

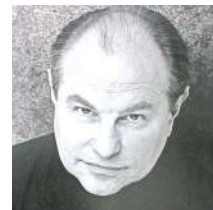
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DIVISION 8'S OWN LEPRECHAUN, Patsy Furlong, marched to the delight of children along the one-mile parade route followed by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. See more photos on page 18.

Parade brings out the Irish in Glen Cove

By **LISSA HARRIS**
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It was the perfect day for Glen Cove's annual St. Patrick's Day parade on March 19 — cool, but not cold, with a cloudless sky, defying a prediction of bad weather.

The downtown streets began to fill with revelers at 12:45 p.m., and by 1 p.m., the parade's start time, there were excited groups of peo-

ple throughout the parade route. Pounding bass drums, followed by the familiar rat-a-tat of the snare, could be heard as the procession made its way down Forest Avenue through downtown Glen Cove to its final destination — St. Patrick's Church on Glen Street. The parade is sponsored each year by the Glen Cove Hibernians and is considered one of Long

Island's premiere St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

Many attendees from Glen Cove and surrounding areas were there to watch their friends or family members march. Sissie Gladd, 47, from Oyster Bay, came for her son, who is with the East Norwich Fire Department. "I try to come every year," Gladd said. "It's a good parade, something to

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Suozzi urges people to channel their 'positive energy'

By **NAKEEM GRANT**
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U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat and Glen Cove native, listed five issues that he wanted to address at a town hall meeting at the Polish National Home on March 18. Most members of his audience, however, seemed to be focused on just two of those issues: improvement of the Affordable Care Act, and President Donald Trump's alleged connections to Russia.

Suozzi began the meeting much like his event at the Jewish Community Center in Plainview on Feb. 23. John Lennon's protest song "Power to the People" played as he shook hands in the crowd and posed for photos with people on his way to the lectern. Some attendees clapped along with the music.

Standing before a crowd of about 300 people, the junior congressman discussed the political divide in the United States. While he claimed that he wanted to neither defend nor attack the president, he said he remained committed to working to get both parties on the same page. "There are things that I really disagree with," Suozzi said, "but I'm trying to find

areas where we can all agree."

He added that whether you are for or against Trump, something has to be done about his "unusual" relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"I don't know what the facts are," he said. "I don't think anyone knows what the facts are, but we have to have a bipartisan, independent investigation as to what's actually going on."



TOM SUOZZI

Some of those who had questions for Suozzi were filled with passion and emotion. Andrea Ornstein, of Glen Cove, broke down in tears when she asked him about the future of the Affordable Care Act. She said she

was afraid that she might lose her affordable insurance coverage.

"I have heard a lot of stories of life-and-death issues related to the Affordable Care Act," Suozzi said. "My whole campaign was geared on 'mend it, don't end it.' We need to preserve its virtues, and we need to address these problems."

Though most questioners were calm, others were not. Joel Herman, of Melville, began a heated exchange with Suozzi by saying that he had not voted with his fellow Democrats on

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- Woman, 51, of Glen Cove, was arrested for burglary in the third degree on Glen Street on March 17.
- Two men, 27 and 32, of Glen Cove, were arrested for possession of an open container of alcohol at the Glen Street LIRR station on March 16.
- Man, 44, of Glen Cove, was arrested on two counts for the criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree, and

criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree on Glen Cove Ave. on March 13.

- Man, 34, of Glen Cove, was arrested for the criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree, and disorderly conduct and obstructing governmental administration in the second degree on School Street on March 12.
- Man, 39, of Glen Cove, was arrested for disorderly conduct on School Street on March 12.
- Man, 20, of Glen Cove, was arrested for the unlawful possession of marijuana on Forrest Ave. on March 12.

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Guarding against stolen car

According to the Nassau County Police Department there has been an uptick in vehicles being stolen across the county. The thefts are occurring at all times of the day and night when the cars have been left unlocked and the key fob left in a vehicle equipped with a push button start. The police have several suggestions to safeguard against cars being stolen.

- Always lock your vehicle, even when it's parked in your driveway or garage.
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County seeking extraordinary women for recognition

In recognition of their contributions to our community, County Executive Ed Mangano and the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NCSPCA) is inviting residents to nominate extraordinary women who make a difference in Nassau County, give back to their community, and inspire and lead by example. A celebration of their achievements will be held on May 18 at 6 p.m. at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

"There are so many extraordinary women in Nassau County who spend countless hours giving back to our community," Mangano said. "I encourage residents to nominate those who are truly

deserving of recognition." The celebration, called "Just Desserts" will benefit the NCSPCA, which partners with The Safe Center L.I. to house the pets of domestic violence victims. Tickets for the Just Desserts celebration are \$20, which entitles guests to sample a variety of signature desserts from several local bakeries. Tickets will not be available at the door. To request a nomination ballot, or donate a prize, basket, or gift certificate that will be auctioned off at the event for charity, or to purchase tickets, contact Kim Collins at (516) 571-4044 or kcollins@nassaucountyny.gov.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



An evening with Roger Street Friedman

The singer-songwriter brings his brand of roots rock to the popular Oak Room Tavern in Sea Cliff, Friday, March 24, at 8:30 p.m. Friedman's aesthetic is a diverse blend of folk, blues, R&B, rock n' roll, and country. Backed by his dynamic band, his live shows are intimate, and filled with warmth. Info: (516) 277-2350 or visit www.oakroomtavernseacliff.com.

Nature walk at the park

Join North Shore Land Alliance and Andy Greller at Belmont Lake State Park for an introduction to the fascinating world of lichens on Saturday, March 25 at 10 a.m. This walk is free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information, call Jane Jackson (516) 626-0908 or email jjackson@northshorelandalliance.org.



Eagle nesting lecture

National Park Service Ranger MaryLaura Lamont returns to the Oyster Bay Historical Society's Angela Koenig Center on Sunday, March 26, at 2 p.m. for a presentation on eagle nesting at The William Floyd Estate. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free and open to the public. Info: (516) 922-5032

Color me calm

Color your troubles away at the Gold Coast Public Library's adult coloring class on Monday, March 27 at 2 pm. and 7 p.m. Come relax with your peers to color and talk. You can choose from a variety of pictures and take home your beautiful end product. Light refreshments will be served.



Ann Wilson embraces her Heart

Ann Wilson steps out solo, appearing at The Space at Westbury, on Thursday, March 30, while Heart prepares for the next stage of their band's metamorphosis. She'll be joined by guitarist Craig Bartock, bassist Andy Stoller and drummer Denny Fongheiser and together they'll perform a mix of soul-stirring covers, Heart and original songs. Info: (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.



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Librarians to state: no more budget cuts

By LAURA LANE
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Many people have never heard of the Nassau Library System and even if they have, they may not know how vital it is to the efficient running of our libraries. The system has been experiencing budget cuts for the past 10 years and has made due by cutting staff, but now the state is considering reducing library funding even more. Gov. Andrew Cuomo is proposing to cut another \$4 million in library funding in the 2017-18 state budget. The budget is due April 1.

There are 53 independent libraries in Nassau County and all depend upon the NLS. "We all offer our patrons the same no matter how small we are because of the interloan [interlibrary loan] system, which is all facilitated by Nassau Library System," said Arlene Nevens, the director of the Sea Cliff Library. "They deliver the interloan books to us for our patrons."

NLS hosts library websites and assists with web design. "They also help us negotiate subscriptions for data bases and catalogue books that we can't catalogue," said Michele Vaccarelli, who has recently taken on the job of director at the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library. "They provide staff development workshops for us and help to strengthen our libraries."

Additionally, library directors hold their meetings at NLS, which is housed in Uniondale. Directors discuss any issues

they are facing with the staff at NLS, including needed repairs to the libraries.

"The Nassau Library System was created by the state and has been funded by the state," said Nevens. "Even if the governor restored the \$4 million, it would not bring us back to the same budget that we had 10 years ago."

Because of former state cuts to NLS, libraries have had to contribute to the system. Libraries are primarily funded by property taxes. The Sea Cliff Library is a municipal library and village trustees include it in its budget.

The Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library is a school district library. There is a separate line listing its budget when voters consider the annual school budget

"If [the governor's] cuts are made it would definitely affect us at the Oyster Bay Library," said Vaccarelli. "It would affect us in applying for construction grants because the Nassau Library System can only give us

a certain amount of money in a grant."

The governor is also asking for a \$5 million cut in state aid for library construction. State Sen. Carl Marcellino (R-Syosset),

the chair of the Senate Education Committee, has been working to maintain the state's funding for libraries.

"We will restore it in our budget and I'm sure the Assembly will do the same thing," he said, adding that the governor did not put the funding in his budget. "He is saying he won't pay for it but he generally doesn't pay for it anyway. We will fix that and add to it."

Marcellino said he could not say what the final budget will be for libraries, but he is confident at the very least they will not be cut \$4 million. "We will keep the libraries whole," he said.

But libraries are concerned because the construction grant program has been cut back by the governor in the past. "We have asked the legislators to get that back too," said Nevens, pointing at the crumbling

walls in the library. "Our library is 100 years old. We replaced the stained-glass windows using the grant money, but we also need energy efficient lighting."

The grant is a matching grant, Nevens explained. So the libraries are not just taking from the state but also participants in any upgrades.

Many of the libraries in Nassau left petition letters at the circulation desk for patrons to sign, including the Oyster Bay and Sea Cliff libraries. The letters, which were mailed to state senators and state assembly representatives, ask that cuts not be made. "We collected over 117 letters," Vaccarelli said.

Patrons at Sea Cliff Library were also asked to make phone calls, Nevens said. "We did this to show them we are here," she said. "The legislators told us we needed to step up our game."

Although people have computers at home, people continue to find libraries valuable. "We are finding that the library is a community center now," Nevens said. "It always has been but today people are so isolated by technology. They are looking for human connections."

There are high speed computers at the libraries and opportunities to read newspapers, she said. "At Starbucks or even a restaurant people are on their phones," Nevens said. "When people read a newspaper at the library they begin to chat. In this contentious time we live in with the antagonism, the library is a safe place."

Highlights from petition letter at the library

"The \$4 million cut in library aid is a 4 percent cut in comparison to a 4 percent increase in state's overall funding for education. This cut would result in library funding at year 2000 levels and, for the tenth consecutive year, would leave library funding far short of the amount authorized in State Education Law. State aid to libraries is the only education program still suffering from recession-era funding ... state aid to libraries amounts to only one tenth of 1 percent of the state's spending."

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Baseball and softball tournaments coming to G.C.

By LAURA LANE

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The Glen Cove City Council voted unanimously on March 16 to allow Tournament City to bring up to 10 weekend tournaments to the city. Tournament City will bring in Perfect Game, a franchise that works directly with Major League Baseball, to endorse the tournaments. The revenue sharing agreement program is projected to bring in \$125,000 to the city, with additional revenues for local area businesses.

The baseball and softball tournaments will take place at the eight baseball fields at John Maccarone Memorial Stadium between May and October, but they will not interfere with the city's intramural season. "We will schedule around it the weekends when intramurals are being held," said Darcy Belyea, the director of parks and recreation for the city. "The intramural teams don't use the two larger fields anyway."

Travel teams from across the country will compete in the tournaments. Glen Cove's travel teams will play too, but free of charge, because the city owns the home facility.

"This is a great move," Mayor Reggie Spinello said. "We will have between 1,500 and 1,800 new people in our community who will need a place to stay and food."

Tom Hopke, of Glen Cove, who is a board member of the Glen Cove Junior Baseball and Softball League works as a consultant for Major League Baseball.



Laura Lane/Herald

THE GLEN COVE City County held its March 16 meeting at the North Shore Historical Museum, which currently has an exhibit that is focused on woman's suffrage.

Spinello brought him in as a consultant. "Youth baseball has changed from what we knew as kids," he said. "Sports has become more specialized and baseball has migrated to tournament baseball."

