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The key to a successful food drive

The Lynbrook High School Key Club and the Kiwanis Club partnered to host a food drive earlier this month that helped local families in need.

Lynbrook board bans pot in public

By **MIKE SMOLLINS**
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Months after voting to prohibit marijuana sales and dispensaries in the village, Lynbrook officials unanimously voted to ban smoking marijuana in public places like parks, eateries and local businesses at a public hearing on Oct. 18.

"The Village of Lynbrook will abide by the New York state law and keep the residents of Lynbrook safe," Mayor Alan Beach told the Herald. "The vote was unanimous."

Officials reacted after there were some complaints from residents about people smoking marijuana in parks and other public spaces. The vote included a change to the village code, which was in keeping with the state's Clean Indoor Air Act. The act was approved by state officials in 2017 and prohibits smoking and vaping in almost all public and private indoor workplaces,

including restaurants and bars, to protect workers and the public from exposure to harmful second-hand tobacco smoke and vaping aerosols.

In May, the village board unanimously voted to ban marijuana dispensaries and consumption shops from being built or set up in the village after a public hearing, citing potential danger to the community.

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ALAN BEACH
Lynbrook mayor

The board opened the public hearing about dispensaries after New York state passed the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, or MRTA, on March 31, which gave villages, counties and towns the authority to ban sales within their jurisdictions. New York became the 18th state to legalize marijuana use, and officials formed new agencies within the state government to control it.

In New York, residents are able to possess up to 3 ounces

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Entering the 'Land of Lots'

Lynbrook writer co-authors book series

By **MADLINE ARMSTRONG**
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Lynbrook resident Joe Delia and his family friend Susan Willis, of Bridgehampton, have launched their newest children's book series, "Land of Lots."

"We've been in development for this book series for eight years," said Willis, owner of Gattie & Lopez, a Manhattan-based TV advertising company. "It's been a very long, methodi-

cal labor putting these books together."

Willis and her husband, Chuck Willis, co-created the books with a colleague, Christian Carl, who has been in advertising for 30 years as a writer and has worked closely with the Willises. He now lives in Pennsylvania with his wife and three children. Susan Willis referred to him as "highly artistic." "He's the kind of person who if he's bored for one minute, something

is going to come out of it," she said, "a sketch, a drawing, an idea, a painting."

So, when Carl approached them and Delia, an office manager at Gattie & Lopez, with a sketch that he doodled at Ikea, they put their heads together to create "Land of Lots." The series focuses on a character named Lovelot who travels to the Land of Lots. There she

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Business teams with anti-bullying coalition

The Long Island Coalition Against Bullying and Lynbrook business To Tie-Dye for Clothing, have partnered all October for National Bullying Prevention Month.

The collaboration comprises a blue tie-dye shirt, which represents the color of bullying prevention awareness, with the quote, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

Marion Schwaner, 27, the founder and owner of the tie-dye business, came up with the idea after being the target of a bullying incident earlier this summer.

"My experience has made me realize how widespread bullying really is and the damages it could bring to someone's life and the lives of their loved ones," she said. "I believe that speaking up and telling more people about my experiences will bring more recognition to leaders and officials about the issue, and hopefully turn words into actions to prevent this from happening again in the future."

Joe Salamone, the executive director of LICAB, said he was inspired to launch the non-profit organization in 2013 after witnessing a person with a disability and his family be bullied by visitors in

an emergency room on Long Island. Reminded of his own experience as a victim of bullying, Salamone was spurred into action, and today serves as head of a nonprofit dedicated to emphasizing the importance of bully-free communities on Long Island through education, increased awareness and therapeutic outlets.

"LICAB is excited to collaborate with To Tie-Dye for Clothing," Salamone said. "People of all ages, genders, backgrounds and creeds are susceptible to bullying. Our organization is founded on the idea that it only takes one person to change—or save—a life. Considering the rough year we've endured and an uncertain future, it's more important than ever to put positivity and kindness into the universe. The shirt we've created with To Tie-Dye for Clothing is a reminder of that."

For more information about the Long Island Coalition Against Bullying and To Tie-Dye for Clothing, visit licab.org and totiedyeforclothing.com. The shirt is available for purchase on To Tie-Dye for Clothing's website at \$30 for short-sleeve and \$40 for long-sleeve. A portion of the proceeds will go directly to LICAB.



Courtesy To Tie-Dye for Clothing

LOCAL BUSINESS TO Tie-Dye for Clothing, which makes masks like the ones seen above, partnered with the Long Island Coalition Against Bullying for Bullying Prevention Month.



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MEMBERS OF THE Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Historical Society of East Rockaway and Lynbrook gathered to remember those who died in shipwrecks in 1837.

Lynbrook honors shipwreck victims

Each year in mid-October, the Nassau County Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Historical Society of East Rockaway and Lynbrook gathers in the Rockville Cemetery on Merrick Road to remember the 139 men, women and children buried there in a mass grave in 1837.

They all were victims of two shipwrecks, the Bristol and the Mexico, off the South Shore of Long Island. Most of them were Irish immigrants. This year the ceremony was led by Art Mattson, the Lynbrook village historian, and Jack O'Brien, president of the NC-AOH.

The Bristol and Mexico Monument is on the National and New York state Registers of Historic Places. Mattson announced that application has also been made to the Town of Hempstead to make it an Historic Landmark of the town. This will put the monument and nearby grounds under the protection of the town and ensure that the landmark will remain as a reminder to future generations of the sacrifices and risks these early immigrants made.

The Historical Society also unveiled a three-foot high scale model of the monument, complete with inscriptions. The model will be used by the HSERL as a teaching tool in its annual local history presentation done for all fourth grade students in Lynbrook. The model was designed and built by Historical Society member James Pearson, of East Rockaway.



A COLOR GUARD was in attendance.

MANY PEOPLE GATHERED at the solemn remembrance, above.

THE MONUMENT BUILT in their memory, at left,

Officials ban public consumption of pot

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of marijuana and 24 ounces of concentrated cannabis, and there are other regulations for oils. An adult 21 and older is also permitted to cultivate three plants and no more than six per residence if multiple adults live there.

Though Lynbrook would have seen a percentage of sales tax from marijuana, officials said they believed the dangers of permitting cannabis sales in the village outweighed the potential for added revenue. Beach said the board wanted to take it one step further by outlawing smoking in public amid several complaints about the odor in the village.

The East Rockaway village board opted out of marijuana sales on April 15 and, after two public hearings this summer, banned dispensaries and sales, like many other villages in Nassau County.

“First of all, we don’t want it in our community,” Mayor Bruno Romano said at the time. “Second of all, I grew up in East Rockaway, and I certainly don’t want this happening. This is a quality-of-life issue for all of us. This doesn’t belong here.”

Village attorney Tom Atkinson explained earlier this month that the board’s decision would not ban smoking marijuana in private homes, as that is now legal under state law.

“It’s important to note that we’re not outlawing cannabis in the Village of



Mike Smollins/Herald

THE LYNBROOK VILLAGE board unanimously voted to ban smoking in public places, including Greis Park, above, at an Oct. 18 public hearing.

Lynbrook,” Atkinson said. “We wouldn’t have that jurisdiction under current New York state law. You’re allowed to partake or use cannabis in your private home. What we can do is put this provision in and prohibit it on public-owned and village-owned land.”

