

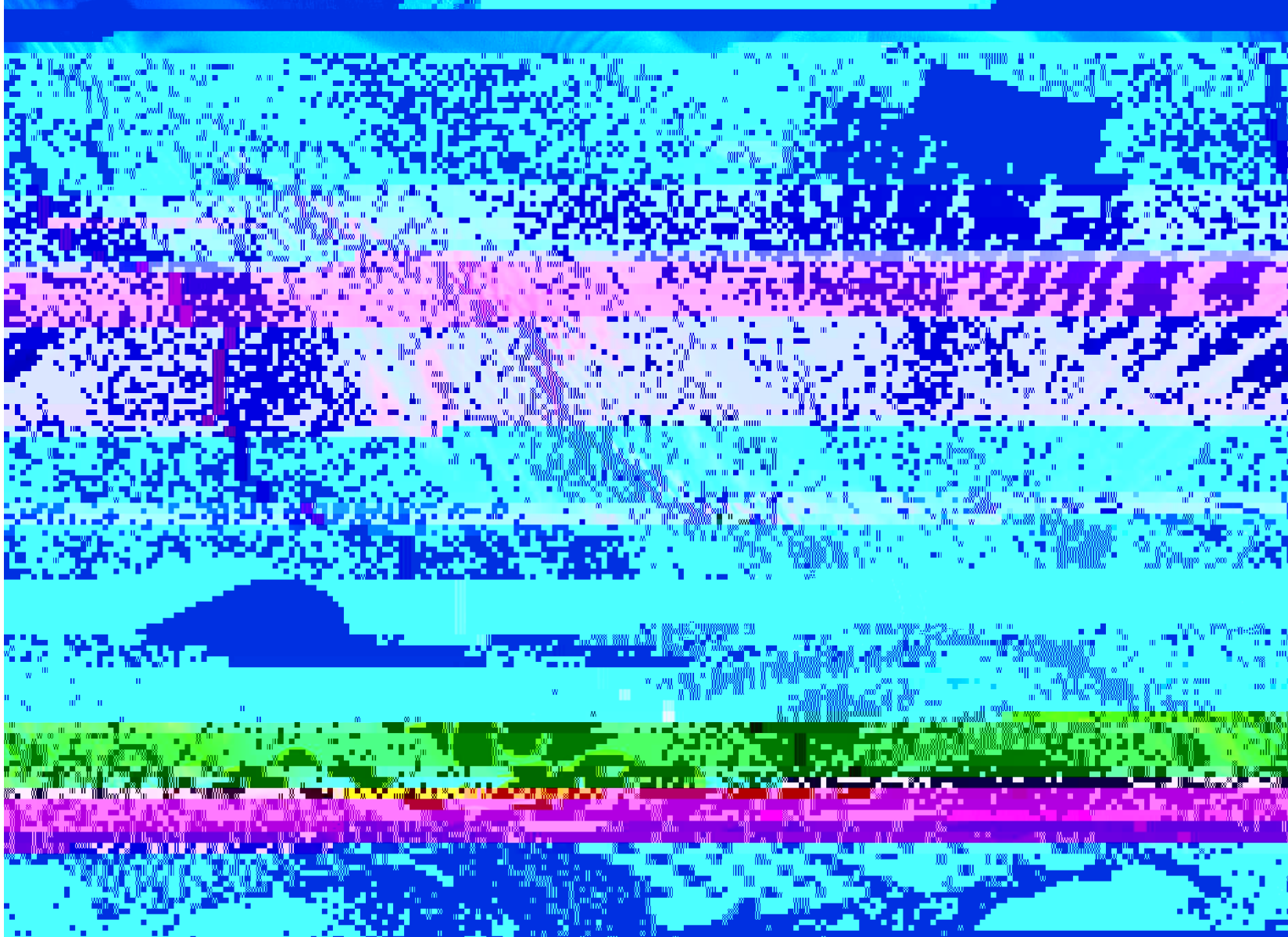
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Newsday's tournament has brought out the competitive spirit in some famous Long Islanders. These celebs turned to social media to rally their fans to vote for them:

MICK FOLEY

WWE Hall of Fame wrestler and best-selling author

STRATEGY A selfie with his kids. The Ward Melville High School alumnus posted this photo on his Facebook fan page, which has 1 million followers, along with the rally cry "WIN ONE FOR THE MICK-ER" to pull off a come-from-behind victory over Ashanti in Round 1 of the tournament with less than two hours before voting closed.

DEBBIE GIBSON

Pop singer

STRATEGY Play nice. The former Merrick resident tweeted about her close Round 1 matchup with Ralph Macchio by writing, "Can we tie? I love him!" In the end, she edged him out by only three votes.

Round 3 of voting is on now — go to newsday.com/tsli to join in.

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We've had tennis and golf. Now, another U.S. Open is coming to Long Island.

After an 18-year run in Orange County, California, the Yonex U.S. Open Grand Prix Gold Badminton Championships come to the East Coast — specifically, Brentwood — for the first time.

About 30 countries will be represented in the tournament, according to officials, including teams and individuals from Denmark, Germany, France, Thailand, China and Japan. The event, part of

the larger Badminton World Federation's Grand Prix Gold Series competitions, has \$120,000 at stake.

"The U.S. Open is one of the most prestigious of the events," says Junichi Kasuga,



deputy tournament director.

ments of suspended animation. They can reach up to 200 miles an hour when hit by top athletes, Kasuga says.

Games go to 21 points, and players must win by two points — matches last anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour. The winner is determined by the best two out of three games. Tickets are good for all the tournament matches that day.

Howard Shu, 23, of Orange County, California,

