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LADIES' NIGHT!

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE-ELECT LAURA CURRAN, left, the first woman ever to claim that title, celebrated with Laura Gillen, who also made history Tuesday night when she defeated incumbent Anthony Santino to become the first Democratic Hempstead town supervisor.

Democrats sweep top spots in county, town

By ERIK HAWKINS ehawkins@liherald.com

For the first time in its history, the Town of Hempstead will have a Democratic supervisor. Laura Gillen, a Rockville Centre attorney, defeated incumbent Republican Anthony Santino on Tuesday night, by roughly 2,000 votes.

Santino had faced withering criticism over the past several months from council members of his own party, alleging transparency issues and corruption.

"One hundred years of one-party rule is quite enough," Gillen said of the town government.

"I congratulate Ms. Gillen on her victory, and wish her the best of success as she assumes the position of Hemp-

stead town supervisor," Santino said. "I look forward to working cooperatively with her to ensure a smooth transition for our township's residents."

Baldwin Democrat Laura Curran also made history by pulling out a victory over Republican Jack Martins in the race for Nassau County's highest seat, with roughly 8,000 more votes than Martins, with virtually all precincts reporting. Curran will be Nassau's first female county executive.

Both women campaigned heavily on anticorruption platforms. Outgoing County Executive Ed Mangano is facing federal corruption charges, to which he has pleaded not guilty.

"Tonight, Nassau voted to end the culture of corruption," Cur-

ran said, "and to give our county the fresh start we deserve."

In the Town of Hempstead, incumbent Republican Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad was unseated by Democrat Sylvia Cabana.

In the county's 19th Legislative District, Republican Steve Rhoads held onto his seat, defeating Democratic challenger Jeff Gold by roughly 2,000 votes.

Freeport Democrat Debra Mule, defeated Kathleen Spatz for Curran's seat in the 5th Legislative District, by roughly 4,000 votes.

The County Legislator Kevan Abrahams, a Democrat representing the 1st District, won as well, defeating Republican Charlene Thompson, by roughly close to 8,000 votes.

FBI identifies two teenage murder victims

By NADYA NATALY nnataly@liherald.com

FBI officials have confirmed the identities of the murder victims found on Oct. 25 at Cow Meadow Park, at the southern end of South Main Street in Freeport, and in the woods between Commercial Street, in Freeport, and Babylon Turnpike, in Merrick, on Oct. 27.

Authorities identified the remains discovered at Cow Meadow as those of Javier Castillo, of Central Islip. He went missing in October of last year.

The remains of Kerin Pineda, a former Freeport High School student were found in the forest, just north of the Long Island Rail Road tracks that run parallel to Sunrise Highway.

According to a person close to the story, Pineda came to the United States from Honduras

as an unaccompanied minor. He started his studies at Freeport High School in October 2014. He repeated the ninth grade twice, and he was no longer listed as a Freeport student as of March.

FBI officials would not comment further about the murders at press time. The FBI's Long Island Gang Task Force continues to investigate.

The grim discoveries followed initial discovery two weeks ago in which the remains of 16-year-old Angel Soler, of Roosevelt, also a former Freeport High School student, were

found in the woods adjacent to a neighborhood close to the Southern State Parkway, near the Baldwin-Roosevelt border. Soler was supposed to have started the school year in Roosevelt. He went missing three



Courtesy Nassau County Police

FBI OFFICIALS SAID the murder victim found in the woods between Freeport and Merrick on Oct. 27 was Kerin Pineda, a former Freeport High School student.

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