s breath, and his speech was slow.

Garrity was charged with driving while intoxicated, third-degree assault, second-degree reckless endangerment and reckless driving.

The injured police officer was transported by ambulance to an area hospital for treatment and was released.

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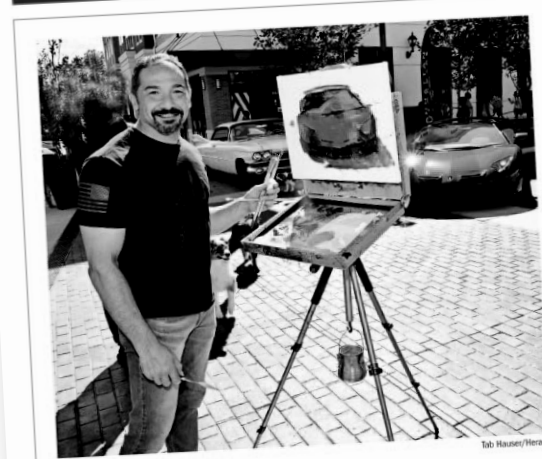
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**Celebrating art and autos**

Artist Dean Adams spent last Saturday afternoon painting some of the cars on display at the Art and Automobiles event in downtown Glen Cove. Story, more photos, Page 3.

### ‘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 Glen Cove, she decided to create 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 captured the feeling that the music gives you.

**AVA SOLANGE**

### A new school year, more Covid challenges

**BY JILL NOSSA**  
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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Ongoing

### Library Board Meeting

The Long Beach Public Library Board of Trustees typically meets on the third Monday of every month. Check the website for specific dates and times, [www.longbeachlibrary.org](http://www.longbeachlibrary.org).

### Long Beach Soup Kitchen

The Long Beach Soup Kitchen, 140 West Pine Street, is open 6 days a week 11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. They offer Hot and Cold Meals TO GO. They offer a full pantry with canned goods and fresh produce. Mondays and Thursdays. All are welcome.

### Meet The City Manager

City Manager Donna M. Gayden will be holding "Meet The City Manager" virtual chat sessions. These meetings are an opportunity for residents to engage in a one-to-one dialogue with the City Manager; ask questions, share concerns, or express ideas on how to enhance the quality of life in our community. The virtual meetings will take place on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. Appointments are needed and are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the City Manager's Office to make an appointment at (516) 431-7202 or email [citymanager@longbeachny.gov](mailto:citymanager@longbeachny.gov). Information on how to meet will be provided after the appointment is confirmed.

### Farmers' Market

The Kennedy Plaza Farmers' Market will be held at Kennedy Plaza in front of Long Beach City Hall every Saturday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. For additional information, visit [lgreenmarket.org](http://lgreenmarket.org)

### Arts in the Plaza

Arts in the Plaza features handcrafted art by local artists including custom jewelry, unique handmade gifts, photography and fine art. The weekly art festival will be in Kennedy Plaza every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. through Oct. 30. For more info visit [artsintheplaza.com/facebook.com/](http://artsintheplaza.com/facebook.com/)



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## Tarot card reading Sunday at the library

The Long Beach public library will host a class teaching the history and meaning of Tarot cards and divination Sunday, Oct. 31 from 2 to 3 pm. Some attendees will receive free readings.

## Friday, October 29

### Murder Mystery Play

The Historical Society will host a murder mystery play called The Willows at the museum located at 226 West Penn St. at 8 pm.

### Friday Film

The public library will be showing What We Do In The Shadows in the auditorium from 1 to 3 pm.

## Saturday, Oct. 30

### Halloween in the Plaza

There will be an annual Halloween Bash with costumes, live music, dance parties and trick or treating at Kennedy Plaza from 10 am to 3 pm.

### Paint With Your Puppy

Hand and Paw Creations will be hosting a painting session for people, and dogs, at Kennedy Plaza from 10 am to 3 pm.

## Sunday, Oct. 31

### Little Monsters Halloween Party

Beginnings will be hosting their sixth annual halloween party for kids from at 12:30 pm and 4:30 pm. The event costs \$25 per child.

### The Art of Divination

The public library will be hosting a class teaching the history and meanings of tarot cards in the auditorium from 2 to 3 pm. A few attendees will win free readings.

## Monday, Nov. 1

### Haunted Comedy

Nightmare on Beech Street will host a haunted comedy night with T.J. Miller at the Beach House at 7 pm. Tickets cost \$40.

### Gentle Yoga

The public library will host gentle yoga class teaching balance, breathing and focus in the program room and on zoom from 10 to 11 am.

## Tuesday, Nov. 2

### Low-Impact Cardio

The public library will host a low-impact cardio class in the auditorium and zoom from 11:30 to 12:30 pm.

