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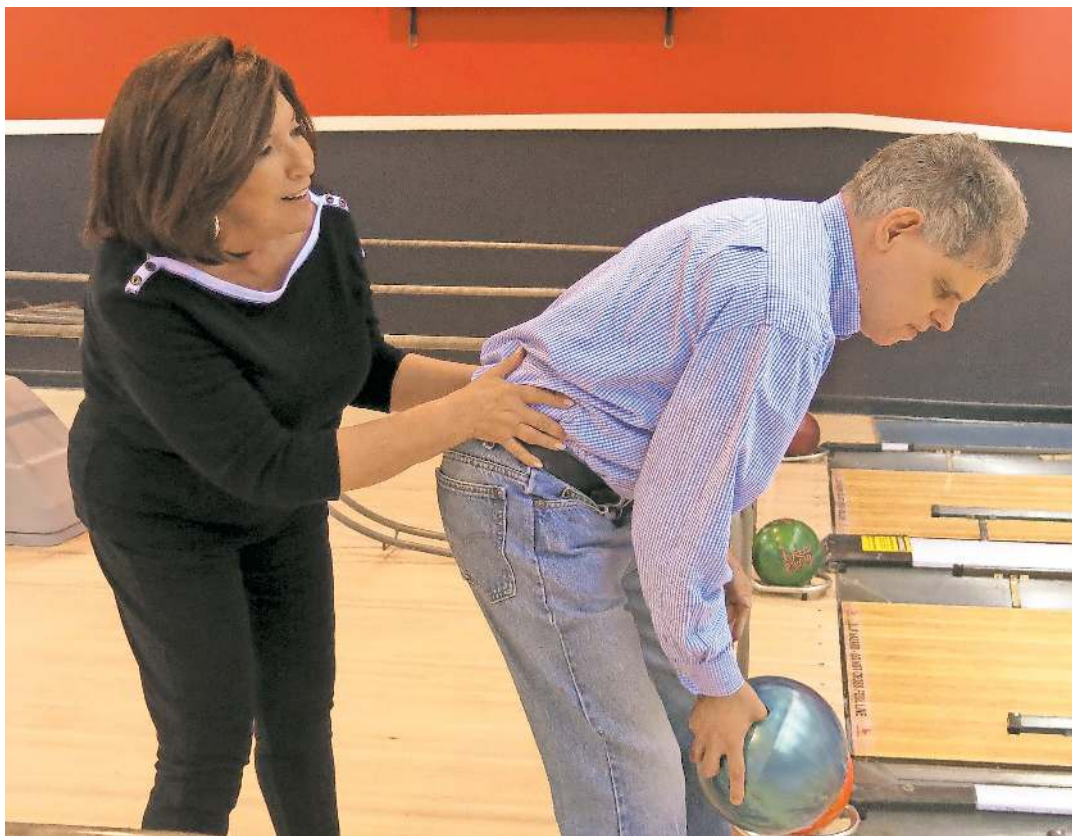


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MARLENE MICHNOWICH, OF Glen Cove, left, helped Jerry Manes line up the ball during a Lion's Blind Bowling League game.

You don't have to be able to see to bowl a strike

Lions Club Blind Bowling League is fun for all

By **LAURA LANE**
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Sitting in a wheelchair, Michele Finnan held a bright red bowling ball on her lap and rolled it slowly back and forth. A foot away from the foul line at the East Meadow

Bowling Alley, she contemplated how hard she would have to push the ball down the metal ramp in front of her. Finnan, of Levittown, who can see only light, shadows and movement, is legally blind. But she is nonetheless

able to bowl, and even scores the occasional strike or spare.

"I know the direction I'm supposed to go, and push it that way, but I have to admit, I'm sometimes very surprised how well I do," Finnan said

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Glen Cove students plead teachers' case

Collect nearly 700 petition signatures on behalf of educators

By **NAKEEM GRANT**
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Nearly three dozen Glen Cove High School students crowded Monday's Board of Education meeting to protest the city school district's decision to dismiss two teachers — William Puccio and Stacie Rosenblatt. Students came brandishing signs and spoke on behalf of the educators.

The students said they had no idea why the teachers were being let go, and district officials did not offer an explanation. Officials said they could not comment on the cases, adding that they were personnel matters.

As the meeting wore on at Gribbin Elementary School, the gymnasium filled with students and parents in what one attendee described as an unusually high turnout for a board meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said that no one had been fired or laid off. Puccio and Rosenblatt could not be reached for comment at press time.

Many of the student protesters

held small signs that read, "We Support Mr. Puccio."

Alex Cota, a Glen Cove High senior, said he had presented the board with a 500-signature petition in support of Puccio at a previous meeting.

"I'm just here as a voice for the students," Cota said. "Parents have become aware of this, more students have found out, and we all feel like Mr. Puccio has an important role in this school."

Cota said that students throughout the high school would be affected if Puccio were let go. He is listed on

the high school website as a science teacher. He also was head coach of the boys' junior-varsity soccer team.

According to city school district records, Puccio was hired as a part-time teacher from November 2013 to June 2014. He was named the soccer coach for the 2015-16 school year. The Herald could not find a record of his full-time appointment in the district.

District records show that Rosenblatt was hired as a pro-

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Shelter celebrates 20 years of service in Glen Cove

By **CHRISTINE BERTAN**
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Gathered around a long, family-style table, roughly 25 men enjoy a homemade feast while watching "Gilligan's Island." The friendly chatter, smiling faces, and sounds from the kitchen almost make you forget it's a homeless shelter with a 20-year history.

It's retro-TV dinner night and the smell of crispy tater-tots and fudgy brownies mingle in the air. Volunteers cooked the food, enough to feed all the men.

Cantor Gustavo Gitlin of Congregation Tifereth Israel, and president of the North Shore Sheltering Program Board of Trustees, appears at the door. He's balancing trays of food to add to the night's spread. When he greets the men he smiles.

Housed in the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, at 7 North Lane, NSSP provides overnight housing and a warm meal for homeless men during the winter. Staffed by community volunteers and surviving on donations — both monetary and material — the program serves as a sanctuary providing a close-knit community.

"There are a lot of social programs to assist, but it's hard to follow through with paperwork and bureaucracy," Gitlin explained. "People fall through the cracks. So, when you see people on the streets, the shelter not only provides a place to sleep, but it's a community. They become family."

The shelter's 20th anniversary, celebrated on March 19 at the Planting Fields Arboretum, was bittersweet. It marked how far the program has come, while remembering the tragedy that started it all.

In 1996, two homeless men, in separate incidents, lost their lives on the streets of Glen Cove due to exposure in winter. Community members and religious organizations banded together to ensure this would never happen again.

"It was so horrific that this could happen in such an affluent part of Long Island, and even the country," said Colleen Fortuna, assistant to the NSSP board. "People didn't even realize there was a homeless population here."

Twenty years later, there has not



Christine Bertan/Herald

THE MEMBERS OF Glen Cove's North Shore Sheltering Program are committed to making certain that the homeless have a place to sleep and food in the wintertime.

been one exposure-related homeless death in Glen Cove.

"What you've done and what people have been doing is bringing a miracle to people's lives," said U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, who was also the Mayor of Glen Cove when the NSSP began.

The NSSP anniversary event underlined gratitude, especially for the \$15,000 check presented by St. John's of Lattingtown Church. Dedicated volunteers were also thanked as was the Glen Cove community and the countless organizations and schools across the North Shore that makes the daily operations possible.

Gitlin describes the shelter's atmosphere as "magic." He lights up while explaining the passion he sees in volunteers of all ages and the appreciation in guests as well. "Kids who get involved and serve will never forget that experience," said Gitlin. "Helping with kindness, helping people like them."

Friends Academy of Glen Cove is a large contributor to the functioning of the shelter. The private school collects in-demand supplies ranging from socks

to spoons — feeding 25 men a night means a minimum of 175 spoons a week.

Every year the NSSP offers tours to students who have participated in collecting supplies and making donations to help the shelter to continue to run.

Students from Friend's Academy have toured the shelter. Fortuna said that a 1996 protest that was held in response to the exposure deaths is discussed during the tour. Two coffins and a dog were included in the protest. The children always know what the coffins represented but not the dog. They are always surprised to learn that the dog represented a stray, that if found in winter could be taken to a warm shelter. In 1996 no such place existed in Glen Cove for the homeless men who perished.

NSSP is committed to allowing for opportunities, like allowing for students to tour the shelter, to enable them to see past the stereotypes that surround homelessness.