Hopke said the tournaments will provide exposure for the players and added that they can also attend clinics. "We want to get kids interested earlier in baseball and also have them exposed to tournaments," Hopke added.

Dan Cox, the president of the Glen Cove Recreation Commission, said the vote was unanimous to bring in Tournament City. "There are no negatives here," Cox said. "There has been a decline in youth sports and we have beautiful facili-

ties that are empty."

There are plans to make some improvements to the fields in time for this season. New clay will be added and the field will be fertilized. In future, the city may consider adding turf to the fields. "It's just a matter of time," said Cox.

Tournament City is very happy with the fields now though, Cox added.

The city will receive \$6,000 up front for each tournament. At the end of each tournament the city's expenses and Tournament City's expenses will be deducted. Then the net revenue will be split with 65 percent going to Tournament City and 35 percent to the city.

Belyea is happy that tournaments will

be coming to Glen Cove. "This will fill fields I've struggled to fill," she said. "Running our own tournament would be so hard administratively. We want to keep our fields active."

Rates will increase for After 3

The council voted unanimously to allow for an increase in rates for the city's summer program. The Glen Cove Youth Bureau's popular After 3 school program offers a six-week summer program that includes four trips for incoming first graders through eighth grade children. But Spiro Tsirkas, the program's director, had said that more revenue is needed to keep up with rising program costs.

The council approved an increase from \$350 to \$400. Additionally, they approved allowing for non-residents to participate, but those living in Glen Cove will be chosen first.

Children arrive at the summer program at 9 a.m. and receive academic enrichment until noon. Then they are given a lunch with the remainder of the afternoon devoted to special presentations and sometimes field trips to local areas of interest. In the past, participation in the summer program included on the average 80 children. The buses will accommodate up to 100.

"It's still the cheapest program probably on Long Island for what we offer," Tsirkas said. "Allowing for non-residents will help with the trips. A fuller bus is cheaper than one with empty seats."

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HERALD SCHOOLS

New department head brings leadership and a passion for science

BY LISSA HARRIS

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When Alexa Doeschner moved to Glen Cove in 2012 she was an assistant principal at a school in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. "I had no idea when I moved here," Doeschner said, "that I would also work here one day."

Doeschner, who is currently an assistant principal at Glen Cove High School, was recently appointed by the Board of Education to be the new head of the science department for the district. She will start her new position on July 1.

Dr. Michael Israel, the district's superintendent for curriculum, instruction, and technology, is thrilled to have Doeschner filling the role. "What struck me was that she went to medical school for two years before she decided to become a teacher," Israel said. "She has a great background and a love for science."

Doeschner attended St. George School of Medicine in Grenada before returning to the United States. "I had finished all my course work," she remembered, "but I realized that it wasn't what I thought it was going to be." She had been a teacher's assistant at Columbia University, where she obtained her Bachelor's and taught a summer course in chemistry. Doeschner enjoyed these teaching experiences and she pursued a New York City teaching fellow in Brooklyn, earning her Master's from Pace University while teaching at Sunset Park High School in Brooklyn.

Teaching comes naturally to Doeschner



Lissa Harris/Herald

ALEXA DOESCHNER, the former assistant principal at Glen Cove High School, has many plans for students as the new head of the high school's science department.

because both her parents are college professors — her mother teaches at the College of New Rochelle and her father is a professor at Columbia.

She moved to Glen Cove in 2012 because she was drawn to its diverse community. Born in Romania, Doeschner grew up in Venezuela, her father's birth country, and then moved to the United States with her family when she was eight. "It was hard," Doeschner recalled. "I had to learn English. I think that's why I identify so strongly with our ESL students, but my parents were also very academically focused, so I can

relate to our high achieving students as well."

She commuted from Glen Cove to her job in Brooklyn until she got the job as assistant principal at Glen Cove High School.

Seeing it as an opportunity to blend her experience with school leadership and her passion for science, Doeschner is enthusiastic about her new position. Recently the New York State Education Department issued science standards to be implemented in all school districts within a five-year period.

She said the district has already started making science a priority with a maker space in the middle school, which is a space where students are allowed to create with robotics components.

"I'm excited because there are more applications and engineering aspects that have real world applications," Doeschner said, referring to the new state standards. She said in her new position she will initially observe what is already being taught in the district's science classes, then determine what needs to be added and align all instruction from grade to grade.

Living and working in the same community has its benefits for Doeschner personally and professionally. She has two children, a five-year-old daughter who will be starting kindergarten in the district next year, and a two-year-old son. She said being recognized in the supermarket reminds her that she lives in a small town and she believes it gives her an advantage with her students. "Students respond to you differently when you live here," Doeschner explained. "We know all the same places, we're here together."



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

GRIBBIN STUDENTS, from left, Logan Hoffman, Riley Angalet, Julian Rottino and Daniel Rottino with a few of the books they collected for The Book Fairies organization.

Book Fairies at Gribbin

Students at Gribbin School demonstrated what it means to be compassionate and generous by donating hundreds of their gently used books to The Book Fairies. This charitable organization collects reading materials for people in need throughout the metropolitan area.

The school's site committee organized an assembly with Lily Hoffman, a Finley Middle School student and Book Fairies volunteer, and a Book Fairies coordinator to explain to the elementary students the organization's mission. They embarked on the initiative to reinforce compassion, caring and empathy amongst the school community.



Lissa Harris/Herald

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR Carol Waldman told seniors that they should choose who to vote for by considering what an elected official has done for their benefit.

Glen Cove seniors demand more funding from representatives

By **LISSA HARRIS**

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Glen Cove seniors recently demanded answers — and action — from state lawmakers at a meeting on Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed 2018 budget. The session took place at the Glen Cove Senior Center and was held in conjunction with the State Office for the Aging.

The Senior Center Advisory Board arranged the Feb. 24 presentation. State Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, and a representative for state Sen. Carl Marcellino assured attendees that their representatives in Albany are working on behalf of older adults.

"The Assembly is going to fight for more senior ... community services," said Lavine, who is running for Nassau County executive. "At the end of the day, I can't tell you where we're going to be, but I can tell you that last year, the state of New York spent about \$50 million for senior services, and we obviously need to spend more."

Greg Olsen, NYSOFA's acting director, gave a half-hour presentation on the state budget that focused on revitalizing downtowns with seniors in mind, including non-slip pavement and walkways that are wide enough to fit wheelchairs. "We're focusing on elements of age-friendly and livable community domains, as outlined by AARP and the World Health Organization," Olsen said, though he acknowledged that the spending plan did not include an increase in funding for local senior programs.

"For many years now, our funding has been at a very flat place," said Carol Waldman, the senior center's executive director, "and flat funding is really a cut in funding" (when inflation is factored in).

Lavine added that unless seniors have a "very strong, muscular lobbying arm" in Albany, their voices wouldn't be heard.

Waldman reminded attendees that their votes are powerful. "Don't vote party lines, vote issue," she said. "What is that candidate doing for aging services? That's who you should vote for."

Lisa Stern, assistant vice president of senior programs at Family and Children's Association, a Mineola-based non-

profit that hosts a variety of senior program, said that she believes funding for such programming is approaching crisis levels on Long Island. As an example, she said the Jewish Association of Services for the Aged "is giving up programs in Nassau and Suffolk counties because of funding issues."

"Our seniors are a little more knowledgeable and are beginning to open up to me about their issues," Shirley Pickney, the senior center's advocate, said, adding that older adults are knowledgeable voters. "They want more information about where the money is going," she said. One of the main issues seniors face, she noted, is affordable housing, because many live on fixed incomes.

Funding for senior center services is crucial, Pickney said. "We check on shut-ins during storms," she said, "or offer rides to go food shopping. Able-ride [a county-run transportation service for lower-income residents] has limits, and might only be able to get you halfway there."

Pickney has advocated for senior center attendees for the past three years. "Many people don't realize that the center isn't open on the weekends," she said. "With a little more funding, we could open for a few hours on Saturdays, serve some coffee. It would give our seniors a place to go on the weekends, maybe even have their families come visit."

Isabela Santos, who has attended the center for the past two months, was pleased with what she heard at the presentation, but was skeptical that the information would bring people out to vote. "The presentation was very informative," she said. "Maybe it will make people pay attention on who to vote for and maybe not."

Lavine said he believes that only organized advocacy would yield results for Long Island's older adults. "The more seniors gather together and organize and demand a fair piece of the economic pie," he said, "the better off it is, not only for seniors, but for all of Long Island."



VIEWFINDER

By **SUSAN GRIECO**

THE QUESTION:

What do you love about spring?



I like to hike the trails at the State Parks and take nature photos. And with the days getting longer, I get to stay out longer!

LORI CARTOLANO
Billing



I like how the flowers add color to town and you start to see more animals, like birds and ducks at the park.

MICHELLE SMITH
Student



It's the start of softball season, and that's something that I love to play.

KATE SHANLEY
Student



I LOVE the colors of spring... the purples, the light blues, the pinks... They make me happy!

FRANCISCA CONAN
Security



It's nice and sunny, and I can ride my bike around the pond and feed the ducks. And I like that I can play with my dog in my backyard.

TERRENCE WILLIAM MCKENNA
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I love how flowers and trees and everything is in bloom! There's a warmth to the air and it feels like a fresh beginning.

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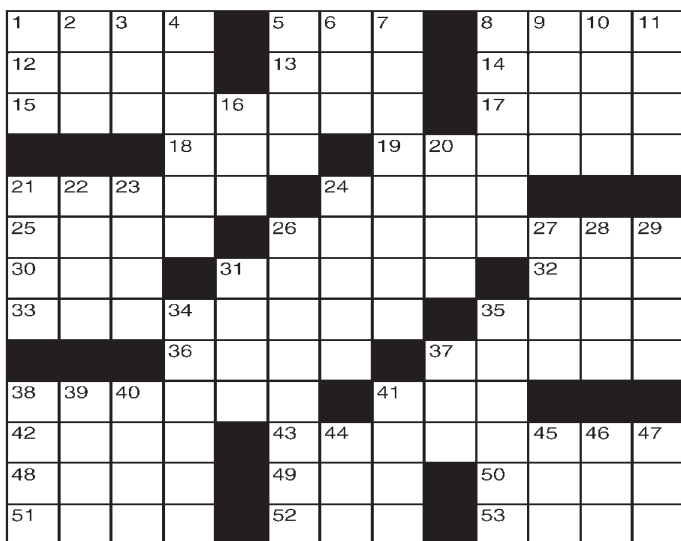
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SEA CLIFF CIVIC Association president Ann DiPietro has always loved children's literature.

Promoting community involvement to the fullest

BY NAKEEM GRANT

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If you ask Sea Cliff Civic Association president Ann DiPietro about her contributions to the village, she will simply give credit to the people she has worked with. But DiPietro has helped to organize several events throughout the village for over a decade. She said she is "grateful" for everything this community has to offer.

"It is a wonderful sisterhood that we have," DiPietro said. "The civic association board is so smart, they are such giving people, and they just make it so easy to do our events."

DiPietro's involvement with the community began in 1989 when she joined the village library's board. The previous director of the Stenson Memorial Library had moved to another country shortly after and DiPietro was offered the position. She said it was a great fit for her because she has always loved children's literature.

"I saw this as a real opportunity for community organizing," she said. "I thought to myself that this would be a great place to start."

At the library, she hosts several events for children and parents with help from the civic association such as Pizza and Picture Books, Story Hour for Preschoolers, and Movie Madness.

Prior to her move to Sea Cliff, DiPietro lived with her husband, Dan, in Floral Park, and she taught at St. John's University as an English teacher. She visited the village with Dan and some of her closest friends 30 years ago and said she was drawn to the community's beauty and its Victorian homes right away.

"The village looks the same as it did 30 years ago," she said. "We loved it then and we still love it to this day."