### Mother-Daughter Relationships

The public library will host a talk with psychologist Dr. Judith Ruskay Rabinor to help heal mother-daughter relationships on zoom from 1 to 2 pm.

### Election Day

City Hall and the Magnolia Center will be closed for Election Day. The Rec Center and ice arena will be open.

## Wednesday, Nov. 3

### City Council Meeting

The City Council will meet on the sixth floor of City Hall and on YouTube at 7 pm.

## Saturday, Nov. 6

### Live Music and Food

Chris Milo will be performing live music at the Anchor Tavern from 9 pm to 1 am.

### Defensive Driving

Empire Safety Council will be hosting a one-day, six-hour defensive driving course in the public library auditorium from 10 am to 4 pm. The class is \$28.

## 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 [jbernstein@lherald.com](mailto:jbernstein@lherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- The Beach House will be a haunted Blood Manor dining experience through Nov. 1.
- Arts in the Plaza is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.
- Halloween in the Plaza makes its return Saturday, Oct. 30.
- The L.B. Arts Council, in collaboration with Arts In The Plaza, is looking for Performance Artists.
- The City is seeking photos of Long Beach to be featured in the 2022 city calendar.



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## KAREN GLEASON

LEVITTOWN  
Chief Quality Officer,  
St. John's Episcopal  
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.

### HERALD HOMETOWN HERO



## ROSSY DUARTE

OCEANSIDE  
Family Specialist, Mount  
Sinai Doctors Oceanside  
Family Medicine



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

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

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

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

Medical professionals collectively have stepped up to the plate during this pandemic. It'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.

### HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

## 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.

### HERALD HOMETOWN HERO

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CANDIDATE PROFILES, BALLOT REVIEW AND MORE INSIDE!



# Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Bruce Blakeman**

**Age:** 66

**Hometown:** Atlantic Beach

**Professional Background:** Attorney

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Laura Curran**

**Age:** 53

**Hometown:** Baldwin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We were open and transparent

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

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

**Blakeman:** Covid-19 will be around for 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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# Six council candidates competing for 3 seats



**John Bendo**  
Incumbent

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 59

**Career:** Nuclear engineer

**On the issues:** Became City Council president in January 2020. Worked to get the West End Library branch reopened after Superstorm Sandy. Member of the Long Beach Community Advisory Committee.



**Daniel Creighton**  
Challenger

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 56

**Career:** Served on the Community Education Council (school board), and was a member of Community Board 5 in Queens. Currently serving as a Long Beach Zoning Board commissioner.

**On the issues:** Highly skilled at building consensus, meeting deadlines, reducing costs.



**Michael DeLury**  
Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 62

**Career:** Treasurer of the Village of East Williston for the past nine years; elected to the Long Beach City Council in 2019

**On the issues:** Working to have the Army Corps Engineers return to review and improve the groins that have not been completed on the beach.



**Roy Lester**  
Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 71

**Career:** Lawyer

**On the issues:** Served five terms, with several years as president, on the Long Beach Board of Education, beginning in the late 1990s. He has been a lifeguard for over 50 years, starting at Jones Beach in 1968, and was head of the guards' labor union and chief negotiator.



**John McQuade**  
Challenger

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 27

**Career:** Manages the law office of his father, Francis McQuade

**On the issues:** Says his jobs and civic work gave him skills in budgeting, identifying the right candidates for jobs and negotiating six-figure contracts for companies; involved in cub scouts and went on to be an Eagle Scout.



**Tina Posterli**  
Challenger

**Party:** Democrat

**Age:** 55

**Career:** Associate vice president for government affairs and advocacy at Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic New York City Metropolitan Area

**On the issues:** Has been fighting for environmental justice and to "right-size" the budget.

★ ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ★

## AN OPEN LETTER TO NEIGHBORS VOTE ROY LESTER

Dear Neighbor,

It's not every day I write a letter in support of a political candidate. However, these are extraordinary times for the City of Long Beach and we need a councilman who is on our side fighting for our families. On Tuesday, November 2nd I urge you to join me in Voting for Roy Lester for City Council.

I trust Roy. As a lifelong resident of Long Beach, Roy has dedicated his life to the betterment of our community through his work as a former School Board Trustee, lifeguard, former volunteer fireman, and EMT medic. Roy understands our barrier island community. Roy attends the city council meetings on a regular basis questioning the many issues. He joined with us in fighting the I-Star development and the illegal payouts. He is vocal, but he listens, he is not afraid to fight for what is right and fair. Vote Roy Lester.