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OBITUARIES

Former Lynbrook resident Edward Dale dies at 77

Former Lynbrook resident Edward William Dale died surrounded by family on Oct. 11 after a long battle with cancer. He was 77.

Dale was born on May 16, 1944, in Queens, to his parents Catherine Rita Dale (formerly Kiley) and William Thomas Dale. He is remembered for his boundless optimism, generosity and contended spirit, which remained powerfully present throughout his life.

Dale spent his childhood with his parents and sister, Carol, in Hewlett and then Lynbrook, attending St. Joachim's School and Hewlett High School. He shared endless stories of adventure and mischief with his large extended family, always resulting in displeased nuns — especially with his cousins, Jim and Kevin Kiley.

He chose to leave college and enlist in the Navy in 1963. He traveled the world on the U.S.S. Shangri-La and made the rank of E5 in three short years. In 1966, Dale was assigned to the River Patrol Force at Can Tho, Vietnam. He spent that harrowing and life-altering year completing missions along the Mekong Delta.

Just five weeks after being honorably discharged from military service in 1967, Dale began his long career with IBM in Manhattan. He worked in various departments over the decades, including finance, marketing and manpower planning. He was a loyal employee and loved his time as a company man with IBM, eventually working in the Cranford, N.J. office, where he raised his children, Renee and Eric, with his wife, Linda Dale. Although he moved back to Lynbrook when he retired, Cranford remained one of his favorite places, filled with joyful memories and some of the most fulfilling years of his life as a family man.

In addition to accomplishing his life's mission of being a devoted father with happy and well-loved children, he took on his best-suited role ever as a grandfather. First, to his favorite people on Earth, Griffin Henry and Gatsby Jane Astrid, and later to his beloved step-grandkids, Roan and Dory. There are no words to capture how deeply he loved them, how focused he was on the details, small and large, of their lives. When Griffin was a toddler, he began calling Dale "Whitebeard" due to his soft, snowy beard and Griffin's inter-

est in pirates. The name stuck and that was how he was known to all of his grandchildren going forward. It's impossible to overstate the love and pride he expressed every single day for them, without fail, and with burning interest. He frequently requested every update on their lives, and could frequently be found in his big, overstuffed chair waiting to greet his family. His pure goodness as a person was an inspiration to his grandchildren and will continue to be as they grow to adulthood.

Dale loved the study of history, including World War II, as well as politics, civics, the cosmos, his "lowly" Mets and Jets, and NBA basketball. He was a voracious reader, loved math and numbers, along with TV shows like "Curb Your Enthusiasm," "The Wire" and many other shows and films that he relished analyzing and discussing. Dale was incredibly funny. His blue eyes sparkled with laughter and shined with kindness. He gave to numerous charities benefiting children and also wounded veterans, which in many ways, he was himself.

Dale is survived by his daughter, Renee; his son, Eric; sons-in-law, Brendan Vaughan and Andrew Gallagher; his adored grandchildren, Griffin and Gatsby Feather; and Roan and Dory Vaughan; his loving sister, Carol Christy; his beloved nephews, John Christy (Monica), Scott Christy and Brian Christy; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. Dale was particularly grateful to his eldest nephew, John, for all he did for him, for their enduring father/son-like bond and for John's independence and sense of humor, things Ed valued greatly in people.

Additionally, Dale will be remembered by many childhood friends who shared their lives and experiences along the way, beginning back at St. Joachim's School. The world feels lonelier without Dale in it, but still far better for him having been among us all. We are heartbroken, but truly honored he was ours.

Visitation for Dale is set for Perry Funeral Home in Lynbrook on Nov. 5 from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by his funeral service at Calverton National Cemetery in Riverhead at 12:30 p.m. All family and friends are welcome.

In remembrance of Dale's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.



Edward "William" Dale

Obituary notices

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Cronin, Phillips vie for county comptroller seat

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

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

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

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

Phillips: All Nassau County governmental agencies have been forced to adjust to the “new normal” of Covid-19. In many cases, the adjustments have been inadequate, and the delivery of county services is suffering as a result. As Nassau County comptroller, I will have a crucial role to play in objectively identifying those governmental agencies whose performance is lagging and making recommendations to address deficiencies. A specific example of a lack of adequate management and adaption has been seen within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Many business owners have been waiting for months to secure required licenses. Some are in danger of going out of business. This is totally unacceptable. The county’s administration should follow the Town of Hempstead’s successful practice of issuing permits and licenses off campus through the use of mobile trailers. Strict safeguards have been employed to meet the needs of taxpayers in a safe and efficient manner. As comptroller, I will audit these areas of need and will push for swift corrective action.

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

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



Ryan E. Cronin

Age: 40

Hometown: Garden City

Professional Background: Business Litigator/Lawyer

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



Elaine R. Phillips

Age: 61

Hometown: Manhasset

Professional Background: Financial Analyst, vice president of institutional sales

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

ty’s contractors represent its population.

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

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



Courtesy Nassau BOCE

Driving toward success

East Rockaway School District student Ryan Johnson, who is studying automotive technology at Nassau BOCES, was recently honored with the CTE Achievement Award for excelling in his studies and is well prepared to enter the workforce. Johnson, center, was recognized by, from left, Nassau BOCES Board Trustee Eric Schultz, Vice Principal Dr. William Poll, President Susan Bergtraum, Trustee Fran Langsner, and Vice President Deborah Coates.

that do business with Nassau County.

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

Cronin: The Comptroller is the taxpayers’ watchdog responsible for fighting waste and fraud. This role will take on increasing importance given the uncertainty of the post-COVID economy. We are recruiting high-level professionals from the private sector to join our team so that we have the skilled team required to address these unprecedented times. Taxpayers must have confidence that this team is not politicized. Like most taxpayers, I am sick and tired of divisive politics. This is why I have committed to hiring a moderate Republican as my top deputy. Such bipartisanship has become far too rare in today’s politics.

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



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Photos courtesy New York Elks Lodge No. 1
LYNBROOK POLICE OFFICER Robert Meier, left, Det. Jay Cee Indiviglio, Elks Drug Awareness Chairman Brian Steckler and Elks Southeast District Vice President Richard Milhaven took part in a drug take-back event at New York Elks Lodge No. 1 in Lynbrook.



STECKLER HAS DONE many things to raise awareness of the dangers of prescription drugs on behalf of the Elks.

MEIER TOOK PRESCRIPTION medications from an attendee to safely discard.



Elks host drug take-back event

New York Elks Lodge No.1 in Lynbrook hosted a prescription drug take-back event on Oct. 1, which was led by its Drug Awareness Chairman Brian Steckler.

The purpose of the event was to enable residents to drop off unwanted or expired prescription drugs to the lodge's parking lot for proper disposal.

The combined efforts of the Elks and the Lynbrook Police Department led to a great turnout, which helped

residents get unwanted drugs out of their house in order to keep their homes safe.

The lodge is thankful to the LPD and the community officers that participated, including Officer Robert Meier and Det. Jay Cee Indiviglio, and to Steckler for all he has done and continues to do for the committee.

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HERALD SPORTS

Mephram knocks off Lynbrook

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**
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In search of its second Nassau Class A boys' soccer championship in four years, Mephram took the first step many lower seeds couldn't in the first round last Friday afternoon by scoring twice midway through the first half and holding off a late push by Lynbrook for a 2-0 victory.