"When people get involved, what they get is so much more than what they give," said Steve Fortuna, an NSSP board member. "It puts a face to

a problem that is scary. Once there is a human face, it becomes something you can tackle."

Gitlin believes that when people see through the label of homelessness, they connect to the program's message on a deeper level — one devoid of labels or stereotypes.

"When you feel the connection, when you have it in your own backyard and see your actions making a difference — being a part of that opens people's hearts," said Gitlin. "I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve and facilitate this magic."

After 20 years, NSSP is looking to the future, optimistic about its continued success, and determined to provide shelter while the need exists.

As for the men, the shelter will be closing its doors soon as warmer weather approaches. They will say farewell temporarily to the friendly feasts and makeshift beds. Yet, their community will be waiting, ready to gather supplies, sign-up for cooking duty, and open the doors when the cold creeps back in.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

An evening with DNA

David Berg, Amy Peters, Crosby and Dave Diamond stop by the popular Oak Room Tavern in Sea Cliff, Friday, March 31, at 8:30 p.m. They'll perform a selection of their own tunes along with lots of choice covers, many of which can be found on Berg's CD, "Sunflower Sky." The songs draw from a diverse musical palette incorporating elements of funk, jazz, Latin, roots Americana, and jamband styles. Info: (516) 277-2350 or visit www.oakroomtavernseacliff.com.

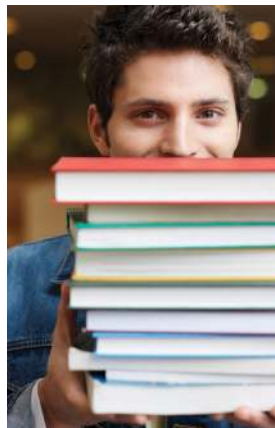


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North Shore Reads

Book lovers from eight public libraries - Bayville, Bryant (Roslyn), Glen Cove, Gold Coast, Locust Valley, Manhasset, Oyster Bay-East Norwich, and Sea Cliff - will be meeting at the Swan Club in Roslyn on Tuesday, April 4, at 6:45pm, for North Shore Reads. This event will celebrate both Long Island Reads and National Library Week. North Shore Reads has become a popular annual event, bringing communities together through reading. This year's selection is *Dead Wake* by Erik Larson. The book discussion will be led by the wit and wisdom of Master of Ceremonies John Canning, Sea Cliff resident, attorney and Commissioner of Human Resources for the Town of Oyster Bay. There will also be delicious desserts, coffee and exciting raffle prizes. *Dead Wake* is now available at your local public library in a variety of formats including regular print, large print, audiobook and e-book. For more information about the author, the book, and to register for the event please visit the website www.northshorereads.org.



Dancercise with Carol

Come dance yourself into shape with Carol at the Locust Valley Public Library on Saturday, April 1. Exercise and lose inches while having fun. No dance experience needed. This class is designed for everyone. Participants of any fitness level, any background, or any age can start to Dancercise. No special attire needed, just wear sneakers, bring a bottle of water, and be prepared to have a happy time. Registration and fee required. 10 Sessions for \$50. Payment must be made at the circulation desk. Info: (516) 671-1837.

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In February, a Glen Cove resident reported to the Glen Cove Police that her antique diamond ring, which had been previously appraised for \$15,000, had been tampered with while it was stored at her home. The victim reported that the diamond stone had been removed from the setting and replaced with a fake diamond. The Glen Cove Police began investigating the case and during their investigation became aware that the victim used a cleaning lady.

On March 24, at approximately 11:45 a.m., the victim, while watching her home surveillance camera, observed the cleaning lady, Henriquez, removing money

from her bedroom closet and placing it in her pocket. The victim called the Glen Cove Police and Henriquez was taken into custody. During the investigation the defendant was charged with the theft of the diamond when the investigation uncovered that she had removed the diamond from the victim's home and replaced it with a fake diamond.

The defendant was arraigned in First District Court on March 25 charged with grand larceny in the third degree. The stolen diamond was not recovered.

Arrests

■ Man, 27, of Glen Cove was arrested for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and a VTL violation on Sea Cliff Ave. on March 19.

■ A teenager and a woman, 16 and 19, of Glen Cove, were arrested for theft of service on Brewster Street on March 22.

■ Man, 20, of Glen Cove, was arrested for criminal possession of marijuana in the fifth degree, aggravated unlicensed operation in the third degree and other VTL violations on Glen Cove Arterial Highway on March 22.

■ Woman, 39, of Glen Cove, was arrested for grand larceny in the third degree on Jefferson Street on March 24.

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Continuing a tradition on the North Shore

By **NAKEEM GRANT**
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This year marks the 10-year anniversary of North Shore Reads, an annual book club which brings together readers and libraries from all over the North Shore to discuss novels together. On April 4, the annual event will feature “Dead Wake” — a New York Times bestseller based on the sinking of the Lusitania during World War I. Author Erik Larson is a native of Long Island who has written several bestsellers. The Swan Club in Roslyn will be the venue for this year’s event.

Arlene Nevans, director of the Sea Cliff Village Library, said to envision the opening moments of the event as a wedding. When you first enter, attendees socialize for 30-40 minutes at group tables. Then, librarians from the book club go to each table with a set of questions relating to the featured book as a way to keep the discussion going. Later in the event, the book club has a raffle, which this year will include an iPad Mini along with gift cards for local restaurants.

Starting out as a small event at the Gold Coast Public Library in 2006, the event officially earned its title in the following year as libraries from the surrounding villages, cities, and towns joined in on the celebration. Nevans said her library was the first to reach out to then-director Genellen McGrath who founded the annual event.

“It’s hard to make an event when you’re little, so we had the benefit of coming together and making this happen,” Nevans said, who is also a co-founder of the club.

Following the format of Long Island Reads, an island-wide reading initiative, which began in 2002, all the novels that are featured have the same things in common. Either the story takes place on Long Island or the author is a native of Nassau or Suffolk counties.

“Every book brings its own special twist,” Nevans said. “It’s just been a great adventure.”

Nevans has known McGrath for over 20 years. They worked together at the Great Neck Public Library prior to their careers in Sea Cliff and Glen Head. Although ideas for this event didn’t manifest until years after their tenure together, Nevans said that North Shore Reads was McGrath’s “grandchild.” McGrath was not available to be interviewed for this story.

The club’s inaugural event was held at a senior center in the Town of Oyster Bay where they discussed “Amagansett,” a crime novel by British writer Mark Mills. While the event was a success, Nevans and McGrath said that this event appeals to more than just senior citizens. They brought the event back to its libraries before expanding to bigger venues like the Metropolitan in Glen Cove.

“When you have many entities together, the cost per library drops way down,”



Nakeem Grant/Herald

ARLENE NEVANS, DIRECTOR of the Sea Cliff Village Library, said North Shore Reads presents something different at all its annual book discussions.

Nevans added. “It’s just amazing to see how far this has come. This shows what the power of communities can do.”

Usually, Long Island Reads hosts a big event where authors give a lecture on their novel. On two occasions, Nevans said her club managed to have the authors visit as guest speakers. Mac Griswold gave a lecture in 2014 on her novel, “The Manor,” which focused on a slave plantation in Long Island. Griswold, who is also a cultural landscape historian, agreed to speak at North Shore Reads because she wanted to share her research and give readers more insight on this book. In the following year, novelist

Alice Hoffman was passing through Long Island to speak at C.W. Post University about her featured novel, “The Museum of Extraordinary Things.” The book club had their biggest turnout that year. The Metropolitan was filled with Hoffman fans.

Nevans said both authors were “extremely generous” in sharing their time with the libraries and that they added to the appeal of their event.

“It’s been a great coming together party each and every year,” Nevans said. “You can hardly hear yourself thinking when we have this event because of all the discussions that are going on.”

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HERALD SCHOOLS

First-grade Deasy students interview a dentist

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

Dr. John Chicvak had a special experience when he visited Deasy School on March 24 to be interviewed by first-grade students about his dentistry practice. His visit was part of the community helpers research project that the children are experiencing this year.

The children are spending six to eight weeks researching community helpers, which is a part of the first-grade curriculum. They are required to come up with interview questions and then write about what they learned. Then at the end of the unit they engage in a visual project, like a diorama or poster demonstrating their research.

STEAM teacher Jessica McKenna helps the students use computer databases to do their research, and the classroom teachers prepare the students by going over interview techniques and how to improvise questions. Some of the community helpers who visited the first-grade classes have included local police officers, veterinarians, firefighters, teachers, even farmers.

