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# Some of the Llers we recognize this Labor Day

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## Deysi Valle, 40, owner of Quick Used Tires



Credit: Newsday/Alejandra Villa | Valle in her Hempstead shop with employees, from left, Rafael Moranchel, 45, Wilmer Bardales, 22, and Jean Carlos Maradiaga, 21.

### WELCOME TO WORK

“I come in, get working, waiting for customers,” said Valle, 40, of Hempstead. “I know what I have to do every day — the tires, and take care of the customers. Every day I always say you have to be better than yesterday because you never know what is going to happen.”

### WHAT I LOVE

“I was working with my ex and he was doing mechanics, and I loved it. I love what I’m doing, and I went to school to learn car mechanics because I wanted to do it. When you want to do something, you can do that; I’m always saying that. As a woman, it can make you stronger. Sometimes they say a woman can’t do that, a woman can’t do this. And I say: ‘Oh, no, we can do a lot of things.’ ”

### **WORK, WORK & MORE WORK**

“The hardest thing is working with the customers, because a lot of customers, Latino or American, they don’t like it because I’m a Latina or because I’m a lady. They think I don’t know how to work on their car but trust me, a lot of customers, they don’t even know how to take the spare tire from the trunk.”

### **SHE’S A FAN**

“I think I always liked cars. And when I got this opportunity...then I got training, and then I had to train my workers, and they’re men. I feel lucky I can do it, and I love it.”