The Pirates, who shared the Conference A1 title with MacArthur, earned the No. 7 seed but was only three of eight home teams to advance to the quarterfinals. Top-seeded South Side, No. 2 Mineola, No. 4 MacArthur, No. 5 North Shore and No. 8 Lawrence were all eliminated.

"All of us want to be in these kinds of games and all of us want to win," said junior midfielder Konstantinos Karousis, who gave Mephram (9-0-4 overall) its two-goal cushion in the 22nd minute. "Our confidence level is very high," he added. "We came out aggressive and pressing. Once we put in the goals and got the lead, we did our job to hold it."

The Pirates were to host No. 15 Roosevelt in the quarterfinals after Herald presstime, with a spot in this Friday's semifinals at Mitchel Athletic Complex going to the winner. The county final is Nov. 3 also at Mitchel.

"It was difficult to advocate for individual awards because our talent is so deep and spread out," Mephram coach Zachary Gosse said. "Our offense has come from all over the place, which is great, and we've only allowed seven goals all season."

Lynbrook (7-4-2) enjoyed the better of the play in the second half but couldn't get anything past Mephram junior goalkeeper Nicholas Parisi, who made 8 saves. It didn't help that the 10th-seeded Owls' leading scorer, senior Conor Lynch (8 goals, 4 assists) was banged up with a calf issue in crunch time. They got 8 stops from senior keeper Haris Sekic.

"We had a couple of tactical mistakes on defense in the first half and they capitalized on them," Lynbrook coach Josh Berlin said. "Our kids kept battling and we were much better in the second half. We had some chances and put a few shots right at the keeper."

"Conor going down sucked a little life out of us, but I give him a lot of credit for gutting out the injury as best he could and



Brian Ballweg/Herald

LYNBROOK'S CONOR LYNCH, left, controlled the ball with Mephram's Dimitri Gogas on his heels during last Friday's Nassau Class A playoff matchup.

going back in for a while," he added.

Junior Dominic Saraceni scored in the 18th minute to give Mephram all the offense it would need as a defense led by senior Carter Chiarello, juniors Dimitri Gogas, Jeffrey Decina and Kyle Persaud, and freshman Mark Diener set the tone for its 10th shutout in 13 matches.

Juniors Deshaun Maitland and Emilia-no Avalos Paz had assists. Maitland leads the team in scoring with 15 points, including 9 goals.

"I think our side of the bracket is stacked," Gosse said. "But if we play well and play the way we're capable, we can win it all."

SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



CHARLIE MCKEE

Oceanside Senior Football

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

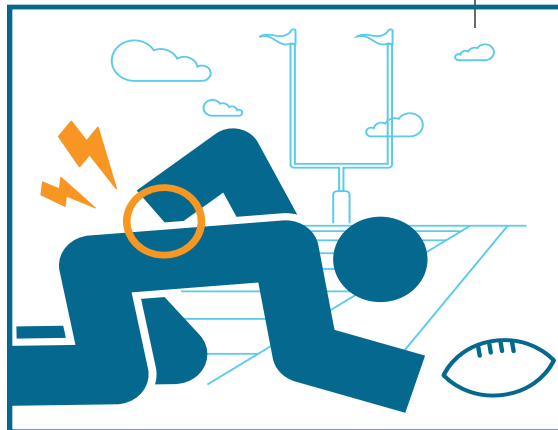
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Friday, Oct. 29

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

Saturday, Oct. 30

- Football: East Meadow at Uniondale 2 p.m.
- Football: Sewanhaka at Long Beach 2 p.m.
- Football: Garden City at Elmont 2 p.m.
- Football: Calhoun at Mephram 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.
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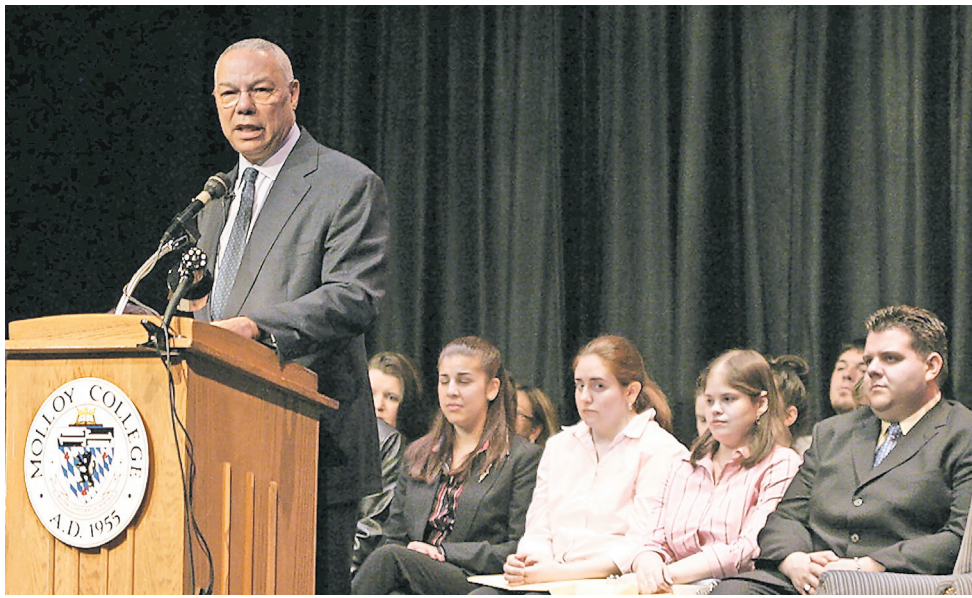
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LATE FORMER SECRETARY of State Colin Powell visited Molloy College in 2005.

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 statesmen 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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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 for the 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

I feel like it really captures the vibe and the feeling that the music gives you.

AVA SOLANGE

A new school year, more Covid challenges

BY JILL NOSSA
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DEREK WASHINGTON

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

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

Covid-19 made our job more challenging because we had to deal with the mental aspect of patients and the medical side of it. Someone with a mental problem may not know how to take care of themselves. We started to experience more deaths, more illnesses and everyone throughout the hospital started

hearing the codes called constantly, the codes that describe a patient's condition. ... It caused us to work short-staffed, too, because a lot of staff got Covid-19.

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

For me, it was hard to be strong for my peers and staff that looks at me for direction.

Coming out of the pandemic, we are more appreciative of certain freedoms that we didn't highlight before, like walking around freely and not thinking we were going to get sick. We were always worried whether a symptom we had was Covid-19.

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ROSSY DUARTE

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Family Specialist, Mount
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Family Medicine



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

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

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

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

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

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

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CAROL WRIGHT

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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Blakeman, Curran vie for county executive

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Bruce Blakeman

Age: 66

Hometown: Atlantic Beach

Professional Background: Attorney

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

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

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

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

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

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



Laura Curran

Age: 53

Hometown: Baldwin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We were open and transparent

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

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

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



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Donnelly, Kaminsky slug it out for D.A.

By JIM BERNSTEIN

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

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

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

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

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



Anne Donnelly

Party: Republican

Age: 56

Hometown: Garden City

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

hide when I am district attorney.