Before Chicvak arrived, the students practiced the questions they would ask and how they would be respectful of their peers when it was their turn to speak. Chicvak came prepared, bringing his lab coat and tools, and became the student's favorite community helper when he gave out pretend dentist mirrors for them to keep. He even demonstrated how to use a tooth counter on some of their hands. Chicvak also gave the children dentist masks, which they loved (and only got in the way a few times when they tried to ask further



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HAILEY HERRERA AND Javier Fuentes examined the masks that dentists use.

questions). Halle Sanchez shared what so many of the children were thinking — “The dentist is the best ever!”

Some of the questions the students asked included: “Where do you do surgery?” and “Do you use a drill?”

Chicvak explained his office's setup, including how many people worked there and how many patients were seen each day, while the students helped him do the math. He also shared with them just how much schooling is required to

become a dentist after high school.

Teachers Amanda Podmeyer and Cynthia Geraci prompted him to explain why he washes his hands before working on each patient and the number of times that people should brush their teeth each day.

Each of the students said they learned something new, but most of them were more interested in playing with the face masks and mirrors. Vanessa Escobar said she learned that “den-

tists wear masks because they don't want to spread germs.” Margeaux Weinstein said she never gave it a second thought that dentists washed their hands. Now she knows that it's important for them to do so before working on every patient.

After answering all their questions patiently, Chicvak said, “I hope they develop some sort of understanding of the skills it takes to be a dentist.”

Students wonder why two teachers are let go

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

bationary English teacher from September 2015 through August 2019.

Jay Charon, a freshman at the high school, said that Rosenblatt's dismissal was announced in class earlier that day. Charon said he immediately started a petition in support of Rosenblatt, and by the end of the day he had collected 197 of his peers' signatures, which he presented to Rianna and school board President Amy Franklin.

“She's not just great as a teacher, she's also great as a person,” Charon said. “She makes your mind expand to all new levels and makes us want to learn.”

Rianna and the board members listened as the students made their case. The board thanked Cota, Charon and the other students.

“The students are supportive of their teachers, and I'm happy to see that,”

Rianna said.

Officials said nothing further, but applauded for the students, as did members of the audience.

In other news:

Toni Curran, co-president of the Gribbin Elementary Parent Teacher Association, said that board meetings are not usually as crowded as they were on Monday.

She put together a timeline of the Gribbin School Greenhouse Project, dating back to 2012, and handed out copies of the plan to the board. She said that the project was designed by the PTA committee as a “learning tool” for all Grib-

bin students.

Yet it has gone nowhere.

“I'm a little disheartened that it's five years later, and we still have no answer,” Curran said. “There are way too many kids that have not been able to enjoy this experience.”

Curran and the PTA, have held several fundraisers in the hope of moving the project forward. Trustee David Huggins said that he and the board had brought up the Greenhouse Project at “every single” facilities meeting.

“I see the frustration of people who attend our meetings,” Huggins said, “and I read all the emails.”

Tricia Lebowitz, a local resident who

She [Stacie Rosenblatt] makes your mind expand to all new levels and makes us want to learn.

JAY CHARON
Freshman,
Glen Cove High School

Golden Gloves competition returns to Glen Cove

BY NAKEEM GRANT
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Tony Gallego/Herald

AUSTIN GRAY, LEFT, landing a left-handed jab on Ardis Duran, right, at the 90th annual Daily News Golden Gloves competition.

night. His involvement with the club began two years ago because he believed it was necessary to “help out the youth and help the community to bring boxing back to Glen Cove.”

“I want people to realize that this is for

our town, our city and everybody else in this community,” Graziose added. “With more effort and more help, we can make this an even bigger event next year.”

The boxing club was renamed last July after the late Howard Davis Jr., an Olym-

pic gold medalist in boxing who was born and raised in Glen Cove. “Howard would have been very proud of this event tonight,” said Mayor Reggie Spinello. “This is a terrific event and it’s great to see that everyone supports it.”

Spinello also said that while there is no prize money involved, the “thrill of victory” makes this a great competition for youth boxing.

Dan Cox, president of the Glen Cove Recreation Commission, said this is one of the many “outstanding” programs that the recreation department brings to the community. He said that not only does this event draw people from their own community, it also invites people from out of town as well. “These are the kinds of things that we want to do for our community to generate interest through the recreational department and facilities of Glen Cove,” Cox said. “We have lots of programs that are for our whole community and for the surrounding regions.”

Glen Cove also hosted this event in 2015. Darcy Belyea, treasurer for the boxing club and the director of parks and recreation for the city, said she wants to continue hosting this event because it benefits both the club and the community. The community’s strong boxing background makes this event even more unique for their club, she reasoned. “We have a history here so we want to keep that tradition going and give the young people something to look forward to,” she said.

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2017 Spring Flushing Schedule

Flushing hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Community	Start Date	End Date
Atlantic Beach	3/13	3/17
Baldwin	5/8	5/19
Bay Park	4/24	5/5
Bellmore	4/24	4/26
Cedarhurst	3/20	3/31
East Atlantic Beach	3/13	3/17
East Rockaway	4/24	5/5
Glen Head	5/1	5/5
Glenwood Landing	5/8	5/12
Hewlett	3/13	3/17
Hewlett Bay Park	3/13	3/17
Hewlett Hbr	3/13	3/17
Hewlett Neck	3/13	3/17
Inwood	3/20	3/31
Island Park	4/24	5/5
Lakeview	4/3	4/13
Lawrence	3/20	3/31
Levittown	5/1	5/5
Lynbrook	4/3	4/13
Malverne	4/3	4/13
Massapequa	5/15	5/19
Meadowmere	3/27	3/31
Merrick	4/3	4/6
Mill Neck	5/22	5/22
North Bellmore	4/19	4/21
North Merrick	3/27	3/31
North Seaford	5/1	5/5
North Wantagh	5/1	5/5
North Woodmere	4/19	4/28
Oceanside	5/1	5/19
Roosevelt	5/15	5/19
Roslyn Harbor	5/8	5/12
S. Hempstead	5/8	5/19
Sea Cliff	5/15	5/19
Seaford/South Seaford	5/8	5/12
South Bellmore	4/24	4/26
South Merrick	4/3	4/7
South Wantagh	5/8	5/12
Valley Stream	4/19	4/28
Wantagh	5/8	5/12
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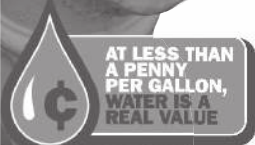
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Dinner theater is back in Glen Cove!

An all-local cast will be presenting "Murder at the Banquet," a murder mystery, at The View Grill at the Glen Cove Golf Course. Attendees are welcome to wear formal dress, as "guests" will be attending the 1st Annual Mystery Solver Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

This comedy presentation is the inaugural play of the newly formed theater group, The Slayer Players, directed by Kay Johnson. The cast is comprised of Glen Cove and Sea Cliff residents Donna Billings, John Canning, James Curtis, Fred Dimenna, Chelsea Dunham, Dr. Eve Lupenko, Susan Potter and Bob Wiesmann, with John Daly as their tech manager.

After enjoying your salad, dinner and complimentary glass of wine, join Cap-

tain Wimberly, French sleuth Claudette Pindu, and hick sheriff Chief Stanton, as they host the evening's festivities, which will also be attended by famous detectives whose names include Agatha, Holmes, Watson and Diamond.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., the buffet starts at 7 p.m., and chaos is expected thereafter! Reservations are required as seating is limited, at www.banquet1.eventbrite.com for Saturday, April 1, and at www.banquet2.eventbrite.com for Saturday, April 8 at The View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove, (516) 200-9603. \$65/pp also includes dessert, tax and gratuity. For more information, email viewgrillchef@gmail.com.

Be prepared for audience interaction!

Spinello to Host Two Glen Cove Town Hall Meetings in April

Residents are invited to attend two Town Hall meetings in April that will include an open dialogue with all city departments and hospital representative Susan Kwiatek. Mayor Reggie Spinello will discuss what is up and coming for Glen Cove, and residents will have the opportunity to speak with the police department, volunteer fire department, EMA, public works, code enforcement, parks and recre-

ation, senior center, community development agency and the mayor's office.

The meetings are scheduled for Thursday, April 6 at Landing Elementary School, 60 McLoughlin Street, and Monday, April 24 at Connolly Elementary School, 100 Ridge Dr, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the schools' multipurpose rooms. Specific questions should be emailed in advance to sgtripp@cityofglencoveny.org.