*Denise Ford*



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# SUPERVISOR

## Don Clavin Incumbent

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 52

**Hometown:** Garden City

**Career:** Elected official, attorney

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

**On the issues:**

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



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

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

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

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

## Jason Ablove Challenger

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 51

**Hometown:** Oceanside

**Career:** Discrimination attorney since 1994

**Political experience:** First-time candidate

**On the issues:**

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

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

Ablove said his goal is



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

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

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

Ablove said if he were

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

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

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

# COMPTROLLER

## Brian Cronin

**Party:** Democratic

**Age:** 40

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

**Political career:** Second-time candidate

**On the issues:**

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



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

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

the uncertainty of the post-Covid economy."

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

## Elaine Phillips

**Party:** Republican

**Age:** 61

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

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

**On the issues:**

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



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

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

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

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





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# 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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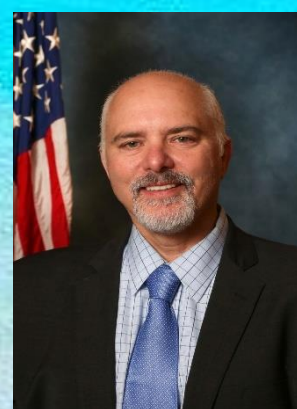
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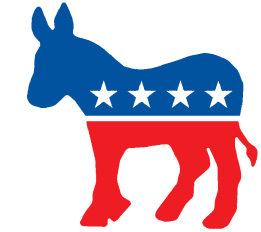
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**NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

**LONG BEACH**

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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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# 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



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.

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

## 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



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.

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

## 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



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.

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





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# 2021 JUDICIAL CANDIDATES

## 3rd District Court Judge

### Lisa Saltzman

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

Age: 55

Lives in: Great Neck

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

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



### David I. Levine

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 55

Lives in: Roslyn Heights

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

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

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

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

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



### William Hohausser

Democratic, Republican, Conservative

Age: 62

Lives in: xxxxx

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

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



## Family Court Judge Candidate

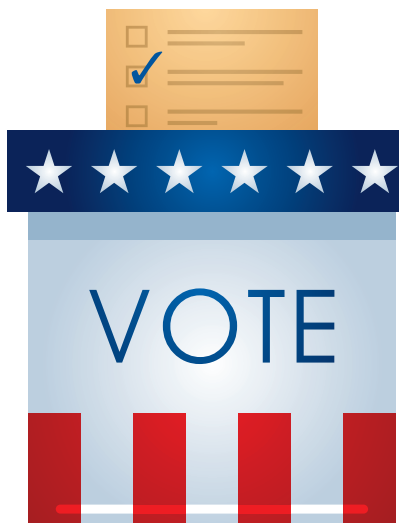
### Darlene D. Harris

Age: 55

Hometown: Uniondale

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

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



## 2nd District Court Judge

### Vincent T. Muscarella

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



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



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# STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

## Danielle Peterson

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

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

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

## Elizabeth Fox McDonough

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

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

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

## Joseph Girardi

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

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

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

## Eileen Daly-Sapraicone

**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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# Long Beach students use art to get out the vote

By JAMES BERNSTEIN

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Isabelle Eustate, 15, and her sister, Lilly, 17, both students in the Long Beach school district, wanted to send a message to voters this election season: get out to the polls.

The sisters made posters and, combined with music, were to put on a show at Temple Israel on Park Avenue that was to begin at 6 pm Wednesday night.

"We were thinking of the idea of voting rights," said Isabella. "We wanted to inform voters, using art, poetry, and singing, about the importance of voting."

"We also wanted to inform young adults about the process, Isabella said.

The sisters, she said, were well aware of attempts in some states to change voting procedures, which critics of such moves say, will make it harder for people to vote.

"We don't like that they're taking restrictive policies," Isabella said. "It's giving some candidates a political advantage."

Anissa Moore, a leader in the North Park community, was asked to contribute a poem to the evening.

"I'm going to support them," Moore said.



Courtesy Eustate family

**ISABELLE EUSTATE EXHIBITED** a poster she made that was to be shown at Temple Israel before voting began Tuesday.

# Memorial set for Barbara D. Bernardino

The family of Barbara Dubow Bernardino, co-founder and president of the Beach to Bay civic association and once president of the League of Women voters, will hold a memorial service for her Saturday, Nov. 13, at 2 pm at Lindell School.

She had established her own bilingual nursery school and had worked as a grant writer for the City of Long Beach as well as Circulo de la Hispanidad. Ms. Bernardino ran for City Council, was a member of Hadassah, and participated in many City Council meetings where she was quite vocal, and helped residents create neighborhood civic associations. Barbara knew how to bring people together, a community organizer by nature.

Ms. Bernardino graduated from Adelphi with a degree in Elementary Education and later earned a Masters in Counseling Psychology at Columbia University. She applied her education degree in her work in classrooms on the Lower East Side of New York and also on U.S. military bases in Spain.