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

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

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



Todd Kaminsky

Party: Democrat

Age: 43

Hometown: Long Beach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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SUPERVISOR

Don Clavin Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 52

Hometown: Garden City

Career: Elected official, attorney

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

On the issues:

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



hoped to continue to slash unnecessary spending after trimming \$1 million from the supervisor's staff budget upon taking office, while also eliminating "take-home cars" for top managers, and driving his own personal car. He added that he is proud of the town's fiscal strength under his administration, which has been recognized with credit rating upgrades from two top Wall Street credit agencies - Moody's and Standard & Poors. Clavin said he was pleased to have recently ntro-

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

Jason Ablove Challenger

Party: Democratic

Age: 51

Hometown: Oceanside

Career: Discrimination attorney since 1994

Political experience: First-time candidate

On the issues:

Jason Ablove said his top priorities are to lower taxes and bring equity to the delivery of town services. He added that he believes the town has wasted money on "high salary patronage jobs, bloated budgets, expensive mailers and inflated no-bid contracts." Ablove said his goal is



to cut excessive spending to improve infrastructure in the town based upon areas of most need. He said he also wants to use federal CARES money and the Boost Nassau initiative to provide direct support to small businesses, and to promote job fairs and lower taxes to make business thrive in the town. He said he would streamline permitting, promote job fairs and lower taxes to make business thrive in the town. Ablove said if he were

elected, Hempstead would distribute the federal relief money. Ablove said he believes that the town's primary responsibility is local infrastructure, and roads need to be adequately cared for. He added that, if elected, he would place resources on infrastructure based upon need. Ablove said he would slash \$5 million that is spent annually on town mailings and would end the waste, putting taxpayer's priorities over those of politicians, and running the town with an eye toward service rather than re-election would save residents millions of dollars.

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



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

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

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

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."

Includes Atlantic Beach, Baldwin Harbor, Barnum Island, East Atlantic Beach, Harbor Island, Island Park, Lawrence, Lido Beach, Long Beach, Point Lookout, Woodsburgh

COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 6

Bill Gaylor Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 58

Hometown: Lynbrook

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

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

On the issues:

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



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

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

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

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

Laura Burns Challenger

Party: Democratic

Age: 52

Hometown: Rockville Centre

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

Political experience: Second-time candidate.

On the issues:

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



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

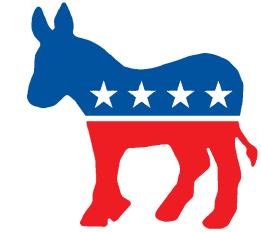
She said her focus would be to assess the infrastructure needs of the 6th District and begin work on addressing them, making sure to

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

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

SAMPLE ELECTION BALLOT

ELECTION '21



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

LYNBROOK / EAST ROCKAWAY

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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

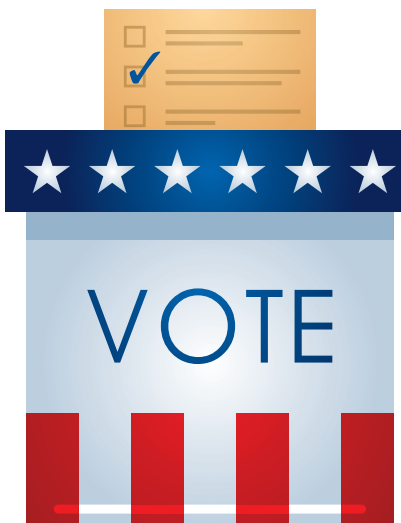
Darlene D. Harris

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



NOVEMBER 2, 2021





STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Danielle Peterson

Party: Republican **Age:** 46

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

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

Elizabeth Fox McDonough

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

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

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

Joseph Girardi

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

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

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

Eileen Daly-Sapraicone

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

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

Legal career: Daly-Sapraicone began her legal career in 1995 as an assistant district attorney Queens, where she worked for six years. Daly-Sapraicone served as a special counsel in the special commissioner of investigation for the New York City School District.

Susan B. Heckman

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

Education: Earned bachelor's in history and political science from Bucknell University in 2002; received law degree from Villanova University School of Law in 2005.

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

Timothy S. Driscoll

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

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

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

Vito DeStefano

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

Education: Wagner College; Brooklyn Law School.

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

HEMPSTEAD COUNCIL DISTRICT 4

Anthony D'Esposito

Party: Republican

Age: 39

Hometown: Island Park

Professional experience: NYPD detective (retired)

Political experience: Town of Hempstead councilman, 2016-present

On the issues:

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



gram, which has been extended to the fall of 2022.

Using federal CARES funding, he said, the town worked with local chambers of commerce to distribute thousands of personal protective equipment kits to small businesses, which helped keep employees and customers safe. As co-chairman of the Town of Hempstead Covid-19 Task Force, D'Esposito was part of Clavin's Economic Advisory Council, a group of leaders in business, industry, higher education, healthcare and the community brought together to strategize on how to help businesses navi-

gate the pandemic.

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

Aaron Meyer

Party: Democratic

Age: 42

Hometown: Oceanside

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

Political experience: First-time candidate

On the issues:

Aaron Meyer said he believes there is much work to be done to help small businesses through the pandemic. "A lot more can be done to help local businesses, which should be the town's priority," he said. "Whether that means starting by designating town personnel to work directly with small business to tasking the Hempstead Industrial Development Agency to evaluate rental and/or tax



relief available under section 862 of the General Municipal Law, or any number of other options available, nothing will happen until local businesses are treated as the priority they should be.

"With respect to staffing shortages," he continued, "that can't be solved without rectifying our housing shortage, which in turn means the town and its IDA have an obligation to promote construction that will keep our younger generation here, especially and pointedly our growing differently-abled community, who must be able to commute from their homes to

their jobs. Two-story garden-style apartment buildings can be prioritized in keeping with existing zoning and built to be affordable for the rising generation of younger Long Islanders and those who will come next. It's absurd to expect people to travel long distances in order to collect low hourly wages.

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

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

COUNTY LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 7

Howard Kopel Incumbent

Party: Republican

Age: 70

Hometown: Lawrence

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

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

On the issues:

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



said he has significant influence in the Legislature.

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

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

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

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

Lisa Daniels Challenger

Party: Democrat

Age: 55

Hometown: East Rockaway

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

Political experience: Second-time candidate

On the issues:

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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'Land of Lots' book series out Nov. 2

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meets many different creatures that she needs to help nurture and guide.

"It all kind of stemmed from this silly little visual," Carl said. "My job is basically walking around the world and noticing things and finding interesting ideas that are all around me."

While creation of the books began years ago, Willis and Delia took advantage of the lull caused by the Covid-19 pandemic to slingshot the series forward.

"Two Long Island natives, family friends, from the crazy, wild, 'Mad Men' advertising world pause, stop for a minute, look at each other and say, 'This is the next step for us,'" Delia said.

Carl said he thoroughly enjoyed working with Willis, Delia and the rest of the creative team to collaborate on this passion project.

Although Carl has done a variety of writing for the advertising world, this will be his first children's book, and he called himself a child at heart. As a father himself, Carl said he not only wrote the book for children, but also for parents.

"In many ways, this book is a lot for parents so that they can have something to look at and remind them that parenting is hard and the kids can put you through a lot," Carl said, "but at the end of the day, you've got to have patience."

Willis has a similar aspiration for the impact that the books will have on young



Photos by courtesy Joe Delia

LYNBROOK RESIDENT JOE Delia, center, co-wrote the 13-book series "Land of Lots" with Susan Willis and Christian Carl, right.

children. She said she hoped children would see themselves in the books' characters.