HERALD Crossword Puzzle

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Without help
- 5 \$ dispenser
- 8 MPs' quarry
- 12 Speedy steed
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Toy block name
- 15 Time rival
- 17 Dregs
- 18 Recipient
- 19 Brings forth
- 21 Feudal worker
- 24 Hooter
- 25 Isn't well
- 28 Hebrew month
- 30 Discoverer's cry
- 33 To and —
- 34 Visit habitually
- 35 Zero
- 36 Coffee break hour
- 37 Leave out
- 38 On in years
- 39 Martini ingredient
- 41 Banish to Hades
- 43 Cultural, as some cuisines
- 46 Pass along
- 50 False god
- 51 Thin, as a fracture
- 54 Soft cheese
- 55 Kind

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- 4 Preoccupy
- 5 Hearty brew
- 6 Ball prop
- 7 Create
- 8 Let
- 9 From Sunday through Saturday
- 10 Curved molding
- 11 Privation
- 16 Teeny
- 20 Electrical measure
- 22 Paper quantity
- 23 Liquid
- 25 Toward the stern
- 26 Anger
- 27 Classical music lover
- 29 "Do — others ..."
- 31 Hasten
- 32 Ancient
- 34 " — soit qui mal y pense"
- 38 Aviatrix Earhart
- 40 Bay, for one
- 42 Bobby of hockey
- 43 Recedes
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- 47 MGM mascot
- 48 Con
- 49 Nays' undoers
- 52 Muhammad or Laila
- 53 Eisenhower

New book inspires children to dream big

Teaching classic car history to boys

A love of cars combined with the love of an inspirational message has led to the publication of a new children's book, "Cee Jay and Buggy," by Kevin C. Horton, who is the former editor and publisher of the Gold Coast Gazette.

In "Cee Jay and Buggy," we learn that despite the disbelief of his fellow cars in the yard and the looming presence of "The Crusher," Cee Jay stays true to his dream that someday he will be made into a collectible.

When Buggy, a VW Bug, is brought into the yard by Charlie the Tow Truck, Cee Jay opens up to her and tells her about his dream. "What are you getting all revved up about?" Ronald the Rolls Royce asked. "It will never happen," cranked the Model T. "They're just going to take you apart piece by piece until all your valuable parts are gone, then they'll..." Cee Jay sparked, "That's not going to happen to me, I'm a collectible. Someone will want to make me new again, you'll see!"

Not just a children's book, "Cee Jay and Buggy" teaches classic car history with beautifully detailed illustrations.

After reading about Cee Jay and Buggy's adventure, adults and children will

enjoy the glossary of vehicles listing the seven true-life cars/trucks the characters are based on. This book is certain to appeal to boys and girls age 6 and older, though parents too will enjoy the classic car history.

Darlene Gaffney, an MS Reading instructor said, "Cee Jay and Buggy" is a particularly great book for boys; interest level 6-60 years old with a readability of grade 3."

Kevin C. Horton was the publisher and editor of the Gold Coast Gazette, which he

founded with his mother in 1991. He produced the newspaper for 25 years until selling it in 2016 to Richner Publications. He is an Adjunct Professor of Journalism at New York Institute of Technology. He is an avid car enthusiast and has actually owned a few of the cars featured in this book. He resides in Sea Cliff, N.Y. with his wife and two children.

"Cee Jay and Buggy" is published by Tender Fire Books and is available at Amazon.com. For children in grade level 3 and above.

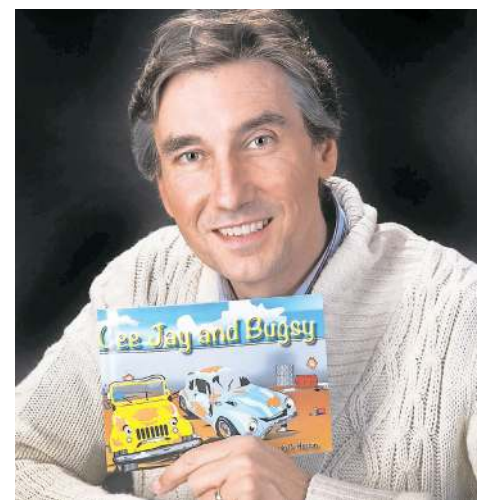


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KEVIN HORTON, FORMER publisher of Gold Coast Gazette has published a new book.

Help protect our communities

North Shore Land Alliance, a local land trust, is seeking high school students, retirees, educators, nature enthusiasts, youth groups and community-minded businesses to help protect and steward the beautiful areas in our communities. These areas safeguard our air and water supplies, provide wildlife habitat and create places for people of all ages to play, learn and connect with nature.

The Land Alliance works with more than 200 volunteers who contribute 1,000 hours of community service annually, which provides support for land conservation projects and educational programs. Volunteers assist with a variety of efforts including trail restoration, invasive species management and plant and wildlife monitoring, just to name a few. They also assist with community outreach, fundraising events, office work and membership mailings.

Local educators and naturalists share their expertise with the Land Alliance community by leading their guided the Walks in Woods and helping to educate more than 3,400 school children through their Long Island Water Education Program. In essence, the Land Alliance cannot do their job without the important contributions of volunteers.

The Land Alliance has recently purchased the Humes Japanese Stroll Garden in Mill Neck, where volunteers will be integral to the re-opening of the garden. As a North Shore Land Alliance volunteer, you can learn new things and meet new people while helping the environment and your community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Andrea Millwood at (516) 922-1028 or via email: andrea@northshorelandalliance.org. To learn more about the North Shore Land Alliance please visit www.northshorelandalliance.org.



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31 Sewanhaka at Glen Cove 5 p.m.

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SAFIRE BLISSETT PROVIDES stability behind the plate for Glen Cove, which competes in Conference ABC-III along with Mineola, Wheatley, Great Neck South, Locust Valley, Manhasset, Lynbrook and Sewanhaka.

Glen Cove faces new rivals

By JD FREDA
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The Glen Cove Big Red softball team looks to stay consistent and build off of its 13-5 record last season, albeit without key pieces lost to a 2016 graduating class.

Now competing in Nassau Conference ABC-III, coach Angela Zupa and her girls are eyeing a solid record and a trip to the playoffs. Bound together by a family mentality, and propelled by an array of athletic players, Glen Cove is positioning itself as a major player.

Last year's starting pitchers Sarah Tenke and Christina Ng, who combined for a majority of the team's innings pitched, have graduated and left opportunities for younger players to step up and assume the position. Zupa says that it's a team effort and everyone plays a role. She was also excited that, even with a young team, a great group of athletes emerges on this year's squad.

"One of our benefits is that we have a great group of athletes," Zupa said. "One day they can be shortstops, another they can be outfielders. That's one of our benefits for sure, we have some athletes this year."

Of those athletes is returning senior Safire Blissett, who will be the Big Red's starting catcher and was recently voted

among the top 100 softball players on all of Long Island. "She was a leadoff hitter last year, but her bat has improved greatly and she will be our 3 or 4 batter this season," Zupa said.

The Big Red also return its entire infield, comprised of sophomores Alyssa Schmitt (First Base), Micaela Costello (Second Base), Janise Espinal (Shortstop), and Angela McCarthy (Third Base). Zupa stated that the familiarity of the players with each other could be a positive asset to their season. "We have our whole infield returning this season and that will hopefully benefit us."

To try and replace the impact of Tenke and Ng, Coach Zupa has stated Schmitt is also being groomed to pitch some innings for Glen Cove. The coach has also elevated Nafeesah Ali from the JV unit to pitch some innings as well.

Zupa also spoke on her assistant coach Kim Keffel's ability to work with the pitchers and catchers. "She certainly helps with calling the game, calling the pitches, and working with the batters," Zupa said. A former catcher at LIU Post herself, Keffel will tap into her softball knowledge to further mentor Blissett and the pitching staff for this upcoming season.

One aspect of this squad that was stressed was the family-like closeness of the coaches and players alike. Both



MICAELA COSTELLO HANDLES second-base duties for the Big Red.

coaches Zupa and Keffel, residents of Glen Cove themselves, have love for the program and the community and are hands-on with progressing it further, whether it be involvement with the Boys & Girls Club or hosting a food drive at every home game.

"We're both from Glen Cove and we both grew up in Glen Cove," Zupa said. "We love Glen Cove. We live here, we love it here, we love the girls and we always want what is best for the program."