It was in Spain that she met her former spouse, Gil Bernardino. After the unexpected passing of her father, Issac Dubow in 1974, she permanently moved back to the U.S. and worked at the Adult Learning

Center for nearly 20 years. It was at this time, over forty-five years ago, that along with Gil, she helped found Circulo de la Hispanidad, a not for profit organization with locations in both Long Beach and Hempstead.

The Bernardino Dubow family has a long history in Long Beach. Her mother, Muriel Dubow, who is a vibrant 98 year old, and father, Issac Dubow raised Barbara and her two brothers, Stephen and David, in Long Beach.



**Barbara Dubow Bernardino**

All three graduated from Long Beach High School. Barbara and Gil's three children Deborah, Daniel and Gil-Miguel are also a product of the Long Beach schools. Barbara leaves behind six grandchildren; Rebecca (11), Sophia (11), Guilianna (9), Isak (7), Gabriella (7) and Sebastian (7).

Barbara's father, Isaac Dubow, was active in the Long Beach community and president of the City Council in the 1960's. Like her father, Barbara cared deeply about the city and was involved in local organizing efforts on many issues; most dear to her, the fight for a hospital in Long Beach. She was also a member of Hadassah.

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# MLK celebrates 40th anniversary

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By JAMES BERNSTEIN  
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The Martin Luther King Center celebrated its 40th anniversary with a jam-packed house at its home on Riverside Boulevard last Wednesday night.

About 200 people crowded into the center's gymnasium, where there was food, music and speeches. Many Long Beach officials attended, as did New York state and Nassau County officials and candidates running for office who hoped to shake a few hands.

James Hodge, the center's long-time board chairman, turned over the reins to Cedric Coad, 28, who has been a volunteer at the center since his childhood and a Hodge mentee. Coad plans to assume his duties in November.

The center got its start in 1981, when city and county officials recognized there was no place for children who lived in the largely Black



**LONG BEACH CITY** Manager Donna Gayden was among a number of city and county officials who attended the center's 40th anniversary.

North Park section to play.

Since, the center has become a home to children and seniors, some of whom are food insecure. The center provides hot and cold food to those in need and after-school activities for children.



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**OUTGOING MLK BOARD** Chairman James Hodge handed over the reins to a young man he mentored, Cedric Coad, 28, a long-time volunteer.



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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.



Tom Carrozza/Herald

**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.

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# 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 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," Kamin-

sky 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.

**I'm so impressed with Island Parkers and their real grit and resilience, and I'm incredibly proud of them.**

**LAURA CURRAN**  
County executive

The project includes new sidewalks, repaved streets, pedestrian-friendly traffic-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 North-east 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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**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.

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

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

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### Ask The Architect



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# HERALD Crossword Puzzle

## King Crossword

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

**DOWN**

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

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# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Ryan Cronin is choice for county comptroller

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

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

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

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

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

Unlike Cronin, who lost two State Senate races against Republican incumbent Kemp Hannon, Phillips has already had a political

### HERALD Endorsement



Ryan Cronin

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.

## OPINIONS

### Jason Kreiss at 50: Blessings on your head

How is my son, Jason, like a MacDonald'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.



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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

How did the boy who tracked seagulls overhead instead of the soccer ball find his way?

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, polyes-ter), 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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# HERALD ENDORSEMENTS

## Re-elect Laura Curran Nassau County executive

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

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

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

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

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

Her Republican challenger, Hempstead Town Councilman Bruce Blakeman, has been part of the town's battle against Covid-19, which has included a mobile vaccination unit and an array of programs and services that have assisted residents

through the pandemic, all paid for with federal dollars. We also commend Blakeman for his role at the town level in easing restrictions for restaurants to create outdoor dining spaces to help them survive the pandemic.

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

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

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

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Laura Curran

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

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Maureen O'Connell

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 Union-

dale Board of Education trustee, he has shown proven leadership skills.

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

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

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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 non-violent felony cases. It also gave judges discretion to assign bail in almost all violent felony cases and certain nonviolent cases, such as witness tampering. The law was amended in 2020, and Kaminsky voted for the amended law, which gives judges bail discretion in a greater number of cases.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Todd Kaminsky

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.

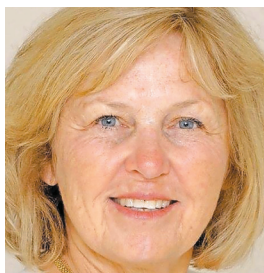
Our view is that Kaminsky, given his background in both government and the U.S. attorney's office, is an excellent choice for Nassau district attorney. We give him our wholehearted support, and voters should, too.

## 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

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Denise Ford

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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home we all need. Quality of life issues like parking, traffic, water quality, and preserving affordability for people who live in our community are also of paramount importance. These issues will never be overlooked or shunted aside but will always be at the forefront of our decision making.

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Yours sincerely, **THE LONG BEACH TEAM**

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