The first three books are set for release Nov. 2 on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble. Delia and Willis said they plan

to visit many different libraries across Long Island to host readings of the books and hear feedback from parents and children.

The series comprises 13 books, and Carl said he is excited for their launch

and is hoping that parents and children will connect through the books.

"We say, 'Here in the Land of Lots, we have our ups and downs,'" Willis said, "but in the end, everything comes around."

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dichas mejoras se realizará a un costo reducido, lo que resulta en un saldo innecesario de \$4,000,000 de los bonos autorizados hasta ahora; y
CONSIDERANDO, además, que la Junta ha determinado que es necesario y conveniente llevar a cabo mejoras en los sistemas de calefacción y ventilación de los edificios de la escuela primaria de Rhame Avenue y de la escuela primaria de Centre Avenue, por un costo máximo estimado que no debe exceder los \$6,000,000 y asignar dicha cantidad de los ingresos de los bonos antes mencionados de \$4,000,000 y de los \$2,000,000 de fondos disponibles.
 Por esa misma razón,
SE RESUELVE:
 (a) Que, por el presente, se autoriza a la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de Union Libre de East Rockaway, en el condado de Nassau, Nueva York (el "Distrito"), a realizar mejoras en los sistemas de calefacción y ventilación de los edificios de la escuela primaria de Rhame Avenue y de la escuela primaria de Centre Avenue (el "Proyecto") sustancialmente como se describe en un informe/plan preparado para el Distrito por John A. Grillo, Arquitectos (el "Informe"), el cual está archivado y disponible para su inspección pública en la oficina de la secretaria del Distrito e incluye mobiliario, equipamiento, maquinaria, los aparatos y el sitio auxiliar o relacionado, la demolición u otro trabajo requerido en conexión con esto; y gastar para este propósito, incluidos los costos preliminares e incidentales a ello y para su financiación, un monto que no excederá el costo total estimado de \$6,000,000, siempre y cuando los costos de los componentes del Proyecto establecidos en el Informe puedan reasignarse entre dichos componentes si la Junta de Educación determina que tal reasignación obrará a favor de los intereses del Distrito;
 (b) que, por el presente, se autoriza a gastar \$2,000,000 del saldo del fondo disponible del año fiscal 2020-2021 del Distrito para pagar una parte del costo del Proyecto y, por el presente, se aprueba dicho gasto; y
 (c) que el saldo del costo del Proyecto se financiará mediante la emisión de bonos por \$4,000,000 autorizados por el presente y el gravamen votado por el presente, y dicho gravamen se exigirá y cobrará en cuotas en la cantidad de años y en las sumas que determine dicha Junta de Educación

para pagar el capital y el interés sobre dichos bonos en el momento de su vencimiento y exigibilidad.
 Dicha propuesta deberá figurar en las boletas electorales usadas para votar en la reunión extraordinaria del Distrito antes mencionada sustancialmente de la forma resumida a continuación:
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SE RESUELVE:
 (a) Que, por el presente, se autoriza a la Junta de Educación del Distrito de Union Libre de Escolar East Rockaway, en el condado de Nassau, Nueva York a realizar mejoras en los sistemas de calefacción y ventilación de los edificios de la escuela primaria de Rhame Avenue y de la escuela primaria de Centre Avenue, sustancialmente como se describe en un informe/plan preparado por John A. Grillo, Architects, y a gastar una cantidad que no exceda los \$6,000,000; (b) que, por el presente, se autoriza a gastar \$2,000,000 del saldo del fondo disponible del año fiscal 2020-2021 del Distrito para pagar una parte de dicho costo y por el presente, se aprueba dicho gasto; y (c) que el saldo del costo se financiará mediante la emisión de bonos por \$4,000,000 autorizados por el presente y el gravamen votado por el presente, y dicho gravamen se exigirá y cobrará en cuotas en la cantidad de años y en las sumas que determine dicha Junta de Educación para pagar el capital y el interés sobre dichos bonos en el momento de su vencimiento y exigibilidad.
 La votación se realizará mediante boleta electoral en máquinas de votación o mediante boletas electorales físicas, según lo estipulado en la Ley de Educación, y la votación estará abierta desde las 6:30 a. m. hasta las 9:30 p. m. (hora vigente) y durante el tiempo que sea necesario para que los votantes presentes puedan emitir sus votos.
SE NOTIFICA, además, que la votación se llevará a cabo de acuerdo con las Normas para la Organización de Reuniones y Elecciones adoptadas por la Junta de Educación.
SE NOTIFICA, además, que, de conformidad con la Sección 14 de la Ley de Educación, se requiere el registro personal de los votantes para la reunión extraordinaria del Distrito, y aquellas personas cuyos nombres no aparezcan en el registro del Distrito no podrán votar en la reunión extraordinaria del Distrito. Se permite el registro de los votantes calificados del Distrito

para dicha reunión extraordinaria del Distrito en la oficina de la secretaria del Distrito desde las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 3:30 p. m. (hora vigente), de lunes a viernes, excepto feriados. Si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, la secretaria del Distrito debe recibir la solicitud completa, a más tardar, el miércoles 8 de noviembre de 2021. Si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante en la oficina de la secretaria del Distrito, dicha secretaria debe recibir la solicitud completa, a más tardar, el martes 9 de noviembre de 2021. Habrá una lista de todas las personas para las que se emitieron estas boletas electorales por ausencia disponible en la secretaria del Distrito desde las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 3:30 p. m. (hora vigente) cada uno de los cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la votación, excepto el domingo 14 de noviembre de 2021, y desde las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 11:00 p. m. (hora vigente) el sábado 13 de noviembre de 2021, sólo con cita previa; y en cada lugar de votación el día de la votación.
SE NOTIFICA, además, que el registro de los votantes calificados de dicho Distrito preparado para la elección y reunión anual del Distrito del 18 de mayo de 2021 se usará por dicha Junta de Registro como base para la preparación del registro para dicha reunión extraordinaria del Distrito que se celebrará el 15 de noviembre de 2021.
SE NOTIFICA, además, que el registro incluirá: (1) a todos los votantes calificados del Distrito que se hayan presentado personalmente para registrarse; (2) a todos los votantes calificados previamente del Distrito que se hayan registrado anteriormente para cualquier elección o reunión anual o extraordinaria del Distrito y que hayan votado en alguno de estos eventos realizados o llevados a cabo en cualquier momento durante los cuatro años calendario (2018-2021) previos a la preparación de dicho registro; y (3) a los votantes que estén registrados de manera permanente en la Junta Electoral del condado de Nassau.
SE NOTIFICA, además, que las solicitudes de boleta electoral por ausencia se deben completar en un formulario elaborado por la Junta Electoral del estado, el cual puede obtenerse en el sitio web del Departamento de Educación del estado de Nueva York en (<http://www.counsel.nyse.gov/common/counsel/files/absentee-ballot-application-and-instructions-english.pdf>), <http://www.counsel.nyse.gov/common/counsel/files/absentee-ballot-application-and-instructions-spanish.pdf>), o comunicándose con la secretaria del Distrito por correo electrónico a namayamoran@ersd.org o por teléfono al