Sons of Italy Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph

Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016, Order Sons of Italy in America, held their annual celebration of the feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the family, in Glen Cove on March 19. A prayer service was conducted by The Very Rev. Dom Daniel Nash Can. Reg., pastor of St. Patrick's Church. Then after the food was blessed, a meatless dinner was served. The Very Rev. Dom Elias Carr Can. Reg., pastor of St. Rocco's Church, was also at the celebration.

St. Joseph's Day is celebrated on

March 19 in Italy and all over the world, wherever Italians have settled. In ancient times people prayed to St. Joseph to intercede to the Lord to bring rain. When St. Joseph interceded, God sent the rain. Italians worldwide honor St. Joseph for his blessing during the severe drought.

The St. Joseph's bread was sold at the Sons of Italy celebration in Glen Cove and the proceeds from the bread and other donations were given to the Church of St. Rocco to help the poor in the outreach program.



Courtesy Sons of Italy

FR. ELIAS, PORTIA Ryder, president, Fr. Daniel and Kathryn Grande, the Heritage and Culture Chairperson celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph together.



Tony Gallego/Herald

Lucky clovers given to parishioners at St. Patrick's Church

Celebrating the church's patron saint, St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Glen Cove gave parishioners a flower pot filled with four leaf clovers after mass. The wish is for everyone to experience God's blessing with a little luck of the Irish thrown in for good measure.

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MICHELE FINNAN PREPARED to release her ball with the help of her aid, Kathleen McCarthy, and her brother, Russ. In the next lane, a Sea Cliff Glen Head Lion, Fred Rieger, right, waited with Jerry Manes to tell him how many pins he had knocked down.

Blind can bowl, too

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with a smile. "Bowling balls have such a wonderful touch. I love it here."

The joy that Finnan and others experience is due to the efforts of the members of the North Shore Lions of Glen Cove, many of whom live in Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Glen Head and Old Brookville.

Originally from Upper Brookville, Rosemarie Marciano, the Lions District 20-K2's cabinet treasurer, has organized the Blind Bowling League for the past 15 years. Funded entirely by the service organization, the league is open to people of varying disabilities, but most are legally blind.

It meets every other weekend for 17 weeks, from the Saturday after Labor Day to the end of April. Members bowl free of charge, and also get a free lunch.

"Many from our league used to bowl here years ago, but the person coordinating it didn't want to do it anymore," said Marciano, adding that the bowlers had to pay back then, and didn't receive a free lunch. "I went to see them bowl 15 years ago, and, coincidentally, they were told that day that it would be their last day to bowl in the league," she recalled. "They were all crying, and I told them I'd see what I could do."

She brought the idea to a Lions District 20-K2 meeting, and it was approved. Marciano has been running the league ever since.

The number of bowlers varies each week, she said. There were 10 enthusiastic participants last Saturday.

Two kinds of portable metal rails assist the bowlers. One guides those who need to grip it to the foul line, where a waiting Lion will help them throw the ball down the lane. The other has a ramp that allows the ball, once released, to roll down onto the lane. A former member's father created the rails.

Jerry Manes, of East Meadow, could hardly contain his excitement when it was his turn. "I try to keep the ball straight and bowl as hard as I can," he said before releasing the ball. Manes did pretty well, eventually finishing with scores of 82 and 89.

Fred Rieger, a past district governor of District 20-K2 from the Sea Cliff Glen Head Lions Club, helped Mary Corbett, who is totally blind, when it was her turn. "Bowling is a great sport," she said. "I use the bumpers, and when I let the ball go I hope it comes out well." It did that day for Corbett, who bowled an 86 and a 90.

Lions District Governor Nina Lanci, from Bellmore, attributes much of the program's success to Marciano. "The league empowers these individuals to experience socialization," Lanci explained. "Rosemarie is an ordinary Lion who does extraordinary things, which she does from her heart and soul."

But Marciano doesn't want to take all the credit. She said she loves just being there. "This is one of my favorite things to do," she said, her eyes on the bowlers. "When I take Jerry [Manes] home I hear him say to his mother that he's so excited — he bowled a 100! That means a lot."

"The pleasure this gives to them is what's special," said Amy Tabor, of Glen Head. "Many have come here for years and really look forward to it."

Nearby, Anthony Angrisani was dancing with abandon. Legally blind, he said he enjoys dancing between shots. "Anthony has a great time dancing up a storm," said Marlene Michnowich, of Glen Cove, laughing. "We actually call him the John Travolta of blind bowling."

The last two Blind Bowling days this season are scheduled for April 8 and 22. Call Marciano for further information on how to join the league, or to volunteer, at (516) 884-1875.

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JAMY SANTORO AND Pat DeCurtis, seated, brought along their friends to the party.



MIMI SIMONETTI, LEFT, Sally DiMicelli, Jena Quartarolo, Gloria Oertle and Teresa Credenza said they enjoyed themselves.

St. Pat's party at senior center

The Glen Cove Senior Center always knows how to throw a terrific party and the St. Patrick's Day luncheon on March 17 was one of the center's best events. The day included a performance by a group of Irish step dancers from the Doherty Petri School of Irish Dance, which the seniors loved, but they also enjoyed listening to Robert Lynch play the bagpipes. After a delicious lunch many agreed that it wasn't even necessary to go see the parade in Manhattan because the center's party was just as much fun.



IRISH STEP DANCERS from the Doherty Petri School of Irish Dance provided much entertainment to the delight of the seniors.



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EACH YEAR ROBERT Lynch shares his talent around town and is always sure to visit the senior center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 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.

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 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave. Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Your artwork will be on exhibit at the Long Island Children's Museum. Must register as space is limited. All costs and material for this program are provided through a grant from the Willem de Kooning Foundation. (516) 676-2130.

John A. Gable Lecture Series

The Thirteenth Annual Dr. John A. Gable Lecture Series will be held at Christ Church Parish Hall, 61 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of Sagamore Hill, Park Ranger Scott Gurney of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site will discuss how technological advances in transportation, communication, and lifestyle at the turn of the 20th century combined with the popularity of Theodore Roosevelt. For more information, call Phil Blocklyn at 516-922-5032 or visit www.sagamore-hill.com/lecture.html.

Friday, March 31

Zumba class

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 10 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 lay-



Meditation in Movement

Sacred Space Long Island invites residents to attend a "Contemplation and Community Retreat" on Tuesday, April 4 at the Greenwood Life Center, 71 Grove Street, Glenwood Landing, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Licensed yoga teacher and practitioner Sasha Petukovah will lead participants in using movement as a means of contemplation.

The event will begin with a light meal and then an hour of yoga and meditation. They are also collecting rain gear, toiletries, and gently used towels for The INN and Food Not Bombs. Suggested donation of \$10. For more information, call (516) 399-2575.

outs 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

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.

Monday, April 3

Feng Shui: Space Clearings

Join Certified Feng Shui expert Laura Cerano to explore the world of Space Clearing at the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. The process of Space Clearing helps release stagnated life force energy that is no longer beneficial and recharges the chi within your space and self. Learn power Space Clearing techniques that include Smudging, Sound Healing, Dowsing, Intention Writing and Reiki. (516) 922-1212.

Exercise with YMCA

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4

AARP tax assistance

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St.,

Glen Cove, 10 to 2 p.m. Sign-up is required. (516) 759-9610.

Tech assistance for adults

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 6 to 7 p.m. Sign up to have one of our Teen Tech Tutors to assist you in the library. Please be sure to bring your device with you. (516) 671-1837.

Coloring and Classical music

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Join us for a fun and unique way to unwind and express creativity. Coloring books for adults have more intricate designs and patterns and are the latest artistic craze used for relaxation. Registration required.

Seating limited. (516) 671-1837.

Oyster Bay town council meeting

Audrey Avenue, Audrey Ave, Oyster Bay, 10 a.m.

Oyster Bay-East Norwich board meeting

Oyster Bay High School, 150 E Main St, Oyster Bay, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5

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.

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Chess club in Sea Cliff

The Sea Cliff Chess Club meets every Wednesday at the Sea Cliff Gospel Chapel, 162 Sea Cliff Ave, Sea Cliff from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Open to all ages.

Bay, 8 to 12 a.m. (516) 922-9293.

America's royal family

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, will explore the history of The Oyster Bay & Hyde Park Roosevelts at 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. (516) 922-1212.

Budget forum

Locust Valley Central School District Board of Education will hold a public budget forum at Locust Valley High School, 99 Horse Hollow Road, Locust Valley, 8 p.m.

Thursday, April 6

Tech assistance for adults

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 6 to 7 p.m. Sign up to have one of our Teen Tech Tutors to assist you in the library. Please be sure to bring your device with you. (516) 671-1837.