One of the events she is proud of is Meet the Parents, a new event she started this year, where young parents get together to socialize about parenthood. She was inspired by her daughter, Jillian, who currently lives in Brooklyn and recently had her first child. Her daughter signed up for



Courtesy of Ann DiPietro

ANN DIPIETRO has loved every moment of her years in Sea Cliff and she said that this community has something that is "magical."

an organization in Brooklyn where people new to parenthood meet regularly. DiPietro saw this as a great monthly event that can be included in her home village since the population is a lot smaller than Brooklyn.

"So many of them already have told me that they meet with each other at restaurants and yoga classes," she added. "They all started out in Meet the Parents. Talk about a dream come true, this is a really what I hoped would happen."

DiPietro has nothing but nice things to say about her years in Sea Cliff. She has enjoyed every moment and she is glad that she was able to raise her children — Jillian, Daniel, and Justin — in this village. She added that her passion for the village has not changed one bit. In fact, it has consumed her so much that she did not even realize she has lived in the community for nearly three decades.

"Every single day that I have spent here has been great," DiPietro said. "I feel that I have never worked a day in my life. I do not know what it is, but there is something magical about this place."



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Press Club grades local governments on transparency

By **NAKEEM GRANT**

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The Press Club of Long Island conducted a study to see how long it would take towns, villages and cities in Nassau and Suffolk counties to process Freedom of Information requests to gauge transparency. Then they gave them a grade. Long Island's average grade was a C, but the North Shore did better. The City of Glen Cove, Village of Sea Cliff and the Town of Oyster Bay all did well, but the Village of Bayville did not.

The group's first ever Freedom of Information Legislation audit evaluating 195 governments and municipalities in over a 16 month period. Then they shared the "Open Records Report Card" on March 13 during Sunshine Week, a time when journalists develop stories, editorials and columns about FOIL.

Sea Cliff received an 85, a B. Newly reelected Mayor Ed Lieberman was pleased. "We were above average based on the scores, which is always a good thing," he said.

But he believes the village could have scored even higher. At the time of

the request, Lieberman said the village was going from one system of accounting to another, so it took more time for the village's records management team to sort the documents.

The City of Glen Cove matched Sea Cliff receiving an 85, a B. Mayor Reggie Spinello said in a statement, "Glen Cove did very well and our city clerk's office does an outstanding job in meeting the needs of our community."

The Town of Oyster Bay received an 85, a B, too. Joseph Saladino, supervisor for the town, said he was proud to see that Oyster Bay scored well in the

study. He added that he's not surprised with the results because the town has worked "side by side" with residents who want to be a part of the town's growth.

"This once again proves that we are building a high level of transparency as we continue to restore a reputation of good government and goodwill," Saladino said.

But the survey was not conducted during his term, however. John Venditto, who resigned, was supervisor at the time. He is currently facing federal corruption charges.

The Village of Bayville scored below Long Island's average with a 65, a D. Mayor Paul Rupp said he couldn't comment until he looked over the PCLI report.

Timothy Bolger, PCLI's Freedom of Information chairman, conducted the audit with Bill Bleyer, PCLI's treasurer. Bolger said that he had filed hundreds of FOIL requests before PCLI launched this project, but he was taken aback by some of the results. "I was surprised at just how widespread of a problem it is for local government entities to miss legally mandated response deadlines." However, he was also "pleasantly surprised" at the amount of municipalities and agencies who were "proactive in their handling of records requests."

Bolger, who has worked in journalism for 14 years, explained that reporting and writing was the easy part of the study. The hard part was getting some of the government officials to take the final results into consideration.

"Some were more interested in shooting the messenger than addressing the problems we found," Bolger added. "Others, thankfully, took the results to heart and used the report card as a chance to improve their responsiveness."

A chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, the PCLI based their grading criteria on the responsiveness of each government. The law requires FOIL requests to be acknowledged within five business days. Governments do have the option to request an extension for its respond and availability of the requested documents.

There is no word yet on whether PCLI will conduct this study annually.



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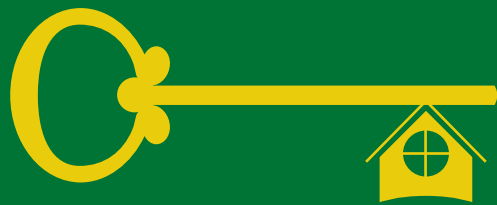
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LIU poll indicates partisan divide on issues

Long Island University's Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis released a new poll with information about the emerging global priorities of American voters.

While the poll showed narrow support for the United Nations and policies that would allow refugees into the United States, there were very sharp partisan divides on both of those questions. This divide extends into basic questions of national security where Republicans and non-affiliated voters overwhelmingly chose terrorism as the top threat to America's national security while Demo-

crats chose global climate change.

"When it comes to how Americans view our place in the world and global priorities, we now see many of the same partisan divisions that were once reserved solely for domestic policy," said LIU Political Science Professor Stanley B. Klein, director of the Hornstein Center. "This will create new challenges for policy makers."

The poll did find one major area of agreement. Regardless of partisan affiliation, Americans overwhelmingly agree that our nation's cyber security is inadequate. When asked if the United

States is adequately equipped to defend itself against foreign and domestic cyber-attacks, just 15 percent of Americans said "yes," while 49 percent said "no" and 36 percent said "somewhat." The 12 percent of Democrats who believe our cyber defenses are adequate nearly mirrored the 15 percent of unaffiliated voters and 16 percent of Republicans who share that belief.

"Americans come together in their belief that our current cyber security is inadequate," Dr. Klein said. "The American people overwhelmingly agree that we must do more in this critical area."

The poll presented a battery of questions covering topics such as global threats, cyber security, immigration and the United Nations. In total 496 Americans, 18-80 were surveyed by the poll, which was conducted entirely via SMS text messages and was in the field from February 22-28, 2017.

Respondents were asked to rank threats to national security on a 1-5 scale of most threatening to least threatening.

The options were: Cyber Attacks from Foreign Entities, Global Climate Change, Nuclear Proliferation, Political Instability and Terrorism. Among those, Terrorism (37 percent overall), was voted as the most threatening issue and this trend held true among all demographic groups including age, gender and political affiliation with the lone exception of Democrats, 27 percent of whom identified Global Climate Change as their top concern.

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STANLEY B. KLEIN
Director,
the Hornstein Center

On the topic of whether "The United States should welcome refugees who are displaced due to war or climate change," the breakdown was 37 percent "always," 47 percent "sometimes" and 16 percent "never." There was a strong partisan divide on this issue. While 59 percent of Democrats believe the United States should "always" welcome refugees, just 12 percent of Republicans felt that way.

The Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis at LIU Post conducts independent, fair and balanced polling, empirical research, and analysis on a wide range of public issues including lifestyle preferences. The Center's goals include informing the community, public and policy makers about critical issues. Future topics will include but are not limited to foreign policy, education, healthcare and the environment.



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HERALD NEIGHBORS

'You can't take the classroom out of the teacher'

Zurbrick still sharing the Great White Way

By **LISSA HARRIS**
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Former Glen Cove music teacher Dale Zurbrick could probably be best described as pleasantly petulant.

"I remember the year he retired," said Dr. Michael Israel, assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction for the Glen Cove School District and a former colleague of Zurbrick's. "At the start of school the next September he sat in a lawn chair at the entrance of the high school driveway, with a drink in his hand, and waved to everyone as they drove in." Israel gave a hearty laugh as he recalled that memory.

Zurbrick, now 70, retired from the school in 2002, but he was more than just a teacher to the Glen Cove community. He was considered legendary. An actor and performer in his own right, Zurbrick brought his experience and talents to the Glen Cove Masquers, the school's drama club bringing them to international recognition during his tenure at the school.

Right after he retired from GCHS he began teaching classes at the Glen Cove Senior Center. Now, in his 15th year of teaching there, he enjoys sharing his vast knowledge about Broadway writers and composers, commemorative stamps, and songs about food. "We sing songs like, 'Animal Crackers in My Soup,' 'Food Glorious Food,' and 'The Banana Boat Song,'" Zurbrick recalled. "We did 'On Top of Spaghetti' — it was quite fun!"

Zurbrick began his teaching career in 1968 in Clarence, N.Y., a small town just outside of Buffalo. He moved to a junior high



Courtesy Glen Cove Senior Center

RETIRED GLEN COVE music teacher Dale Zurbrick has taken his talents to the Glen Cove Senior Center and he's having a blast.

school in the Bronx in 1973 and then began teaching in the Glen Cove School District in 1976. It was in Glen Cove that his Masters of Music in Performance came in handy when he created the drama club at Finley Middle School in 1977. "They moved me from the middle school to the high school and in 1982 I directed the high school production of 'Anything Goes,'" Zurbrick recalled with pride. "I took over the Masquers in 1984 and kept doing it until I retired in 2002."

Prior to coming to Glen Cove, Zurbrick performed at the Springside Dinner Theater in Auburn, N.Y. with actress Annie Potts in 1972. Potts would go on to star in movies and television shows in the 1980s such as "Pretty in Pink," "Ghostbusters," and "Designing Women," a successful sitcom that ran from 1986 to 1993.

During the 1970s Zurbrick also worked with veteran Broadway actor Michael Vita. "Vita was in 'Bye-Bye Birdie,'" Zurbrick remembered. "He became a mentor to me in my career."

But it was working with students that Zurbrick loved best.

In 1986, he brought the Glen Cove Masquers international fame with the performance of "Noises Off" at the International Thespian Festival. The International Thespian Festival, also known as ThesFest, is a weeklong festival sponsored by the Educational Theatre Association. High school students from all over the world can attend workshops presented by theatre professionals and are given opportunities to audition for college admission and scholarships. The students also participate in group and individual performances.

"Ours was the first high school production of 'Noises off' in the world," Zurbrick said with delight. "It was then that I started believing in my own legend."

Retirement has not slowed Zurbrick down one bit. He sang in the choir at the Riverside Church for 29 years and still organizes and directs the Choir Endowment Fund gala every year. He is also the music director for a weekly radio show on WCWP 88.1 FM called "Senior Moments." Guests on the show are either seniors or people who can speak to senior issues. Zurbrick often

obtains the guests through his personal contacts. "We've had doctors, lawyers, mayors, chief of police, a woman who started a group for widows, cabaret performers," Zurbrick said about guests on the radio show. "We even got Lisa Vroman, the longest running 'Christine' from Broadway's 'Phantom of the Opera.'"

In March he is teaching a class on caring for the endangered species of land, water, and air such as hummingbirds, bumble bees, the bald eagle, and the monarch butterfly.

In 2013 Zurbrick was diagnosed with a diabetic foot ulcer, which led to a leg amputation. He was fitted for a prosthetic leg after the surgery but that hasn't slowed him down in body or spirit. He still travels frequently from his home in Brooklyn to Long Island. "When people see I have a prosthetic leg, they just get out of my way," Zurbrick laughed, adding, "My father died from diabetes at the age of 47 and if I've outlived my father all these years then it's not that bad."

Not surprisingly Zurbrick has maintained relationships with many of his former students over the years and often visits them. He has traveled to the homes of former students in Albany, Washington D.C., Florida, Boston, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Texas, and Philly. "I love to go to Philly to visit a former student who is on QVC," Zurbrick said. "I get pampered among all the kitchen products."

He is often asked to host or emcee events in Glen Cove, most recently the city's annual Howl-o-ween Pet Parade. Zurbrick said he's always happy to help out anytime he's asked. And for now at least he will continue to teach classes at the senior center. "You can take the teacher out of the classroom," Zurbrick said chuckling. "But you can't take the classroom out of the teacher."

Connolly K-Kids help children in the emergency room

Going to the hospital can be a frightening experience for a child, especially if they must go to the emergency room. The Connolly School K-Kids (Kiwanis for Kids) decided they wanted to help. Most children find that having a teddy bear in hand will make any scary situation more tolerable, so the K-Kids decided to make sure the children had one.