(516) 887-8300 Ext. 1-433 desde las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 3:30 p. m. (hora vigente), de lunes a viernes, excepto feriados. Si la boleta electoral se enviará por correo al votante, la secretaria del Distrito debe recibir la solicitud completa, a más tardar, el miércoles 8 de noviembre de 2021. Si la boleta electoral se entregará personalmente al votante en la oficina de la secretaria del Distrito, dicha secretaria debe recibir la solicitud completa, a más tardar, el martes 9 de noviembre de 2021. Habrá una lista de todas las personas para las que se emitieron estas boletas electorales por ausencia disponible en la secretaria del Distrito desde las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 3:30 p. m. (hora vigente) cada uno de los cinco (5) días anteriores al día de la votación, excepto el domingo 14 de noviembre de 2021, y desde las 8:00 a. m. hasta las 11:00 p. m. (hora vigente) el sábado 13 de noviembre de 2021, sólo con cita previa.
SE NOTIFICA, además, que, de conformidad con la Sección 14-d de la Ley de Educación, cualquier persona que preste servicio en el Ejército, incluidos los cónyuges y dependientes, puede registrarse para votar en la reunión extraordinaria del Distrito que se celebrará el 15 de noviembre de 2021. Los votantes militares que califiquen como votantes del Distrito pueden obtener un formulario de registro comunicándose con la secretaria del Distrito por teléfono (516-887-8300, ext. 1-433), fax (516-887-1802), correo electrónico (namayamoran@ersd.org), correo postal (443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518) o en persona (en el horario de atención habitual de la oficina o entre las 8:00 a. m. y las 3:00 p. m.). Los votantes militares que estén debidamente registrados pueden solicitar una boleta electoral militar comunicándose con la secretaria del Distrito para pedir una solicitud del Distrito. Las solicitudes completadas deben entregarse en persona o por correo postal a la secretaria del Distrito, y deben recibirse antes del 20 de octubre de 2021 a las 5:00 p. m. Las boletas electorales militares deben recibirse antes del 15 de noviembre de 2021 a las 5:00 p. m. Si están firmadas y fechadas por el votante militar y un testigo, con una fecha que no sea posterior al día anterior a la reunión extraordinaria del Distrito, o antes del cierre de la votación el 15 de noviembre de 2021 si están selladas o endosadas por una agencia del gobierno de

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AVISO SOBRE LA REUNIÓN EXTRAORDINARIA DEL DISTRITO SOBRE EL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE UNION LIBRE EAST ROCKAWAY, EN EL CONDADO DE NASSAU, NUEVA YORK

POR EL PRESENTE, SE NOTIFICA que la Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar de Union Libre de East Rockaway, en el condado de Nassau, Nueva York, ha adoptado una resolución el 14 de septiembre de 2021, que autoriza una reunión extraordinaria del Distrito de los votantes calificados de dicho Distrito Escolar que se celebrará el Lunes, 15 de Noviembre de 2021, de 6:30 a. m. a 9:30 p. m. (hora vigente) en la escuela secundaria East Rockaway Jr./Sr., 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, Nueva York, con el propósito de votar sobre la siguiente propuesta:
PROPUESTA:
CONSIDERANDO que los votantes del Distrito Escolar de Union Libre de East Rockaway, en el condado de Nassau, Nueva York (el "Distrito") han aprobado hasta ahora, el 14 de noviembre de 2019, el gasto de no exceder los \$27,708,336 para varias mejoras de los edificios y los espacios; y posteriormente la Junta de Educación (la "Junta") autorizó la emisión de bonos que no excedan los \$21,508,336 y la recaudación de un gravamen en cuotas para pagar dichos bonos y los intereses de estos para pagar una parte de dicho costo; y
CONSIDERANDO que la Junta ha determinado ahora que el costo de



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los Estados Unidos. Los votantes militares pueden decidir si prefieren recibir un Formulario de registro para los votantes militares, una Solicitud de boleta electoral militar o una boleta electoral militar por correo, fax o correo electrónico en su solicitud para dicho registro, solicitud de boleta electoral o boleta electoral.

SE NOTIFICA, además, que la Junta convocará una reunión especial dentro de las 24 horas siguientes a la presentación ante la secretaria del Distrito de un informe escrito con los resultados de la votación, en la escuela secundaria East Rockaway Jr./Sr. con el fin de examinar y tabular estos informes del resultado de la votación y declarar su resultado; que, por el presente y de conformidad con la Sección 2019-a, subdivisión 2b de la Ley de Educación, la Junta se designa como un grupo de secretarios de mesa para emitir y escrutar los votos durante esta reunión especial de la Junta.

Solo podrán votar los votantes calificados que estén debidamente registrados. POR ORDEN DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN Fecha: 14 de Septiembre de 2021 Nereyda Amaya-Moran Secretaria del Distrito 127638

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE EAST ROCKAWAY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York, has adopted a resolution on September 14, 2021, authorizing a Special District Meeting of the qualified voters of said School District to be held on Monday, November 15, 2021, from 6:30 o'clock A.M. to 9:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School, 443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, New York, for the purpose of voting upon the following Proposition:

WHEREAS, the voters of East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District") have heretofore on November 14, 2019, approved the expenditure of not to exceed \$27,708,336 for various building and site improvements; and thereafter the Board of Education (the "Board") authorized the issuance of not to exceed \$21,508,336 bonds and the levy of a tax in installments to pay said bonds and the interest thereon to pay a portion of such cost; and WHEREAS, the Board has now determined that the cost of such improvements will be accomplished at a reduced cost, resulting in an unneeded balance of \$4,000,000 of the bonds heretofore authorized; and WHEREAS, the Board has now further determined that it is necessary and desirable to undertake building heating and ventilation system improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School, at the estimated maximum cost of not to exceed \$6,000,000, and to appropriate said amount from the proceeds of the aforesaid \$4,000,000 bonds and \$2,000,000 of funds on hand.

Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to undertake building heating and ventilation system improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School (the "Project") substantially as described in a report/plan prepared for the District by John A. Grillo, Architects (the "Report"), which Report is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, including the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$6,000,000; provided that the costs of the components of the Project as set forth in the Report may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District; (b) that \$2,000,000 of available fund balance from the District's

2020-2021 fiscal year is hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and (c) that the balance of the cost of the Project shall be financed by the issuance of \$4,000,000 bonds heretofore authorized and the tax heretofore voted, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. Such Proposition shall appear on the ballots used for voting at said Special District Meeting in substantially the following condensed form: PROPOSITION: YES NO RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education of the East Rockaway Union Free School District, in the County of Nassau, New York is hereby authorized to undertake building heating and ventilation system improvements at the Rhame Avenue Elementary School and Centre Avenue Elementary School, substantially as described in a report/plan by John A. Grillo, Architects, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000; (b) that \$2,000,000 of available fund balance from the District's 2020-2021 fiscal year is hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of such cost, and such expenditure is hereby approved, and (c) that the balance of the cost shall be financed by the issuance of \$4,000,000 bonds heretofore authorized and the tax heretofore voted, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable. The voting will be conducted by ballot on voting machines or paper ballot as provided in the Education Law and the polls will remain open from 6:30 o'clock A.M. to 9:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) and as much longer as may be necessary to enable the voters then present to cast their ballots. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the vote shall be held in accordance with the Rules for the Conduct of Meetings and Elections adopted by the Board of Education. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Education Law §2014, personal registration of