Seaside Reads with Lynda Aron

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Share an afternoon of book talk about Sisters-in-law, a dual biography of Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sandra Day O'Connor. Copies of the book are available at the library; registration suggested. (516) 671-4290.

Friday, April 7

Zumba class

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

Passover lunch

Hosted by Cantor Gustavo at the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. (516) 759-9610.

Saturday, April 8

Trap shooting

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

Art exhibit

Ronnie Zamir's artwork will be featured during a reception at the Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 2 p.m. (516) 671-1837.

Tech assistance for adults

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 3 to 4 p.m. Sign up to have one of our Teen Tech Tutors to assist you in the library. Please be sure to bring your device with you. (516) 671-1837.

Sunday, April 9

Frostbite sailing

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

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Photo courtesy of Steven Guglielmo

CUB SCOUT PACK 6 worked hard to collect food for St. Rocco's food pantry.

Cub Scouts Hold Food Drive for Saint Rocco's

Cub Scout Pack 6 held a food drive on March 12 to benefit the Church of Saint Rocco Food Pantry in front of the King Kullen on Forrest Ave. They worked in groups of two in 75 minute shifts and handed out

shopping lists of the food pantry's needs. By the end of their five-hour shift, the Scouts had collected 24 boxes of food weighing almost 800 lbs. They also collected \$288 in monetary donations. Way to go boys!



Photo courtesy of the Glen Cove City School District

GLEN COVE SENIORS Samantha Barry and Tamara Gitlin were honored at the annual Press Day and Quill Awards ceremony.

G.C. seniors place first in journalism competition

Glen Cove High School seniors Samantha Barry and Tamara Gitlin placed first in Best Art Review and Best Opinion Piece, respectively, at the annual Press Day and Quill Awards ceremony at Adelphi University on March 22. These writing categories demonstrate the strength of Glen Cove's English Language Arts curriculum and its award-winning newspaper club.

According to the club's journalism adviser Arlene Munson, Tamara's timely piece (Fake News - What's Real or

Not?) presented a well-structured opinion on how technology may be changing the perceptions of reality. Samantha's review of the J.K. Rowling's movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," provided unique insights into the author's world of witchcraft and wizardry.

More than 300 high school students were in attendance and out of 14 award categories, Glen Cove garnered the top award in two of them. The district congratulates Samantha and Tamara.

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The joys and 'science' of becoming a grandparent

Legendary reporter Lesley Stahl pens best-seller

60 Minutes correspondent Lesley Stahl, who has covered the White House and interviewed heads of state, shares her very personal journey in her new book.

Living and working longer, today's baby boomer-aged women are embracing and transforming the experience of grandmothering in ways never before seen. One of those revolutionary "grans" is reporter Lesley Stahl, who applies her award-winning skills to understanding the challenges, rewards and emotions that come with this jolting and life-changing new identity of "Becoming Grandma."

Hosted by Turn of the Corkscrew Books & Wine, Stahl will appear at the Madison Theatre, on the Molloy College campus, on April 5, to talk about the joys, and the ups and downs of grandparenting in the 21st century. "Becoming Grandma," a New York Times bestseller, is a deeply personal memoir within an in-depth investigation of the biochemistry, history, psychology, and economics of being a grandparent. Stahl has interwoven stories and wisdom of active grandmothers (including some well-known celebrities and Stahl's friends, among them Whoopi Goldberg, Diane Sawyer and Ellen Goodman) throughout, along with other women who provide their insights as scientists

and psychiatrists.

"Lesley Stahl brings her keen reporting from "60 Minutes" to the story of grandparenting," says her colleague Cokie Roberts. "[She] provides useful information not only for grandparents and the children they cherish, but also for the wider society. This is a wonderfully fun read ..."

One of America's most recognized and experienced broadcast journalists, Stahl has been a "60 Minutes" correspondent since 1991. She is married to author and screenwriter Aaron Latham. They have one daughter and two granddaughters.

Stahl has said that the most vivid and transformative experience of her life was not covering the White House, interviewing heads of state, or researching stories at "60 Minutes." It was becoming a grandmother.

"That's because a grandmother's love is wholesome and consummate," Stahl writes. "What I experienced with the births of Jordan and Chloe — that staggering thunderbolt of joy — is pretty universal."

A place called Hope Meadows

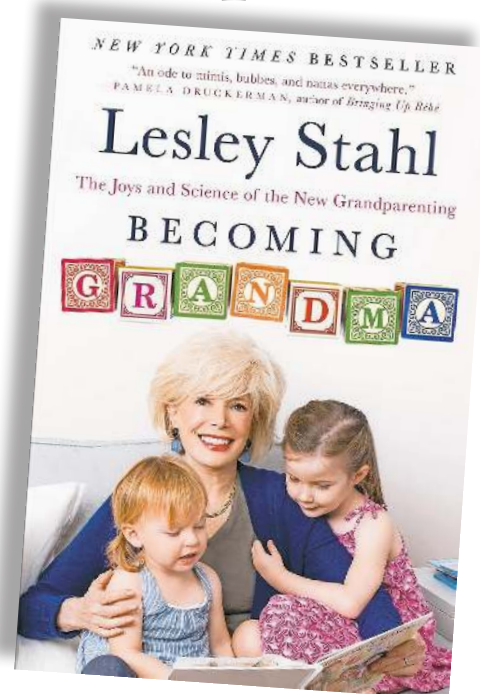
Near and dear to her heart, Stahl will surely talk about Hope Meadows next week. She calls it an "extraordinary place."

"It's a planned community in Rantoul, Illinois, created for the sole purpose of rescuing children who were abused, neglected or abandoned," she writes. "This amazing community plucks these kids out of the foster care system ... At Hope Meadows they are adopted into stable homes in a lovely, safe neighborhood. And here's the secret sauce: the neighborhood comes with grandparents."

"A group of retired senior citizens — some feeling they too had been discarded — have moved there to help heal the children. But — and this was not foreseen — the children end up healing them as well."

Booking signing at Madison Theatre

"We at Turn of the Corkscrew couldn't be



Courtesy Blue Rider Press

"BECOMING GRANDMA" IS a compilation of Lesley Stahl's personal reflections, the stories of active grandmothers, and also includes insights from psychiatrists and other experts.

more pleased to be hosting Lesley Stahl at the Madison Theatre," says Carol Hoenig, co-owner of the Rockville Centre bookstore. Hoenig says that when she read the book, it was a delightful surprise to her, even though she's not a grandmother.

"Readers may be interested to know that the book isn't all warm and fuzzy, but it does address the complications that can come with being a grandparent. Lesley not only writes

about her experiences, but discusses what being a grandparent means to some of her friends and co-workers. I think people will be surprised with what is in this book, and I'm looking forward to discussing the darker side of grandparenting with Lesley."

— Mary Malloy
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LESLEY STAHL BOOK SIGNING

When/Where: Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m. Madison Theatre, Molloy College, Rockville Centre. (516) 323-4444 or www.madisontheatre.org.

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ON STAGE

Morgan James

The actress-vocalist, who appeared in the Broadway productions of "Motown" and "Godspell," steps out on a concert tour, with Andy Allo. The chanteuse brings her soulful voice to the stage, showcasing songs from her latest album "Reckless Abandon," a follow-up to her 2014 debut album "Hunter." Her collection of 12 original, co-penned tracks with writers from LA to NYC to Nashville, and in between, showcases her powerhouse voice and soulful poise. The result is a fusion of pop, funk, and R&B with a classic approach. James is acclaimed for



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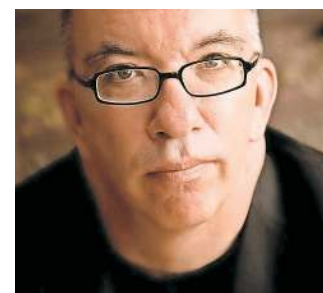
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impassioned performances, displaying a virtuosic vocal range that spans from sultry to spontaneous and controlled, which enthralls critics and audiences. **Saturday, April 1, at 8 p.m. \$35. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.**

IN CONCERT

James Keelaghan

The esteemed Canadian singer-songwriter has grown from a popular coffeehouse act in Calgary to a festival and concert hall favorite. He visits Long Island,



courtesy of the Folk Music Society of Huntington, performing in its monthly First Saturday Concerts series.

A Calgary native, who now calls Perth, Ontario home, Keelaghan has an uncanny knack for finding incredible stories and turning them into finely crafted songs. A commanding performer, he develops an intimate rapport with audiences through his stories and sense of humor, and then leaves them spellbound with

passionate renditions of songs that touch on universal emotions and relate historical events to the present. He has been hailed as "Canada's finest songwriter" by noted music critic Dave Marsh. Others consider Keelaghan a poet laureate of the Canadian folk and roots music world.