Working together, they created homemade get well bears. They spent a lot of time making sure the bears were extra-special, first cutting the material, then stuffing the bears, and finally, finishing up by sewing. Sometimes the encouragement of other children can be helpful, so the K-Kids Included a note with all of the teddy bears. When they presented the bears to the Glen Cove Hospital Emergency Room the staff couldn't thank them enough.

This year, the organization donated approximately 45 teddy bears. The Connolly K-Kids is an organization for elementary school children that is sponsored by the North Shore Kiwanis Club. For further information visit nskiwanis.org.



Courtesy Connolly School K-Kids

MOVETA MURRAY, left, Ave Baulch, Dr. Eli Cohen, Gwen Jones and Jazmin Mantilla from Glen Cove Hospital were happy to receive the bears from K-Kids Sofia Greco, front left and Phoebe George.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 23

Paint party

Artist Celicia Cargill will supply all the materials needed for this colorful celebration! A fee of \$15 (check or money order payable to Authentic HeARTwork) includes canvas, paint and brushes. Registration is in person at the Reference desk.

Board meeting

The North Shore Board of Education will hold a budget review meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the North Shore High School library, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head.

Friday, March 24

Zumba class

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 10:00 a.m. There is a non-refundable \$24 fee due at time of registration. (516) 759-8300.

Gentle yoga

Hosted by therapeutic yoga instructor Morgan Rose at the Bayville Public Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 9:20 a.m. In-person registration is now open. \$40 for 8 classes due at registration time. Please bring mat and water. (516) 628-2765 or bayvlib@optonline.net.

Adult coloring

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave, Sea Cliff, 3 3:30 p.m. Coloring sheets and pencils will be available at the Circulation Desk. (516) 671-4290.

Saturday, March 25

Parent-teen manicure

Kathy Giouvalakis, a licensed nail technician, will teach residents how to conduct a professional manicure by themselves, Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nail kits will be provided to all participants. Each person must register separately. (516) 759-8300.

Yoga for beginners

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 9:20 to 10:20 a.m. Please bring a yoga mat or towel with you to each class. \$25 per person, due at registration (Cash only). (516) 922-1212.

Mother=daughter book club

Discussions of popular tween novels, Bayville Public Library, 11:30 a.m. The featured novel is Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson. Call (516) 628-2765 or email ashleysweeting@gmail.com to reserve a copy.

Sunday, March 26

Pancake breakfast fundraiser

Life Enrichment Center, 45 E. Main St., Oyster Bay. Support your seniors and join us for pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, fruit cup, orange juice, and coffee/tea. Raffles will be featured as well. \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 10 and under. All proceeds benefit the Life Enrichment Center. (516) 922-1770.

Yiddish Light Opera performance

The Gilbert & Sullivan Yiddish Light Opera Company will perform Di Yam Gazloniam at the Sid Jacobson Jewish Com-



Paint project for teens

Artists from Long Island Children's Museum will teach residents the paint techniques of artist William de Kooning to make an original work of art on Thursday, March 30 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave. Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Everyone who participates will have their artwork featured at the children museum's exhibit.

Must register as space is limited. All costs and material for this program are provided through a generous grant from the Willem de Kooning Foundation. For more information, call (516) 676-2130. (516) 676-2130.

munity Center, 300 Forest Dr., Greenvale, 2 p.m. Presented by the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center and the Sid Jacobson JCC. Tickets are \$18. (516) 484-1545 or registration@sjcc.org.

Monday, March 27

Tai Chi with Spencer Gee

Exercise and meditation class, 1 p.m. at the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove. (516) 759-9610.

AARP tax help

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To file taxes on a married-filing-joint tax return, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms. AARP is using a new tax prep software program. There will be no carry forward information from 2015. It is imperative that you bring your 2015 Federal and NYS returns. (516) 922-1212.

Tuesday, March 28

Lecture on native plants

Hosted by Planting Fields Foundation director Vincent Simeone at the Manhasset Public Library, 30 Onderdonk Ave., Manhasset, 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, March 29

Emergency preparedness

Alexandra Wiedenbaum, N.Y. Army National Guard teaches how to prepare for an emergency. 12:45 p.m. at Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St. (516) 759-9610.

Book review

Discussing "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles at the Gold Coast Public

Library, 50 Railroad Ave. Glen Head, 2 p.m. (516) 759-8300.

Adult coloring

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave, Sea Cliff, 3 3:30 p.m. Coloring sheets and pencils will be available at the Circulation Desk. (516) 671-4290.

Lecture on menopause

Hosted by Dr. Helen Greco of Northwell Health at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave. Glen Cove, 7 p.m. She will provide women with the knowledge they need to control their health and wellbeing. (516) 676-2130.

Chess club

Hosted by the Sea Cliff Chess Club in the basement auditorium of the Sea Cliff

Gospel Chapel, 162 Sea Cliff Ave, 7:30 to 11 p.m. Open to all ages and abilities. (516)759-2840.

Hand painted flower pot

Hosted by Irene Marchese at the Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6:30 p.m. Hand paint a six inch flower pot for your spring flowers. A non-refundable \$20 materials fee is due at time of registration. (516) 759-8300.

Thursday, March 30

Health seminar

Hosted by Northwell Health at the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:45 p.m. The seminar will focus on advanced care



Good reads with Sarah Siegel

Sarah Siegel invites residents to discuss "A Gentleman in Moscow" on Wednesday, March 29, Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 p.m.

planning. The program is free of charge. (516) 759-9610.

ACT prep class

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This is session 1 of a 5 part session series. This class is being held in conjunction with Sea Cliff Village Library and is open to both library patrons. A non-refundable check made payable to the Gold Coast Public Library in the amount of \$90 is due upon registration. Each registrant must purchase the "Princeton Review - Cracking the ACT" with 6 practice tests, 2017 edition prior to the first class session. (516) 759-8300.

Friday, March 31

Zumba class

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 10:00 a.m. There is a non-refundable \$24 fee due at time of registration. (516) 759-8300.

Saturday, April 1

Yoga for beginners

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 9:20 to 10:20 a.m. Please bring a yoga mat or towel with you to each class. \$25 per person, due at registration (Cash only). (516) 922-1212.

Trap shooting

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Blvd., Sea Cliff at 11 a.m. (516) 671-7374.

Model train show

Trainville Hobby Depot will host the Model Train Show at the Bethpage Senior Community Center, 103 Grumman Road West, Bethpage, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The show includes operating model layouts and other displays coordinated by Trainville Hobby Depot. Donations are being accepted at the exhibit to support the Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged. Admission for the exhibit is \$5, children ages 4 to 11 are \$3 and entry for children under the age of 4 is free. (516) 433-4444 or www.trainville.com.

Sunday, April 2

Frostbite sailing

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 1 p.m. (516) 671-7374.

Ida May Project guest speaker

Chris Hale, boat builder and model maker, will have a lecture at the Ida May Project boatyard, Building J on West End Avenue, Oyster Bay, 2 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Free to the public with donations welcome. Light refreshments will be served. (516) 305-9024.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Tony Gallego

Painting of patron saint comes to G.C. church

St. Patrick's Church received a special gift from Glen Cove artist Julianne Smith, who painted a portrait of the church's patron saint, Saint Patrick. The painting was unveiled by Father Daniel Nash on St. Patrick's Day.



Courtesy O'Connor family

Pride in Glen Cove

Ryan O'Connor of Glen Cove, the son of Darlene and Peter, was recently promoted to sergeant in the U.S. Army. Ryan is an Abrams tank crewmember currently stationed at Fort Bliss Texas. He has been deployed to Eastern Europe and will soon be deployed again.

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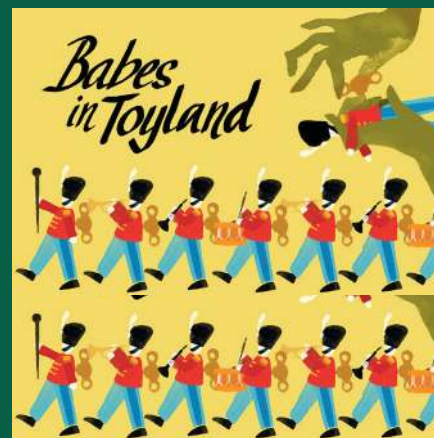
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(Clockwise from top left) **GLEN COVE MAYOR** Reggie Spinello and his wife, Coleen, on the reviewing stand.



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THE PIPE BAND Glor na Gail were applauded by the spectators and dignitaries on the reviewing stand.

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Glen Cove seeking more funding from county

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA
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The Glen Cove City Council met on March 21 for a pre-council meeting to address resolutions that will be discussed at the next city council meeting on Tuesday, March 28.

The first topic on the relatively short agenda was the discussion of the yearly funds Glen Cove is requesting from Nassau County under the Housing and Community Development Act. The total amount of funding requested by the city for 2017 is \$425,000, which is an increase of \$30,000 from last year. About \$50,000 of these funds will be allocated to seven public service agency programs, which is a \$10,000 increase from last year. The public service agency programs that requested funding include the Boys and Girls Club and the Senior Center. Funding that is not for public service agency programs will be used for municipal purposes including: the commercial rehabilitation program and sign program, disposition and acquisition activities, demolition and clearance activities and residential rehab programs.

Regarding the funds for the public service agencies, Mayor Spinello said, "No one received less than they did last year, and some of them a little bit more."

The requested amount of funding is not guaranteed and is subject to change after review by the county.

The council then discussed the bonds it plans on requesting from the free market that will fund various city improvements and equipment needs. The total amount that is being requested is just over \$4 million, which is significantly less than the \$6

million and change borrowed last year. Some of these needs include a new fire truck, which will likely be the most expensive piece of equipment, harbor patrol equipment, fire hydrant replacements, road work, parking lot upgrades, and park improvements. Because the amount being requested is so much lower, the city does not expect to have to borrow funds to help pay for the retirement for its city employees.

The next order of business focused on filing an application for state assistance from the Household Hazards Waste State Assistance Program. Filing for this assistance will allow for a reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the city's bi-annual S.T.O.P (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) program costs.

The last few items on the agenda included authorizing the closing of roads for the annual "Baseball Parade" on Saturday, April 20, approving a new cleaner for the public works department, and approving a new seasonal laborer for the golf course.

Finally, the council discussed a collaboration with CGI Communications to create four video vignettes about Glen Cove that will be posted on the city's website. It will take about three months to create it if it is approved at the next council meeting.

In addition, the two upcoming town hall meetings in April will now include a translator for non-English speaking attendees, and allow leaders from all the city's divisions such as parks, the police department and the Glen Cove Hospital to give program updates. The town hall meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, at Landing School and Monday, April 24, at Connelly School.

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The legacy of a style icon Halston on display at Nassau County Museum of Art

Nassau County Museum of Art brings the glamour of the fashion world inside its walls, as it shines the spotlight on the life and work of iconic fashion designer Halston. The new exhibition, which opens March 25, is a significant look at his fabled career, occupying the museum's two floors of exhibit space.

"The entire museum is being turned over to this celebration of Halston and his achievements in fashion. As the first-ever comprehensive retrospective about this important American designer, 'Halston Style' is one of the most ambitious projects the museum has ever undertaken," says Dr. Karl E. Willers, the museum's director.

Organized by Halston's niece and confidante Lesley Frowick, with support from H. Halston at Lord & Taylor, this peek inside the celebrity couturier's life, includes many never-before-seen objects from his personal collection. Halston left these original materials to her care, with the directive to use them to tell story of his career and lifestyle. Frowick spent eight years with her uncle, resulting in a book, published in 2014, "Halston: Inventing American Fashion."

That book, which paved the way for a documentary project on the designer, currently in development, also resulted in Willers' interest in bringing a Halston retrospective to the museum.

"The project came together quickly in a sense within year," Willers says. "In another sense Frowick has been working on it for a decade."

"He was such a seminal and important figure in American fashion and this is the first time that the Halston archive has been opened up in this way. Lesley has access to such a vast amount of material that has never been shown. Visitors will be amazed."