voters is required for the Special District Meeting, and no person shall be entitled to vote at the Special District Meeting whose name does not appear on the register of the District. Registration of the qualified voters of the District for said Special District Meeting is permitted in the District Clerk's Office, from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, up to and including Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The register for the Special District Meeting will be prepared and filed in the District Clerk's Office and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote, except Sunday, November 14, 2021 and from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock A.M. (Prevailing Time) on Saturday, November 13, 2021, by advance appointment only; and at each polling place on the day of the vote. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE the register of the qualified voters of said District prepared for the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 18, 2021 shall be used by said Board of Registration as the basis for the preparation of the register for said Special District Meeting to be held on November 15, 2021. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the register shall include: (1) all qualified voters of the District who shall personally present themselves for registration; and (2) all previously qualified voters of the District who shall have been previously registered for any annual or special District meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special District meeting or election held or conducted at any time within four calendar years (2018-2021) prior to preparation of said register; and (3) voters permanently registered with the Board of Elections of Nassau County. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots are to be completed on a form prescribed by the state board of elections and may be obtained by visiting the New York State Education Department's Website at (<http://www.counsel.nyse.d.gov/common/counsel/files/absentee-ballot-application-and-instructions-english.pdf>), or by contacting the District Clerk by email at namayamoran@ersd.org

or telephone at (516) 887-8300 Ext. 1-433 from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 P.M. o'clock (Prevailing Time), Monday through Friday, except holidays. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 8, 2021. If the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter at the office of the District Clerk, the completed application must be received by the District Clerk no later than November 12, 2021. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 3:30 o'clock P.M. (Prevailing Time) on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the vote, except Sunday, November 14, 2021, and from 8:00 o'clock A.M. to 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, November 13, 2021, by advance appointment only. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to Education Law §2018-d, any person serving in the military, including spouses and dependents, may register to vote at the Special District Meeting to be held on November 15, 2021. A military voter who is a qualified voter of the District may obtain a registration form by contacting the District Clerk by telephone (516-887-8300, Ext. 1-433), facsimile (516-887-1802), email (namayamoran@ersd.org) mail (443 Ocean Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518), or in person (during regular office hours or between the hours of 8:00 o'clock A.M. and 3:00 o'clock P.M.). A military voter who is duly registered may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District by also contacting the District Clerk. Completed applications must be personally delivered or mailed to the District Clerk and received no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. on October 20, 2021. Military ballots must be received by 5:00 o'clock P.M. on November 15, 2021 if signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto with a date which is not later than the day before the Special District Meeting, or not later than the close of the polls on November 15, 2021 if postmarked or endorsed by an agency of the United States government. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration form, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile or electronic mail in the request for such registration, ballot

application, or ballot. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board shall convene a special meeting thereof within twenty-four hours after the filing with the District Clerk of a written report of the results of the ballot, in the East Rockaway Jr./Sr. High School for the purpose of examining and tabulating said reports of the result of the ballot and declaring the result of the ballot; that the Board hereby designates itself to be a set of poll clerks to cast and canvass ballots pursuant to Education Law, §2019-a, subdivision 2b at said special meeting of the Board. Only qualified voters who are duly registered will be permitted to vote. BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION Dated: September 14, 2021 Nereyda Amaya-Moran District Clerk 127636

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LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE VILLAGE OF EAST ROCKAWAY
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Incorporated Village of East Rockaway, Nassau County, New York, will hold a Public Hearing at the Village Hall, 376 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 8:00 PM on the following application: #07-2021 Application of Courtney Prestianni, requesting a variance of: Section 288-13 Front yards of the Village Zoning Code, to construct a front porch that is 22 feet from the front property line, where 25 feet is the minimum required. The premises are located at 9 Salem Road as described on the Official Tax Map as Section 8, Block 6, Lot 14. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard at the aforesaid time and place BY ORDER OF THE Zoning Board of Appeals of the Incorporated Village of East Rockaway. Juan A. Garcia, P.E. Acting Superintendent Department of Buildings Dated: October 28, 2021 128115

LEGAL NOTICE SURROGATE'S COURT-NASSAU COUNTY PROBATE CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
By the Grace of God Free and Independent File No.: 2018-840A To Dorothy Betancourt, Gary Christman, Robert Christman and Steven Christman (heirs at law of estate of Robert Christman)

and any and all unknown persons whose names or parts of whose names and whose place or places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained, distributees, heirs-at-law and next-of-kin of the said GEORGE H. BOLAN a/k/a GEORGE HELMUTH BOLAN deceased, and if any of the said above distributees named specifically or as a class be dead, their legal representatives, their husbands or wives, if any, distributees and successors in interest whose names and /or places of residence and post office addresses are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained. GREETINGS A PETITION having been duly filed by AHMED SHARIF KHAN residing at 35-11 85th Street, Jackson Heights, NY YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Nassau County, at 262 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York on December 1, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of GEORGE H. BOLAN a/k/a GEORGE HELMUTH BOLAN, lately domiciled at 2 Fowler Ave, Apt. 204, Lynbrook, NY 11563 admitting to probate a Will dated July 26, 2006, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of GEORGE H. BOLAN a/k/a GEORGE HELMUTH BOLAN, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that (X) Letters Testamentary to AHMED SHARIF KHAN () Letters of Trusteeship to () Letters of Administration c.t.a issue to () Further relief sought (if any) HON. MARGARET C. REILLY, SURROGATE Dated, Attested and Sealed September 21, 2021 Debra Keller Leimbach, Chief Clerk (Seal) This Citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obligated to appear in person. If you fail to appear, it will be assumed that you consent to the proceedings, unless you file written verified objections thereto. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Name of Attorney: Michael A. Biggiani, Esq. Address: 2 Roosevelt Avenue, Ste 135, Syosset, New York 11791 Phone No.: 516-682-8555 A TRUE COPY OF THE WILL OFFERED FOR PROBATE MUST BE

ATTACHED TO THIS CITATION. Notice: This citation is served upon you in accordance with the court's order directing alternative service of process. No in-person appearance shall be held on the return date of the citation. If you wish to appear to answer or object to this proceeding, you may do so in writing in accordance with the annexed notice to cited parties. Notice: 22NYCRR 207.7c: Proof of Service should be filed on or before the second day preceding the return date. 127811

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Hypergraphia, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York, (SSNY) on 06/29/21. NY Office location: Nassau County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: 138 Main Street, Suite 19, East Rockaway, NY 11518 Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 128113

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF FORMATION OF PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. NAME: Wiley Marriage and Family Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York, (SSNY) on 08/24/2021. NY Office location: Nassau County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: 114 Evergreen Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity. 127839

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that an Order granted by the Supreme Court, Nassau County, on the 5th day of October 2021 bearing the index number 657-21, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Nassau County Clerk located at 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York, grants me the right to assume the name of Jenny Alie Farnworth. My present address is 80 Rolling Street Lynbrook, N.Y.11563. The date of my birth is April 2, 1951 The place of birth is Queens, New York. The present name is John Edmund Farnworth, aka, John E. Farnworth 128104

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O'Connell, Brown vie for county clerk

By MIKE SMOLLINS

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

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

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

Herald: Why are you running for county clerk?