Saturday, April 1, 8:30 p.m.; open mic at 7:30 p.m. \$25. Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, off Route 25A, Centerport. (631) 425-2925 or www.fmsh.org.

Performances/ On Stage

Ann Wilson

Heart's Ann Wilson steps out solo, Thursday, March 30, 8 p.m. \$89.50, \$69.50, \$49.50. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or 283-5566 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Jekyll & Hyde

The musical horror-drama based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale, Thursday and Friday, March 30-31, 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 1, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 2, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, April 5, 8 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900.

New Horizons String Orchestra

The orchestra explores varied string quartet works, Friday, March 31, 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.



The Beach Boys

Mike Love leads the legendary band on its 50th anniversary tour, Sunday, April 2, 3 and 7 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, and \$39.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

West Side Story

The classic musical, featuring Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's score, Friday and Saturday, March 31-April 1, 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 2, 2:30 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.

Louder Than Love

A Freestyle concert featuring the top acts from the '80s/'90s Freestyle era, Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m. With TKA, Judy Torres, Crystal Waters, Melle Mel, and more. \$125, \$99.50, \$69.50, \$59.50 and \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

North Shore Community Chorus and Orchestra

The chorus, together with the Island Chamber Symphony, perform Beethoven's exuberant "Choral Fantasy" and the lyrical "Mass in C Major," Saturday, April 1, 8 p.m. With piano soloist Timothy Carl, soprano Cara Vertucci, alto Tanya Crist,



One Night of Queen

Rock on in the spirit of the dynamic Freddy Mercury when Gary Mullen & The Works brings their acclaimed tribute to the beloved band to the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Sunday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Mullen and his bandmates recreate Queen's look, sound and showmanship in a note-for-note performance of those enduring megahits, including "Bohemian Rhapsody," "We are the Champions," "Crazy Little Thing Called Love," "Another One Bites the Dust," and so many more.

Tickets are \$58, \$48, \$38; available at 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

tenor Gregory Mercer, bass Malcolm Gilbert. \$15, \$12 seniors and children. North Shore High School Auditorium, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head. (631) 470-6128.

Stan Wiest

The acclaimed pianist in concert, sharing stories and anecdotes in "Piano Music and Storytelling," Wednesday, April 5, 2 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Kevin James

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Learn to Crochet

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

Poetry on the Move

Participate in an interactive story journey, with Karen DeMauro, Thursday, April 6, 7 p.m. Explore images, movement and rhythms using hip hop lyrics, haiku and favorite poems. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

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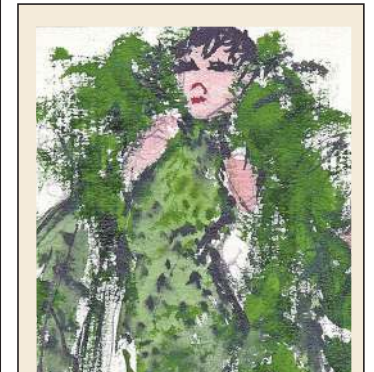
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Author Talk

Join author Lillian Gewirtzman for a discussion and readings from "After the Silence: Reflections of the Descendants," an anthology of personal essays from descendants of Holocaust Survivors and post-war Germans, Sunday, April 2, 2 p.m. Book signing follows. \$10 suggested donation. Reservations required. Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County, 100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove. 571-8040 or www.hmtcli.org

Film Time

See "Loving," the drama based on the story of the Lovings, an interracial couple in Virginia, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision that invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage, Tuesday, April 7, 1:15 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290.

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Squash superstar plans to reflect and recover

By **NAKEEM GRANT**
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World-class squash player Amanda Sobhy was “cruising” through the semifinals of the Ciudad de Floridablanca in Colombia on March 10. The tournament took place at a glass squash court on top of a mountain next to the Ecoparque Cerro del Santísimo, a tall statue of Jesus Christ. She was one match point away from advancing to the finals for a chance to win what she called the biggest tournament title in her career. Sobhy pushed off her left leg to return a shot from her opponent and fell to the ground. She turned to Olivia Blatchford, her opponent and asked if she hit her leg with the racquet. She had not. Sobhy knew she had ruptured her Achilles.

Now, the No. 1 squash player in the U.S., and No. 6 in the world — the highest rank for any American in history — is back in her hometown at her mother’s home in Sea Cliff, recovering from a successful 90-minute surgery. The 23-year-old superstar has her left leg in a cast, while her right foot is covered in elastic bandages as she recovers from plantar fasciitis. She won’t be back on her feet for another month. Additionally, she will not be able to compete until November.

Even though Sobhy’s rank will likely drop due to her time off, she has remained upbeat and optimistic. She said “life goes on.”

“Good things will come out of this,” she said. “I’m going to use this time to build myself from the ground up.”

Sobhy intends on using this time to rest,



Courtesy Amanda Sobhy

AMANDA SOBHY, 23, is currently ranked as the No. 1 squash player in the U.S. She hopes to return to her prominence after she recovers from her ruptured Achilles.

reflect, and recover. She also plans to use her recovery period to showcase her other talents. A vocalist, Sobhy has performed at the T.D. Garden in Boston, Massachusetts for an NHL game. She views this as an opportunity to briefly take her mind off the game and refocus.

“I have never had this much time off,” she admitted. “I think this is just going to make me more determined to get back and to

become the number one player in the world.”

Sobhy’s competitive edge and passion for the sport came from her family. She started playing squash competitively at 11 after years of tagging along with her brother, Omar, who played several tournaments. Her father, Khaled was one of the top players in Egypt during the 1980s and her mother, Jodie, coordinated squash tournaments in New York City at the time, which is how they met.

A multisport athlete, Sobhy also played tennis along with several other sports growing up. At one point, her father made her choose between tennis and squash, and she chose the latter. Sobhy knew by her junior year at North Shore High School that she could play the sport professionally. She competed in numerous tournaments around the U.S. and the world as an amateur. One of her most notable achievements as a high school student-athlete came on her 17th birthday when she became the first American to win a world championship title at the World Junior Squash Championship.

“I knew from then on that I love the sport, I love competing, and I love to win,” she said.

Sobhy was already ranked as one of the top 20 players in the world before she graduated high school. Harvard recruited her, where she became a four-time NCAA squash champion. She did not lose a single match at Harvard.

A few months after graduating from Harvard in 2015, she made squash history by winning three gold medals in a single Pan American Games. She admitted that there is a little pressure to be the top ranked player in U.S. history and an ambassador. The popularity of squash in the U.S. is based on her success, Sobhy said, and this is the kind of pressure that can “make or break” an athlete.

“I can either use it to fuel myself or I can let it paralyze me,” she said. “I love competing for my country and I love representing the U.S.”

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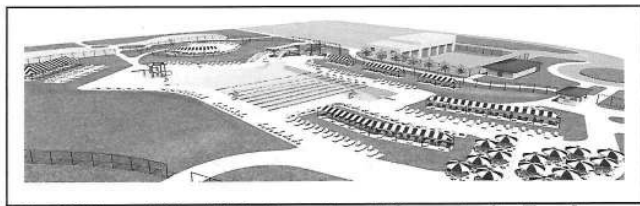
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Awaiting April



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Dear Awaiting April,
Unlike you, I am not a huge fan of short stories, but I just finished a remarkable collection of eight beautifully written, compelling tales — “The Refugees” by Viet Thanh

Nguyen, the author of last year’s Pulitzer Prize winning novel “The Sympathizer.” Nguyen left Vietnam as a young man as a refugee who found a home in California. His newest book recounts the lives of those who came here and

those who remained behind, and how these lives intersect. In the opening story, a young woman is haunted by the spirit of her brother who died helping

her escape, but she finds herself questioning who is truly the ghost — she or her brother. Others of the refugees include an elderly professor who begins to confuse his wife with a young girl he knew long ago in Vietnam. Soon we see that each of Nguyen’s characters is forced to deal with the present and the past. It is not their memories that pain them, but their need to forget so much of what formed

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GLEN HEAD-GLENWOOD BUSINESS Association president Deborah Orgel-Gordon and her organization donated \$250 each to the Garden Club of Glen Head and the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee.