"Halston's career also parallels with the development of fashion as an art form, which continues to grow steadily. Designers today owe a great

Halston created a unique definition of American chic. Below, a Halston Original gold lame sarong, from his 1976 collection.



Photos courtesy Lesley Frowick

debt to Halston."

His minimalistic dresses, including his innovative shirtdress garment, are among the more than 60

fashions on display, along with the pillbox hats made famous by Jacqueline Kennedy and classic gown silhouettes. These designs are juxtaposed with Studio 54 snapshots, photographs of Olympic Tower parties, design sketches, and personal items.

"Before he died, he gave me his archives and told me 'you have everything you need to tell my story,'" says Frowick.

Nassau County Museum of Art is located at One Museum Drive (just off Northern Boulevard, Route 25A), Roslyn Harbor. (516) 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

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Renee Swanson and a piece she did in pastel for the art show.
Photo by Elisa Dragotto

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS

Artistic visions on view at Glen Cove's Senior Center

If you are looking for an opportunity to see some great artwork, check out the Glen Cove Senior Center's exhibit, through April 28.

The artists being showcased participate in the Center's Drawing and Painting Class. Led by Charles Van Horn, who has been professionally trained in commercial art and illustration, the seniors experience an opportunity to challenge themselves creatively.

The artists who will have their work on display include:

Mimi Simonetti, who refers to herself as Grandma Moses, because she took up painting at 80. She comes from a family of artists and it was encouraged that she explore her creativity as well. As a child, her parents placed a pencil in her tiny hand and she has been drawing and creating ever since.

Joanne Castagna, always dabbled in oils, until she discovered a passion for watercolors at the Center.

Stephanie Cretaro, a retired fashion design teacher, always wanted to learn how to paint. After joining the Center three years ago she's now hooked.

Mary Wagner, who often places first in juried shows, started painting with oils decades ago, but she found the process too slow. Wagner switched to watercolors at the Center, where she is content to study with a teacher who "only takes students with talent."

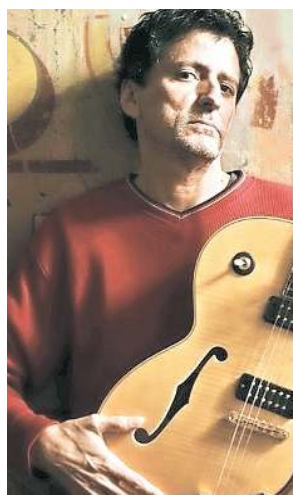
Louise Leonard, Kam Yuen, Posey Heisig, Carolyn Kalnins, Al Petrunti, Renee Swanson, Brigita Gordon and Teresa Romano will also have their work displayed.

Visit the Glen Cove Senior Center's Golden Gallery at 130 Glen St., Glen Cove. (516) 759-9610 or www.glencoveseniorcenter.com or go to the Facebook page.

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ON STAGE Vinicius Cantuaria

The renowned Brazilian singer-songwriter-guitarist, a pioneer of neo-Brazilian music in the 1990s and one of the most important figures of New York's Brazilian scene, brings his national tour to the area. Drawing inspiration from Brazil's rich musical history, integrated with jazz, avant-garde and pop, Cantuária's music is like a rolling rhythmic whisper filled with dramatic turns and stunning sonic ideas. Currently touring with his dynamic ensemble — Helio Alves (piano), Paul Socolow (bass), Adriano Santos (drums) and Marivaldo Dos Santos

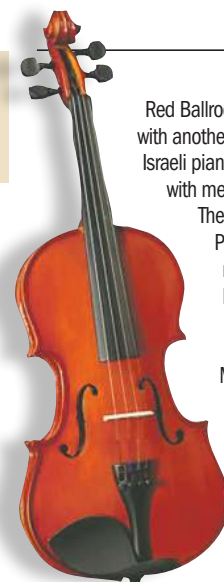


WEEKEND Out and About

(percussion) — Cantuária is now based in Brooklyn, where he is redefining the art of Bossa Nova. The result is an enthralling Nova Bossa Nova, deeply influenced by music of his heroes: Miles Davis, Chet Baker, Bill Evans and Antonio Carlos Jobim. His dynamic performances continue to excite audiences. *Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. \$40, \$35 and \$30. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.*

IN CONCERT Musical Cuisine

Old Westbury Gardens Charles II-style mansion is the setting once again for a concert of chamber masterworks, performed in the grandeur of Westbury House's



Red Ballroom. The Chamber Players International ensemble is back with another of its "Musical Cuisine" concerts, featuring acclaimed Israeli pianist-composer Yoni Levyatov and violinist Bela Horvath, along with members of Chamber Players International's core ensemble.

They'll present Mendelssohn's lyrical Sonata for Violin and Piano in F major and the Piano Trio in D minor. The international ensemble, partnered last September with former Long Island Philharmonic director David Steward Wiley to form the Long Island Concert Orchestra. The new orchestra has announced that it has scheduled its first concert for May 19, at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, the longtime home of the Long Island Philharmonic.

Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m.; a sit down buffet brunch follows. \$60. Old Westbury Gardens, 71, Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury. (877) 444-4488 or www.chamberplayersinternational.org.

Performances/ On Stage

Billy Meets The Boss

The popular tribute bands Movin' Out and Tramps Like Us in concert, Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m. \$29-\$40. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Jekyll & Hyde

The musical horror-drama based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale, Thursday and Friday, March 23-24, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 25, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, March 29, 8 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900.



Bob Saget

The TV performer-comedian on a stand-up tour, Friday, March 24, 7 p.m. \$99.50, \$69.50, \$49.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

New Horizons String Orchestra

The orchestra explores varied string quartet works, Friday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. New members playing violin, viola, cello or bass are invited to join. Huntington Public Library, 338 Main St., Huntington. 785-2532 or www.fhso.org.

Last In Line

Original members of Dio reunite, Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. \$35, \$30, \$25. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 283-5566 or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

The Temptations and The Four Tops

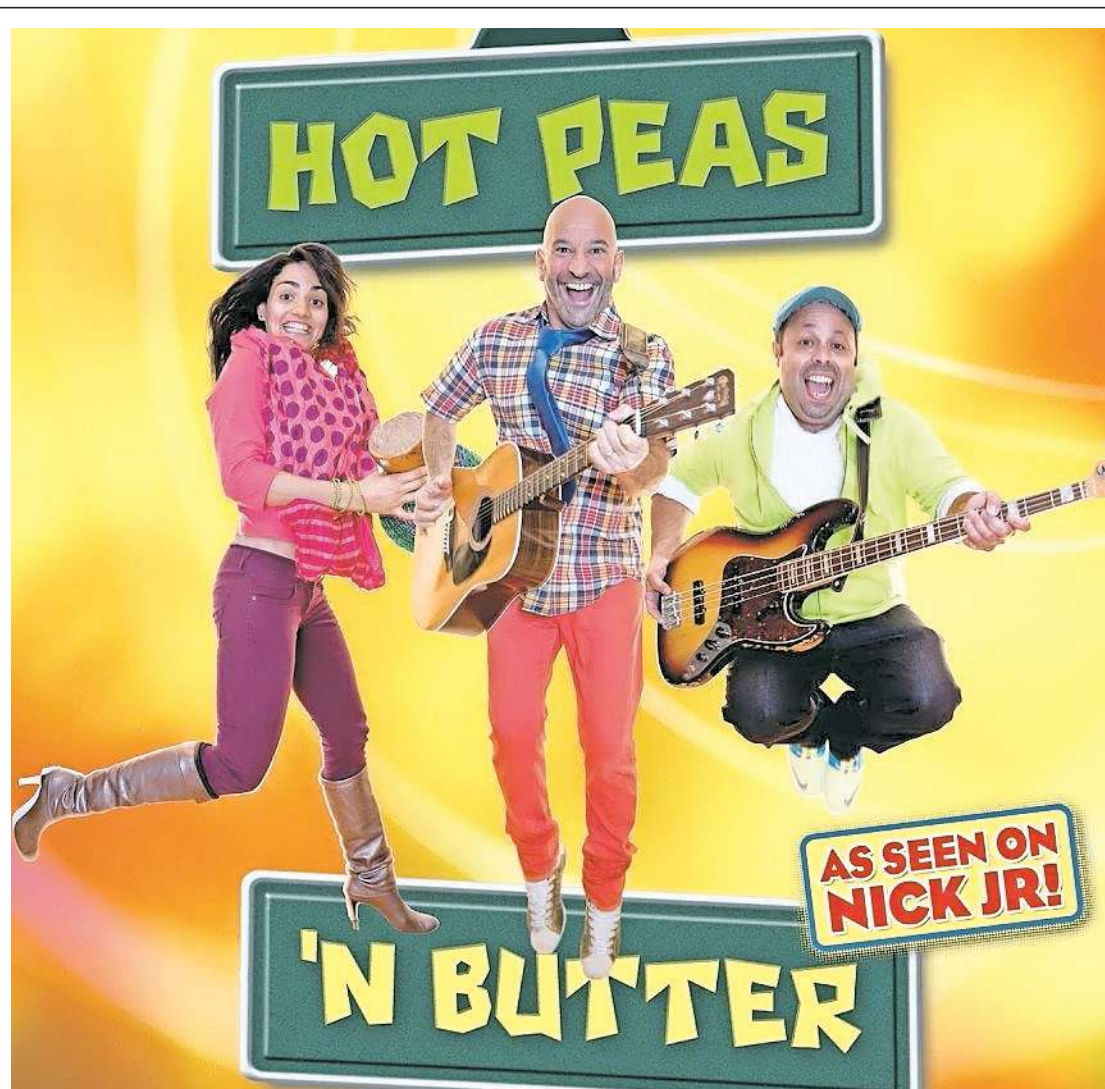
The Motown legends in concert, Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. \$149.50, \$109.50, \$69.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Trace Adkins

The country singer in concert, Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m. \$92, \$72, \$62, \$42, and \$32. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

West Side Story

The classic musical, featuring Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's score, Saturday, March 25, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 26, 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, 2 p.m. \$24, \$22 seniors, \$20 students, \$15 children. All tickets \$29 at door. BroadHollow Theatre, BayWay Arts Center, 265 E. Main St., East Islip. (631) 581-2700 or www.broadhollow.org.



Hot Peas 'N Butter

Families can shake and sizzle to the multicultural rhythms of Hot Peas 'N Butter, when the acclaimed ensemble visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, April 1, at 11 a.m.

Hear a mix of contagious beats, from vibrant Puerto Rican folk music to soulful American blues, and dance to tunes from "Put Our Heads Together" and other award-winning albums. Nickelodeon/Noggin TV favorites, Hot Peas 'N Butter combines an interactive, invigorating approach that inspires kids and adults alike.

Tickets are \$18; available at 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

Chris Smither

The folk-blues singer-songwriter in concert, with David Lindley, Sunday, March 26, 7 p.m. \$43 \$38 and \$33. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Karkowska Sisters

The duo presents "A Celebration of Women," Sunday, March 26 2 p.m. Concert includes anecdotes and stories about music, composers and important women. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

Larry the Cable Guy

Daniel Whitney, aka Larry the Cable Guy, takes his "blue collar" humor on tour, Sunday, March 26, 8 p.m. \$149.50, \$99.50, \$69.50, \$54.50, \$44.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

The Pirates of Penzance

A Yiddish version of Gilbert and Sullivan's classic opera, presented by The Gilbert and Sullivan Yiddish Light Opera Company with the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, Sunday,

March 26, 2 p.m. \$18. Sid Jacobsen JCC, 300 Forest Ave., Greenvale. (516) 571-8040 or www.hmtcli.org.

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Complete a project from start to finish, presented by the Crochet Connection, Tuesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.; also April 4 and 11. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.