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



Maureen O'Connell
Incumbent

Age: 70

Hometown: East Williston

Career: Attorney; former nurse

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



Justin Brown
Challenger

Age: 30

Hometown: Baldwin

Career: Healthcare administrator

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

In addition, making the records available to the residents in an efficient manner is very important. During my tenure, I have modernized the office by implementing technology, streamlining services and creating efficient processes. Another important function is to protect residents from predatory deed scams and identity theft. To combat this, I created a property fraud alert system for residents to use.

Also, as many residents are facing financial hardship, another top priority for me is to have the statutory fees at my office reduced by the county administration. Maintaining costs at my office is essential to ensuring taxpayer savings. My office pays for itself solely by user fees, and is one of the most efficient offices in county government. The revenue generated exceeds the cost to operate it.

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

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

O'Connell: I have brought the office into the modern day. Upon taking office, I eliminated a multi-year backlog within the first year. I have implemented new technology making access virtually all electronic. Residents can now access records maintained by my office online to provide them with ease of access to the vital documents my office maintains on their behalf. I also created a property fraud alert system for residents to protect them against predatory deed scams and identity theft.

Under my leadership, the office has implemented electronic filing of court and land records, enabling residents and professionals to conduct business with the clerk's office remotely while also creating greater efficiencies in the processing and maintenance of these records. r.

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

of modernizing the office and creating ease of access for my constituents, who I am honored to serve each and every day. As a registered nurse, attorney, former state assemblywoman and public ser-

vant for nearly 30 years, I take great pride in assisting people and serving our residents. The services my office provides are personally vital to the residents using them. Many times when people come to us, they are not always sure what it is they need to do. So one of my top priorities is to guide our residents through their transactions to ensure their interaction with our office is as seamless as possible. All of this cannot be done without our wonderful staff. I bring the knowledge needed to effectively and efficiently provide our services.

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

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

O'Connell: As county and Supreme Court clerk, I am a state constitutional officer charged with maintaining the official records relating to property ownership and Supreme Court actions in the county. My top priority is the delivery of efficient, timely and easily accessible services to the residents of Nassau. One of the most important roles of the clerk is to ensure the integrity and security of the records we maintain. The land and court records are vital to the individuals they relate to. Properly filing and safeguarding these records is crucial.

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COUNTY OF NASSAU
INDEX NO.: 607645/2021
DATE FILED: 6/17/2021
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Defendants.
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Dated: June 16, 2021
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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.

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

Ask The Architect



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 - Lincoln nickname
 - Taj Mahal city
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 - Gusto
 - Gallery display
 - "The Raven" writer
 - "No way!"
 - Sign before Virgo
 - "Now, where - I?"

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Don Clavin

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

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

hotline for residents to report potholes.

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

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

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

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

and expediting the process for restaurant owners.

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

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

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

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

Re-elect 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

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Laura Curran

direct payment for residents to use as they wish, but which Curran is encouraging people to spend locally to help support pandemic-ravaged businesses.

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

at the town level in easing restrictions for restaurants to create outdoor dining spaces to help them survive the pandemic.

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

A recurring issue that vexes residents is the way homes are assessed across the county. Reassessment has long been thought of as the third rail of Nassau politics, but Curran showed courage in taking on an issue that

made so many other elected leaders quiver. The reassessment process was imperfect, with thousands of mistakes. The system is, however, considerably more accurate now for hundreds of thousands of homes.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

D'Esposito, a retired New York City police detective who made more than 600 arrests on the job and a former volunteer fire chief, is

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Anthony D'Esposito

clearly committed to public service and has the leadership credentials to do enormous good during crises such as the coronavirus pandemic. That is why Supervisor Don Clavin tasked him with leading the town's coronavirus task force.

An Island Park resident, he witnessed firsthand the destructive power of Super-

storm Sandy, and has committed to ensuring that local infrastructure is improved to limit and prevent damage in future storms.

His opponent, Democrat Aaron Meyer, has

said Hempstead needs to do more to keep young people in the district, and that the town's Industrial Development Agency should prioritize local businesses over luxury rental apartment complexes like Woodcrest Village Park. The town, Meyer says, has not made enough of an effort to use the IDA to keep local businesses open rather than outsource jobs to Manhattan-based groups like Woodcrest's Feil Organization.

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

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

Vote for Maureen O'Connell for county clerk

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

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

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Maureen O'Connell

O'Connell and her staff also implemented security measures to protect residents from scams and identity theft, and have worked with military veterans to protect them from data breaches. She has extended office hours and created outreach programs to educate constituents about services the clerk's office provides.

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

improving the office moving forward, and as a health care administrator for Sloan Kettering Memorial Cancer Center and a former Uniondale Board of Education trustee, he has shown proven leadership skills.

Brown's ideas include making the clerk's office more technologically efficient, so residents can receive documents 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. Brown is just 30 years old, we believe there is a strong future in politics for him,

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.

Give Hempstead Clerk Kate Murray another term

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

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

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

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

New York state.

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

Murray also put many applications online, and she has continued the Child Safety ID program and the Senior ID Program, which collect information from residents that can be used in an emergency. Additionally, she started a Special Needs ID Program.

Murray reassured the Herald that the

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Kate Murray

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

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

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Elect Todd Kaminsky Nassau County district attorney

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Todd Kaminsky

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

Kaminsky, who became a state senator in 2016, worked as an assistant district attorney in the Queens D.A.'s office before joining the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York. He prosecuted elected officials who used taxpayer dollars to support their lifestyles, including former State Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada Jr., State Assemblyman Jimmy Meng and Michael Grimm, a member of Congress.

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

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

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

Ryan Cronin is choice for county comptroller

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

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

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

Cronin raised a blueprint for the office's pri-

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

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

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Ryan Cronin

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

nication, and it is her willingness to engage more with constituents on all issues that would make her the better fit for legislator.

Burns has vowed that, if elected, she would host bimonthly town halls, both in-person and online, so she could listen to constituents' concerns and work with them to overcome the problems they face. Her plan would also include weekly office hours when she would meet with district residents in public spaces or at small businesses around the district to better assess their needs.

Through her gun-sense group, Burns has

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Laura Burns

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

While Gaylor addressed many issues, his main concern seemed to be bashing County Executive Laura Curran over her reassessment plan, without offering viable alternatives. Burns, meanwhile, noted that while imperfect, reassessment was necessary, and she lauded Curran's Taxpayer Protection Plan, which calls for no additional property taxes for the next four years with the goal of creating accurate rolls and reducing the necessity of grieving.

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

Vote for Lisa Daniels in L.D. 7

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

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

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

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Lisa Daniels

project could enhance their quality of life.

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

What has changed in the district? Residents from Hewlett to Cedarhurst are still waiting for the West Broadway project,

first discussed in 2015. Kopel, a Lawrence resident, appears to concentrate his representation in the Five Towns, while other areas of the district, such as Oceanside, are ignored.

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

In 2013, when the Legislature was conducting redistricting, Kopel cast the deciding vote to split the Five Towns into four districts. He said that if changes had to be made, the fewer the better. Dividing one district into four isn't fewer.

OPINIONS

Jason Kreiss at 50: Blessings on your head

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

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

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

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

life to live?

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

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

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

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

become annoying goblins beating at the door.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Six minutes after we first called our friends, we called them back to pick us up. Then the friend who drove told me what he said was the hardest thing he ever had to tell anyone in his life: "I have to stop for gas." He was on empty.

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

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

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