William de Kooning Painting Project

Long Island Children's museum educators guide kids in creating original art in the style of William de Kooning, Thursday, March 30, 6:30 p.m. For grades 6 and up. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

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Expo 36

A showcase of the works of the 18 winning artists of B.J. Spoke gallery's annual, national juried competition. Through March 26. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

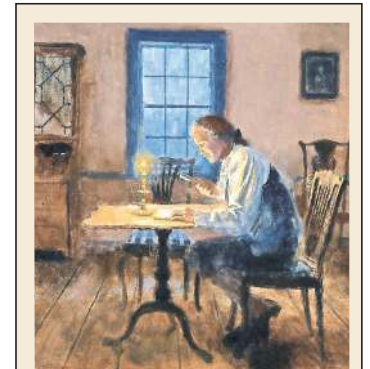
Halston Style

A comprehensive retrospective of the works of the American fashion designer Halston. The exhibition includes many never-before-seen objects from the designer's personal archives and more than 60 Halston fashions, juxtaposed with photographs, artwork, illustrations and accessories as well as film and video documentation. Opens March 25, through July 9. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Long Island's Best: Young Artists at the Heckscher Museum

This juried exhibition, now in its 21st year, features 84 works of art by students

in grades 9 through 12 attending 57 public and private schools throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Through April 9. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.



Mort Künstler: The New Nation

The exhibit traces the story of the birth of our country, from settlement through the Revolutionary War, to the establishment of our democracy and the inauguration of George Washington, as seen through the artistic lens of Mort Künstler. Künstler's most recent works give visual expression to the dramatic story of America's founding. Through April 2. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Thar She Blows: Whaling History On Long Island

The exhibit explores one of the region's most important industries. Visitors can smell a foc'sle, work on a ship hull, learn the hows and whys of whaling, and find out how the whaling industry launched a conservation movement. 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. 631-367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.



Movie Time

See "Arrival," a sci fi drama that follows an expert linguist recruited to determine whether a group of aliens crash-landing on Earth come in peace or are a threat, Friday, March 24, 7:30 p.m.; also "Lion," the drama based on a true story of a young Indian boy who gets lost thousands of miles away from home and years later reconnects with his family, Tuesday, March 28, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Movie Showing

See "Fences," the film adaptation of August Wilson's drama about a working-class African-American father raising his family in the 1950s, Thursday, March 30, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

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Glen Cove Boys Lacrosse MARCH

23 G.N. South at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
27 New Hyde Park at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
29 Herricks at Glen Cove.....6:30 p.m.

APRIL

1 Glen Cove at Mineola.....12:30 p.m.
4 Glen Cove at Plainedge.....4:30 p.m.
7 Wheatley at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
13 Glen Cove at Freeport.....1 p.m.
19 Glen Cove at Friends Academy.....4:30 p.m.
21 Lawrence at Glen Cove.....6:30 p.m.
25 Glen Cove at Malverne/East Rock.....4:30 p.m.
28 Glen Cove at Island Trees.....7 p.m.

MAY

3 West Hempstead at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
8 Clarke at Glen Cove.....6 p.m.
10 Division at Glen Cove.....6:30 p.m.

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24 Glen Cove at Valley Stream District.....4:15 p.m.
29 Great Neck South at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.

APRIL

3 Wheatley at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
6 Glen Cove at New Hyde Park.....4:30 p.m.
10 Freeport at Glen Cove.....10 a.m.
19 Glen Cove at Plainview.....4:30 p.m.
20 Glen Cove at Roosevelt.....4:30 p.m.
25 Glen Cove at Malverne/East Rock.....4:30 p.m.
27 Kennedy at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
28 Glen Cove at Herricks.....4:45 p.m.

MAY

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EMIL MARTIN, left, and Nick Scarmato, are two keys to Glen Cove's success against Class B rivals this spring.

Optimism surrounds Big Red

By JD FREDA

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Glen Cove's boys' lacrosse team, which finished with a 10-5 record last year, will look to capitalize off the league realignment, now in the C/D-2 Conference, to propel them towards a deep playoff run. Right now, however, the word that best describes Coach Steve Tripp's focus: preparation.

"We're breaking things down into the fundamentals," he said. "We're showing them tape. We're seeing what has worked for us offensively, defensively, and if we see something we want to add, we will work from there."

Indeed a lot worked for the Big Red last season, as its 10-5 record was a culmination of the solid play of a team that had a litany of graduating seniors recruited to play college lacrosse. Michael Hatala (Susquehanna University), Brandon Leon (Molloy College), Dante Castillo (Virginia Wesleyan College), Sean Morrissey (Kings College), Michael Payton (Adelphi University), and Geoffrey Field (LIU Post) were all major contributors for Glen Cove. Taking things

from last season into the spring this year, and with the new conference alignment, Tripp is excited to begin the season.

"We're excited about the league alignment which will really give us the opportunity to play for a conference title and for a playoff spot," Tripp said. "We've been competitors in years past, but we've yet to be able to push it to that next level. With this new league alignment, we're hoping we can do that."

Although some solid talent has graduated, Glen Cove still has returning talent to keep it competitive. Returning goalie Danny Neice, who had a 55 percent save percentage last season, will mind the cage once again in an attempt to anchor the defense. Along with Neice, defensemen Jared Buehre, Jack Kaffl and Kevin Heenan are returning pieces to a Glen Cove defense that looks to build off its 7.7 goals against average last year.

On the offensive end, a pair of 11-goal scorers last season in midfielder Steven King and attacker Joe Cappiello return to fortify the offensive unit. Attacker Davey Moore also brings offensive talent to this

bunch and looks to build off of his 7 goals and 8 assists last season.

Tripp also spoke highly of his developing talent, currently in his JV program being guided and molded by Doug Tripp, Glen Cove's all-time leading scorer and Steve's son. Of those developing players, (Steve) Tripp highlighted attackmen Dylan Anucik and Mayan Letellier, midfielder Szymon Frye, defensemen Jack Coyle, and goalie Jesse Mayreis.

However, at the moment, Tripp wants to focus on this season and what he hopes to accomplish.

"This season, we want to jump over that next hurdle," Tripp said.

With a solid group returning for the Big Red this season, and a flourishing JV program to look towards the future, the team is looking to position itself among the top of the newly aligned Nassau Boys C/D-2 Conference with hopeful conference titles for years to come.

Glen Cove's new conference rivals are Wheatley, Friends Academy, Division, Plainedge, Lawrence, Clarke, Island Trees, Malverne/East Rockaway, and West Hempstead.

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Big turnout for Suozzi

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recent legislation.

"People have voted in straight party lines all over the place," Suozzi responded. "That's the problem that exists with our country. People have got to put their country before their party."

Mary Kiernan-Tighe, of Greenlawn, described the meeting as "very productive" despite some of the more aggressive exchanges. "People are expressing themselves, and I'm really happy to hear that," she said.

Suozzi did not have time to address the other three issues on his agenda — Trump's travel ban, immigration and the environment — but he said he was thrilled to see the number of people who care about the country.

"This was a fantastic turnout," he said. "I'm very excited to get people involved and to put their energy in a positive direction."

The second half of the evening focused on Action Together Long Island, an activist group that formed earlier this year. ATLI held a training session on how to write a letter to the editor and how to locate newspapers in your area.

"It's tremendously exciting to be able to empower people to become more active in the process of their government," said Julia Fenster, the group's chief organizer.

ATLI intends to hold more training sessions and meetings, which will focus on a wide range of issues, from the envi-



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U.S. REP. TOM Suozzi met with 300 or so of his 3rd District constituents on March 18 at the Polish National Home in Glen Cove.

ronment to race relations to health care. "We look to provide the tool set and the foundation to make that easier and a more positive experience," Fenster said.

Suozzi's next town hall meeting is scheduled for next month in Queens. He urged people to keep the conversation going and to share their concerns with others. "I want people to talk," he said. "I want them to talk to their neighbors, talk to their friends, and try to persuade people that we need to move our country in a positive direction."



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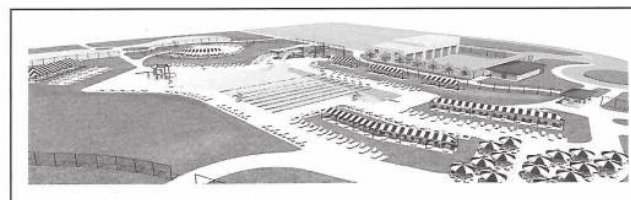
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Keeping You Safe

If it sounds too good to be true it is

Just last week a Glen Cove resident saw a truck being advertised online that looked like a good deal. He contacted the seller who informed him that she was hard of hearing and they could only communicate via e-mails. The sale price of \$2,500 was agreed upon. The seller gave the buyer a sad story about how her husband recently died, adding that she had to sell his property. She said she is now living with her parents in Lawrence Kansas.

After giving the seller his e-mail, the seller contacted the potential buyer and informed him that the entire sale of the vehicle would take place through the Amazon site.

Shortly thereafter the buyer received an authentic looking e-mail from Amazon. The e-mail stated that the seller reregistered as a potential buyer and that Amazon was going to help broker the sale. In this "realistic" e-mail, Amazon stated it would provide all kinds of safeguards against being scammed. They even offered a five-day grace period once the car/truck was received. Imagine that! They even stated that the buyer could try out the vehicle for five days and if they didn't like it they could ship it back at no charge. And once the vehicle was shipped the buyer would receive a full refund. Wow! That's real customer service.

The only stipulation was that the buyer pay for the item using Amazon pre-paid cash cards. This request should raise a red flag immediately.

Of course the truck was never delivered so the great customer service promised by the e-mail never materialized leaving the victim short \$2,500 and the scam-

mer with an easy \$2,500 profit.

How to protect yourself

When presented with these scams there are certain things you can do to protect yourself. Remember if you think the deal is too good to be true it probably is. Getting a great deal on an item sometimes isn't what it's cracked up to be.

In this case, the buyer was purchasing a vehicle that should have been selling at least seven times its advertised price.

Be wary of the following:

- If the seller asks you to pay using any type of pre-paid card it's probably a scam. Once you give the seller the secret pin numbers to these cards the thief will quickly remove the funds from the card.

- During an online transaction when the seller

gives you a telephone contact number in addition to an e-mail don't think that makes the seller legitimate. E-mail addresses can be changed very easily and phone numbers can be changed to appear to originate from a different station than from where the thief is calling. When you are not sure about a phone number you can Google the number.

- Many times victims will post phone numbers online that were used to defraud them. If the victim in this particular case had simply Googled the phone number he was given (1-888-683-9722), he would have discovered that phone number was associated with the Amazon card scam. If the victim did this he would have educated himself about this scam and could have protected himself from becoming another victim.



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Sealed proposals are to be addressed to the attention of Mr. Peter Morley, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Manhasset UFSD, 200 Memorial Place, Manhasset, New York 11030 and are to be clearly marked "Special Education Related Educational Services - Do Not Open Until 1 PM on April 7, 2017". The Request for Proposal and Specifications may be obtained at the above address on or after March 24, 2017. All proposals will be received until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017 at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read. If you have any questions regarding this request for proposal, contact Mr. Peter Morley, Assistant Purchasing Agent, at Peter_Morley@manhassetcschools.org. The respective Boards of Education reserve the right to waive any informalities in the proposals, or to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposals which, in the opinion of the Boards of Education, will be in the best interest of the School District(s).

Date: March 22, 2017

By Order of the Board of Education

NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
78485

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

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same office.
Board of Education
City School District of
Glen Cove
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LEGAL NOTICE

(NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF BOND ORDINANCE FOR PUBLICATION)

LEGAL NOTICE

The ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 14, 2017 and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if

such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City of Glen Cove, in the County of Nassau, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution. DATED: March 14, 2017
Glen Cove, New York
78493
Tina Pemberton
City Clerk

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OUTSTANDING SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY, STATING THE PLAN OF R E F U N D I N G , APPROPRIATING AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,500,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION, AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER DETERMINATIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

The object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized is to refund of all or a portion of the unmaturing maturities of the City's \$4,909,200 Various Purposes Serial Bonds-2005, the \$13,725,050 Various Purposes Serial Bonds-2007, the \$2,347,000 Public Improvement Serial Bonds-2008, the \$7,405,000 Various Purposes Serial Bonds-2010 Series A and the \$11,615,500 Various Purposes Serial Bonds-2011 Series A.

The periods of probable usefulness for which the Bonds to be Refunded were issued consist of various periods, commencing on the date of original issuance of the first bonds or bond anticipation notes issued for the respective purposes for which the outstanding bonds were issued.

The amount of obligations to be issued is not to exceed \$17,500,000.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Glen Cove, New York 11542. DATED: March 14, 2017
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OBITUARIES

August J. "Gus" Heilig

August J. "Gus" Heilig, 87, of Littlestown formerly of Glen Cove, died on Monday, March 20, 2017 at Hanover Hospital. He was the loving husband of Marilyn M. (Meyer) Heilig for almost 56 years. Born Aug 10, 1929 in Glen Cove, he was the son of the late August, Sr. and Gertrude (Shaw) Heilig. Gus was a retired plumber of PLU 200 on Long Island, having been a member for 62 years. He enjoyed growing African Violets and putting in his yard. Surviving in addition to his wife, Marilyn, are his son Allan & wife, Amy, and his three grandchildren — William, Laura & Kathryn Heilig. He was also the father of the late James R. Heilig. Gus was a Locust Valley Fire Department EMT for 36 years; exempts for 69 years and a McSherrystown Knights of Columbus member. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. Contributions in August's name may be sent to St. Aloysius @ 29 S. Queen St., Littlestown, PA 17340. McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home.

Donald A. Ranieri, Jr.

Donald A. Ranieri, Jr., 52, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on March 16, 2017. Beloved son of Elizabeth and Donald Sr. and adored brother of Deborah (Cesar) Valverde and the late Veronica (Paul) Eversman. Cherished uncle of Brooke Eversman, Nicole and Christian Valverde and special friend to all who knew him. Funeral Mass was held at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment was at Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, N.Y. McLaugh-

lin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home, 220 Glen St., Glen Cove, N.Y.

Rose M. Marangiello

Rose M. Marangiello, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on March 15, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Anthony and devoted mother of Rosemarie, Anthony, Daniel (Maureen). Dear sister of Michael (Mary) Tito and the late Anthony, Lucille and Josephine. Also survived by loving nieces, nephews and friends. Long-time member of the Glen Cove Senior Center and American Legion, #336, Glenwood Landing, N.Y. Funeral Mass was held at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment was at St. Patrick Cemetery, Brookville. McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home, 220 Glen St., Glen Cove, N.Y.

Elizabeth "Betty" Mallet

Elizabeth "Betty" Mallet, 86, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on March 13, 2017. Beloved Aunt of Patricia, Susan, Peggy, and Karen and loving great-aunt of eight. Betty was Nassau County Senior of the year in the late 1990's. She began attending the Glen Cove Senior Center on October 6, 1995 and was an active member and volunteer for nearly 20 years. She was the senior center's advocacy representative and started a writing group which produced some literary journals. Betty was a teacher for the blind and an active parishioner in St. Rocco's Church. Visitation was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass was held at the Church of St. Rocco, Glen Cove, N.Y. Interment was private.

THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Tangled web in India

Dear Great Book Guru,
Spring has just arrived
and I am filled with energy
and optimism. Sea Cliff is
lovely all seasons of
the year, but I would
love to read a book
about other cultures.
Any thoughts?
A Spring Sprite

Dear Spring Sprite,
I went away this weekend to attend the annual Barbara Pym Conference in Cambridge, MA and I picked up a short, incredibly moving novel — "Ghacha Ghochar" by Vivek Shanbagg. The title comes from a phrase invented by children to describe a tangled web and this is indeed, a tangled web of a story. We meet the nameless narrator in a large coffee house in Bangalore, India. He is anxiously seeking advice from the shop owner, who he sees as a man with great wisdom. We soon have reason to question our narrator's reliability. He and his family have been living an

impoverished, very stressful existence where every rupee had to be accounted for. Then the horrific news comes — his father, the main provider for the family, has lost his job. When a young uncle offers to start up a spice business using the father's severance pay, everyone fears financial ruin. Instantly the business prospers and the family becomes extraordinarily wealthy. The contrast in their former and present life styles makes for a fascinating study of

Indian society and capitalism. The novel takes a very dark turn as corruption, indolence, and violence become embedded in their daily lives. When the story ends, we feel terrified for what is to come. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdi Pietro@gmail.com.



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Big parade in G.C.

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do on a Sunday.” Gladd, who wore a green and orange hat, was dressed like most attendees, with festive attire reflecting Irish culture.

Four Irish wolfhounds led the parade, followed by the Nassau County Emerald Society Pipe band. Mayor Reggie Spinello marched beside his wife, Colleen, who threw candy to children along the route, being careful to make sure each child got a treat. The famous Glen Cove leprechaun hurled pieces of “gold” to attendees, and representatives from Northwell Health passed out green footballs. There were many pipe and drum bands and other groups representing a variety of ethnicities, including Banda El Carbonero and students of Falun Gong, a Chinese spiritual practice.

Many of the marchers represented groups from Glen Cove like the Senior Center, Business Improvement District, Kiwanis Club, and Girl and Boy Scout troops.

Donna Valeo, of Glen Cove, and her three children, Cally, 11, Colton, 8, and Cooper, 7, marched for the third year in a row. Colton participates in the head-shaving event every year with the family’s team “Spikes for Kids” to raise money for St. Baldricks. The team raised \$4,500 for the foundation. “We had a blast!” said Valeo. “The ladies that do registration for St. Baldricks



John O’Connell/Herald

GRAND MARSHALS Julie and Chris Albin, right, reviewed the parade with Congressman (and former Glen Cove mayor and Nassau County Exec.) Tom Suozzi.

recognized the kids. It was so cute”

Classic cars, monster trucks and motorcycles graced the parade route, with area fire departments at the end of the parade, their engines roaring and sirens wailing. Children covered their ears, but were clearly excited.

Valeo said the parade is one of her children’s favorite events of the year. “I’m sure we’ll be back next year,” she said.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Too many failing marks on open government

Elected leaders often look upon the Freedom of Information Act with barely disguised disapproval, and more often with outright disdain.

Heck, the president who signed the act, Lyndon B. Johnson, came to this landmark legislation kicking and screaming in 1966.

When it was time for Johnson to authorize the bill, he did so at his ranch in Johnson, Texas, far from the glare of the Washington press. As the story goes, he didn't want to make too big a deal about it. After all, FOIA opened government officials to increased scrutiny. Journalists, good-government advocates and average citizens now had access to documents that might prove ineptitude, or worse, malfeasance.

The legislation said essentially this: Within certain limits, any American could ask for — and receive — documents on file with government agencies. Most any records are up for grabs, with a few exceptions, such as ongoing crime investigation reports and personnel records. And, of course, classified information is off-limits.

FOIA covers federal agencies. The Freedom of Information Law, passed in 1974, covers New York state. It was repealed and replaced in 1977 and has been amended three times since, most recently in 2008, according to the State Committee on Open Government, a division of the Department of State.

Each March, journalists across the country mark Sunshine Week with stories, editorials and columns about Freedom of Information legislation. This year the week was March 12 to 18.

The Press Club of Long Island, a chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, spent months conducting a FOIL audit of the 195 governments and government agencies across Long Island, checking to see to

what degree they abide by the law. The central question was, were they providing documents in a timely fashion when requested? Full disclosure: Scott Brinton, the Herald's executive editor, is a PCLI board member, though he was not involved in the project.

Timothy Bolger, PCLI's Freedom of Information chairman and the managing editor of the Long Island Press, conducted the audit, with help from Bill Bleyer, PCLI's treasurer and a retired Newsday reporter. It is an exhaustive study that required hundreds of hours of work. Bolger's commitment to the project was truly remarkable and laudable.

Bolger would, however, be the first to say that it's not about him; it's about the data. Sadly, the report doesn't paint a pretty picture of our local government officials' willingness to adhere to the law. Overall, Long Island governments, in both Nassau and Suffolk counties, received an average grade of C.

Bolger made written requests for documents from governments and agencies across the Island — and then waited to see how long they took to respond. Often he was left waiting, and waiting, even though the law states that an agency must respond within five days.

The longer governments and agencies took to respond, the worse their grade. Nassau County agencies had an average grade of D+. Suffolk agencies averaged C+. The Island's 13 towns and two cities averaged a B, and the 96 villages, a C.

Key findings of the report include:

- Sixty-four percent of the governments

or agencies — 125 in all — failed to respond to PCLI's requests by the legally required deadlines.

- Forty-six percent failed to provide a list of documents they are required to maintain.

- Thirty-two percent of villages — 31 — did not provide copies of their FOIL policies, which PCLI later found in their codes.

- Only 44 percent of the governments or agencies had directions on their websites explaining how to request records. This isn't required by FOIL, but it is a measure of how easy, or hard, local officials make it for a member of the public to obtain information.

- Twenty-four percent failed to maintain their own FOIL policies, as required by law. Local governments are required to have a written FOIL policy that stipulates who the Freedom of Information officer is, the hours during which requested files can be picked

up, and to whom appeals of record request denials should be made.

- Sixteen percent of all agencies forced PCLI to appeal a denial of requests for records that FOIL stipulates are public information.
- Sixteen percent were given failing grades.

Based on PCLI's audit, it's clear that too many Long Island governments and agencies are skirting a law that is critical to an open society — and to our very democracy. We can only say thank you to the Press Club of Long Island. And to our government officials, you've got to do better. Period.

To view the full report, go to pcli.org.

An audit of government agencies' responsiveness to Freedom of Information Law requests turns up middling results, at best.

LETTERS

County Executive seeking extraordinary women

To the Editor:

In recognition of their contributions to our community, the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and I invite residents to nominate Extraordinary Women who make a difference in Nassau County, give back to their communities, inspire and/or lead by example. A celebration of their achievements — Just Desserts — will be held on May 18, at 6 p.m., at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

Prior honorees have been nothing short of extraordinary, and I welcome all to attend this year's event, as it promises to be a great success, with more outstanding honorees and magnificent signature desserts by top bakers.

The Just Desserts Celebration will benefit



OPINIONS

The eight-decade-long effort to cut the social safety net

Even though I've always been involved in politics, I don't come from a family where politics dominated the nightly dinner-table discussions. On a few rare occasions, my father would offer his opinions about some topic that was in the news, wanting to make sure I got the message.

His strongest advice was on the issue of Social Security. I still remember his admonition about the people who would like to do away with it. He remarked that the "grandchildren of those people will try hard to take away our benefits, and you should watch out for them when you're my age."



**JERRY
KREMER**

Obviously, his message pertains

to the people who currently want to repeal the Affordable Care Act, a.k.a. Obamacare.

In a nation that stands out as a beacon to the world, I've never understood why there's

a group of people who are determined to take away every benefit that middle- and low-income citizens enjoy. Dating back to the days of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the Republican Party and the conservative movement have been determined to wipe entitlements off the map. Even if it hurts its own voters, the party of Lincoln has targeted programs that help people.

A Washington Post article recently recited the bleak history of the efforts to take away benefits. The "anti" movement continued its crusade from the Roosevelt era to 1952, under the presidency of Dwight Eisenhower. Eisenhower rejected the efforts to repeal Social Security, and before he left office he expanded the scope of the program. President Richard Nixon, under pressure from his party, refused to touch Social Security, and his successor, Gerald Ford, took the same path.

President Ronald Reagan attacked Medicare in the 1960s, but by the time he campaigned for the White House in 1980 he had backed off on his opposition. In 2005, President George W. Bush proposed that a portion of Social Security benefits be changed over to 401(k) accounts. Under his plan, recipients would have made the decisions about how to invest their hard-earned bene-

fits. It didn't take too long before that proposal was shot down by an angry public.

The latest proposal to scrap the Affordable Care Act isn't having an easy ride to passage. Programs that give people benefits have long been called the "third rail" of politics, and the Republican Party is finding that out. One bloc of the House of Representatives just wants the law repealed. The members of another group, who represent districts that Hillary Clinton won in November, are shaking in their boots over the idea of taking away people's health care benefits.

The real problem for the Republicans in the House is that if they pass a bill that cuts millions of people off from the ACA and it dies in the Senate, they'll be on record as being in favor of a bad bill. The midterm elections usually aren't very good for the party in power, and a bad vote on a one-house bill could end many careers in 2018.

President Trump is pushing hard for a bill to pass, but he'll have to deal with the fact that seven of the states where he won

big would be badly damaged if the current proposal passes. The main advocates for the ACA repeal come to the table with zero credibility. If anything, they're prepared to lie with straight faces just to get any bill

passed. House Speaker Paul Ryan is desperate to get something done, and will say anything. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price has said that "nobody will be worse off financially" if the bill passes. He and Ryan deserve Pinocchio awards.

The people that my father warned me about are hell-bent on taking health care away from millions of their fellow citizens. I'm sure that if we did some serious

research, we'd find out that today's repealers have political ancestors dating back to the 1930s.

Programs that give people benefits are called the 'third rail' of politics, and the GOP is finding that out.

Jerry Kremer was a state assemblyman for 23 years, and chaired the Assembly's Ways and Means Committee for 12 years. He now heads Empire Government Strategies, a business development and legislative strategy firm. Comments about this column? JKremer@liherald.com.

LETTERS

the NCSPCA, which partners with the Safe Center LI to house the pets of domestic violence victims. Tickets are \$20 each, and entitle guests to sample a variety of signature desserts from several local bakeries. Tickets will not be available at the door, and sell out quickly.

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ED MANGANO

Nassau County executive

Trump has it backward on environment

To the Editor:

President Trump last week signed an executive order instructing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to begin rolling back federal clean-car standards. The executive order begins the process of reviewing and revising the EPA's vehicle emission standards for 2022 to 2025.

Our cars and trucks aren't nearly as clean as they should be, but they are much cleaner than they used to be — more than 40 percent less polluting than they were 20 years ago. Yet instead of accelerating this progress, the Trump administration is slamming the brakes

on it. America should be putting cars that burn too much gasoline in the rear-view mirror. Unfortunately, the EPA order is a green light to keep making cars that dirty our air, endanger our health and threaten our children's future.

Tailpipe pollution from vehicles contributes to warmer temperatures and can worsen asthma symptoms, trigger asthma attacks and have a host of other health impacts. New York faces \$7.9 billion in health costs from vehicle pollution.

Transportation emissions are now the top contributor of global-warming emissions in the United States. After years of joint scientific and technical study by the EPA, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the California Air Resources Board, the EPA found that emissions standards could be strengthened. Our country has a viable path to zero-carbon transportation — thanks in no small part to clean-car standards.

We are disappointed to see the Trump administration take action that comes at the cost of our families' health, security and well-being. Now, more than ever, we must charge ahead toward zero-carbon transportation, not put our most successful policies in reverse.

HEATHER LEIBOWITZ

*Executive director,
Environment New York*

Leibowitz is a graduate of Kennedy High School in Bellmore.

FRAMEWORK by Vincent Gattorno



Vincent Gattorno, of Glen Cove, found a few swans gathering on the shore of his hometown in January, 2014.

OPINIONS

The wild card: North Korea

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson finished his trip to Asia by meeting with President Xi Jinping of China in what has been described as a public display of cooperation between the two nations. The leaders had much to discuss, as relations between China and the U.S. continue to be strained by several contentious issues, including the growing threat of North Korea's

nuclear weapons program.

As Tillerson arrived in China, North Korea conducted a ground test of a newly developed high-thrust missile engine. Analysts believe that this type of engine can be used in an intercontinental missile. It's no secret that North Korea

is actively expanding its missile capabilities. Since Kim Jong-un became the country's leader, it has launched 46 ballistic missiles, 24 in the past year alone.

It appears that relations between North Korea and China have become strained over North Korea's aggressive effort to develop nuclear weapons. For its part, however, China has done next to

nothing to stop, or even slow, Kim's weapons program, which has brought us to this point.

Understandably, Kim has become emboldened. The ruthless and irrational leader has made it clear on multiple occasions that he has little regard for human life. In late February it was reported that he had killed five senior officials with anti-aircraft guns. The stories of murder and atrocities go on and on, and they include feeding family members to wild dogs and burning others to death with flamethrowers. Does this sound like the kind of leader who should have access to nuclear weapons?

China is well aware of Kim's actions, but continues to be the country's biggest backer. China keeps North Korea's feeble economy running by supplying almost all of the nation's oil. The Institute for Science and International Security has also reported that North Korea has been purchasing mercury and lithium hydroxide from China, two key ingredients of hydrogen bombs.

As Kim becomes more aggressive, it puts the U.S. in a more difficult position. China's foreign minister, Wang Yi, was

recently quoted saying, "The two sides are like two accelerating trains coming toward each other with neither side willing to give way." The question is, are the two sides really ready for a head-on collision?

For nearly 20 years, the U.S. has tried, and failed, to appease, coax and bribe North Korea into giving up its nuclear ambitions. Three administrations, going back to President Clinton, have offered cash and concessions to stop the nuclear program. The result has been the same since 1994: North Korea never fulfills its promises.

The United States has threatened force in the past, but now it's time to get serious. The secretary of state recently sent that message to China and North Korea, saying, "Let me be very clear: The policy of strategic patience has ended."

This situation is extremely delicate, considering that any plan of action brings with it a high risk of all-out war, which would put millions of innocent civilians in South Korea and Japan in peril. But the Trump administration must contemplate a pre-emptive strike to halt North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

Launching an air strike to take out nuclear and missile facilities would delay, if not destroy, Kim's weapons program, and would put pressure on him to negotiate.

The U.S. could also potentially launch a cyber-attack, which could disrupt military command and create chaos. This would all be very risky, however, given Kim's willingness to use violence in the past. In 2010 he ordered the shelling of a South Korean island and the sinking of a South Korean battleship.

That's why a limited American attack may be out of the question. While it may seem frightening and complex, I believe it's time to stop bluffing and make China and North Korea believe that a larger pre-emptive attack targeting strategic nuclear facilities in North Korea and key government officials is a real option.

It's extremely hard to fight a wild card like Kim Jong-un. Unfortunately, the last 20 years of appeasement have led us to this point, and a large problem is now dumped on the Trump administration to solve. This administration must not bluff and appease; action is needed. The question is, how much are we willing to risk to end North Korea's nuclearization?

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A whisper of light and life amid the dross

And not a moment too soon. Did you hear it land on our doorsteps? Monday, at 6:29 a.m., spring actually sprang into our lives. No matter the temperature, no matter the down coats in the front closet; officially, it is spring, and no one can take that away.

True, two weeks ago we were blasted by ice, snow and freezing rain, but the vernal equinox does not equivocate. When the sun takes its place over the equator, it is spring in the Northern Hemisphere. Winter is all memory; summer is just over the horizon.

Only the cold-hearted fail to find some joy in the first daffodils and sweet narcissus. The heart, slowed and steadied by hours and days in sedentary hibernation, dances to a livelier beat. We have survived, and only sunny days lie ahead. At least that's what the poets say.

Have you seen the signs of spring? According to the Farmer's Almanac, worms begin to emerge from the ground. Indeed, the March moon is called the Full Worm Moon.

Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the sun. And did you know increasing sunlight inspires bird song? (It sure beats the drip of icicles off the roof.)

Of course, trees, shrubs and flowers are reactive to temperature, and sunlight as well. According to the Almanac, since ancient times people have used flora as indicators of when the time is right to plant. For example, when the crocus blooms, that's the cue to plant radishes, parsnips and spinach.

The agonizing turn from hard winter to early spring feels elemental to me, and embeds me with nature. You don't have to live on a farm to study the Farmer's Almanac and appreciate the old-time folk tales and wisdom. Did you know, for example, that you can balance an egg on its end during the vernal equinox? It's true. You can balance it on other days as well, but it makes a good story.

Many of us are suffering serious winter fatigue, or worse. Too many older residents in our communities have been shut in all winter, hindered by the cold and worried about falling on the ice. People have been afraid to drive. For several weeks, in the midst of successive snowstorms, cabin fever went viral.

One can admire the pristine mornings and snow-laden trees for just so long. Cravings for carbs have driven our meal choices. Our skin is pasty, our muscles like jello. I have faith that any day now the mercury

will rise above 65 and the sun will dry out the soggy flower beds where my spring flowers are trying to set roots. The season may not have turned yet, but we have reason to hope, and I will dare to predict a balmy end to April.

As always, the poets and philosophers say it best.

April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.

— Christopher Morley

It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so.

— Mark Twain

Spring is when you feel like whistling, even with a shoe full of slush.

— Doug Larsen

People ask me what I do in winter when there is no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring.

— Rogers Hornsby

The seasons are what a symphony ought to be: four perfect movements in harmony

with each other.

— Arthur Rubenstein

You can't see Canada across Lake Erie, but you know it's there. It's the same with spring. You have to have faith, especially in Cleveland.

— Paul Fleischman

The first day of spring was once the time for taking the young virgins into the fields, there in dalliance to set an example in fertility for nature to follow. Now we just set the clocks an hour ahead and change the oil in the crankcase.

— E. B. White

If you've never been thrilled to the very edges of your soul by a flower in spring bloom, maybe your soul has never been in bloom.

— Terri Guillemet

It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.

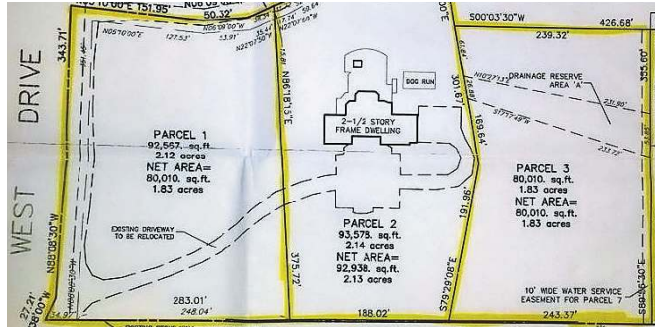
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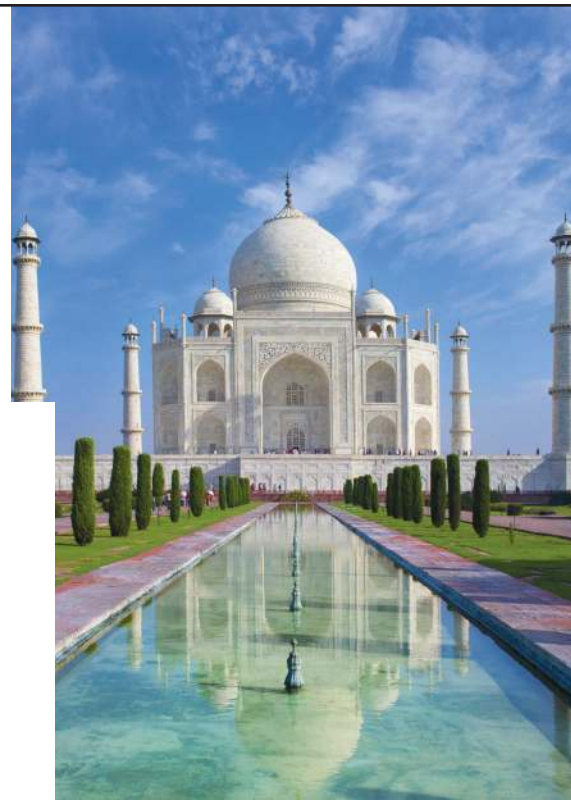
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