Businesses network to share thoughts and ideas

By **NAKEEM GRANT**
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Irish cuisine filled the dinner plates of business owners at the Glen Head-Glenwood Business Association St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 22 at American Legion Post 336. Businesses from the surrounding areas mingled and enjoyed each other's company throughout the evening. Business

association president Deborah Orgel-Gordon hosted the festivities where longtime businesses and startup businesses gathered to collaborate and learn from each other.

"We all get along, we're happy, we have fun together, but most important, we give back to the community," Orgel-Gordon said. "Small businesses are really the backbones of organizations and schools."

Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman said that you can't deny the relationship between businesses and the neighboring communities. "When the business district is thriving, it shows that people are getting involved," he said. "Taking an evening out to get together is great for all businesses."

Wallace & Feldman Insurance owner Barry Feldman, of Sea Cliff, launched his business earlier this year. He said events like this give him a chance to see what other businesses are doing in different communities. "It's hard to stay away from the desk so it's a pleasure to get out and meet with everybody," Feldman said.

Feldman has sold insurance for over 30 years. He said the most difficult part of running your business is getting the necessary exposure to promote growth. "That's the reason why we come out to network," he added.

Midway through the dinner donates of \$250 each were given to Anne Gronan and the Garden Club of Glen Head, and Sally Davies and the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee. "The greatest thing about this community is keeping it beautiful and these ladies do just that," Orgel-Gordon said.

Maria Rivera-Hlatky, president of the Glen Cove High School Parent Teacher Student Association, was excited to meet new people. She joined the business association two months ago. "What we're doing now is very helpful because we spread the word and we're able to make other people aware of businesses," she said.

Rivera-Hlatky is also involved in several other community organizations. She said that it's great that the business association holds formal meetings monthly, since it allows new businesses to share their ideas with others.

Orgel-Gordon and Betsy Gibbs, owner of the retail store Worth Repeating in Locust Valley, said that businesses need to stick together in a time where stores like Costco could affect them negatively. A Costco store has been proposed to open in Glen Cove sometime this year. "Costco doesn't donate to local businesses like we do," Orgel-Gordon said.

Prior to the business dinner, Gibbs was at Locust Valley High School for Career Day. "I don't see Costco being a part of Career Day anytime soon," Orgel-Gordon said in acknowledgment to Gibbs' commitment to the community."



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held in pursuant to the provision of the Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, in said District on April 4, 2017 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

To vote on the following propositions:
RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove City School District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said public Library, for the year 2017/2018, and as the same may have amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District.

For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library for a (5) five-year term.

The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Educational Law hereby calls said Special District Meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the clerk between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., no later than March 6, 2017, the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove

Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library will hold a special budget hearing on March 21, 2017 at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York at 7 p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The final date to register for the meeting to be held on April 4, 2017 is March 21, 2017. If a voter has voted in any election within the last 4 years (2013) or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of Election Law, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

The registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District clerk of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. prevailing time, on any day after Tuesday, March 21, 2017, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, including the date set for the meeting.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots for the Library Election and Budget Vote may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. Such applications must be received at least (7) seven days before the elections if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office

of the District Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York, no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

Gina Rant
Clerk
895436

LEGAL NOTICE
Invitation to Bidders
BOARD OF EDUCATION
North Shore Central School District

PUBLIC NOTICE: is hereby given for separate and single prime contract sealed bids for: Bond Referendum Phase III RE-BID at Sea Cliff E.S. and North Shore High School. Bids will be received by the School District, on April 6th, 2017 at

10:00 a.m. in the Administrative Office, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York, 11579, and at said time and place publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Office of the Architect, BBS

Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers, P.C., 244 East Main Street, Patchogue New York, (631-475-0349); however the Contract Documents may only be obtained thru the Office of REV, 330 Route 17A Suite #2, Goshen New York 10924 (877-272-0216) beginning on March 30, 2017. Complete digital sets of Contract Documents shall be obtained online (with a free user account) as a download for a non-refundable fee of Forty-Nine (\$49.00) Dollars at the following websites:

www.bbsprojects.com or www.usinglesspaper.com under 'public projects'. Optionally, in lieu of digital copies, hard copies may be obtained directly from REV upon a deposit of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for each complete set. Checks for deposits shall be made payable to the DISTRICT, NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT and may be uncertified. All bid addenda will be transmitted to registered plan holders via email and will be available at the above referenced websites. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs. Plan holders who have obtained hard copies of the bid documents will need to make the determination if hard copies of the addenda are required for their use, and coordinate directly with the printer for hard copies of addenda to be issued. There will be no charge for registered plan holders to obtain hard copies of the bid addenda. The bid deposit for hard copies will be returned upon receipt of plans and specifications, in good condition, within thirty days after bid date, except for the lowest responsible bidder, whose check will be forfeited upon the award of the contract.

The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or the proposals will be rejected within 45 days of the date of opening proposals. Bids shall be subject, however, to the discretionary right reserved by the School District to waive any informalities, accept or reject any alternatives, reject any proposals and to advertise for new proposals, if in its opinion the best interest of the School District will thereby be promoted.

Each bidder may not withdraw his bid within 45 days after the formal opening thereof. A bidder may withdraw his bid only in writing and prior to the bid opening date.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
North Shore Central School District
78671

LEGAL NOTICE
NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SEA CLIFF, NEW YORK
INVITATION TO BID:
CARPENTRY SUPPLIES BID

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BIDDERS
BID NO. 2017-004
HANDS FREE SAFETY SYSTEM & CLASS 2 HARNESS
GLEN COVE FIRE DEPARTMENT
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids will be received by the City of Glen Cove Purchasing Agent, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York 11542 until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 7, 2017 at which time they will be opened publicly, read aloud, and awarded as soon thereafter as practical. Specifications and bid sheet may be obtained at the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y. beginning Friday, March 31, 2017.

Each bid must be made on the proposal form prepared for this work and in the manner designated therein and shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Glen Cove and marked on the outside with the name and address of the bidder, and the words "Bid No. 2017-004 - Hands Free Safety System & Class 2 Harness for Glen Cove Fire Dept.". The successful bidder must comply with all State and Federal Statutes relating to labor and worker's compensation. The City reserves the right to require insurance protections, to reject any and all bids received, to waive any informality in bids received and to accept the bid which in its judgment best serves the interests of the City.

SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018
Participating Districts:
North Shore Central School District

&Glen Cove School District
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be receive by the Board of Education, North Shore Central School District, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York, 11579, for Carpentry Supplies. The bids shall be in accordance with the Specifications and Terms of the proposed Contract. These proposals will be received by John Hall, Director of Facilities at: North Shore Central School District Administration Offices

112 Franklin Avenue
Sea Cliff, New York 11579
(516) 277-7835

until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on Wednesday April 19, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The bid opening will take place in the conference room at the Administration Offices.

OBTAINING DOCUMENTS:
The Documents, including specifications may be obtained at the North Shore Central School District, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York, 11579 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

BID SUBMISSIONS
The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities in any proposals, or to reject any or all proposals and to advertise for new proposals.
BY ORDER OF THE:
BOARD OF EDUCATION
North Shore Central School District
78670

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Nancy Andreiev
Purchasing Agent
City of Glen Cove
Dated March 30, 2017
78677

LEGAL NOTICE

The ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 28, 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.

TINA PEMBERTON
City Clerk
BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 28, 2017, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE CITY, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF

IS \$4,191,117,
APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF THE CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,191,117 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

The objects or purposes for which the bonds are authorized is to finance various capital improvements in and for the City of Glen Cove, as further described in the City's 2017 Capital Improvement Plan, at the estimated total cost of \$4,191,117.

The amount of obligations authorized to be issued is not to exceed \$4,191,117. The periods of usefulness are various periods from 3 to 40 years.

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 of Glen Cove, City Hall, Glen Cove, New York. Dated: March 28, 2017
Glen Cove, New York
78680

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE

GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GLEN COVE, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:
School Election Districts
Location of Polling Place
A,B,C High School, Dosoris Lane, Back Gym
D Connolly School, Ridge Drive - Auditorium

in said district Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.

PROPOSITION I - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET
To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2017-18 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S) To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:

A. Two (2) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020.
B. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such proposition(s) by voting machine.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, May 08, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Cafeteria, Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petition must be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and only in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on May 16, 2017 is Tuesday, May 2, 2017. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meeting within the last four (4) years (2013), or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, and the Board

of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register so prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 2, 2017, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 16, 2017, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. However, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district upon request on May 2, 2017, and during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, and at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane, Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave., Deasy School - Dosoris Lane, Gribbin School - Walnut Road, Landing School - McLoughlin Street, and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove schools website (www@glencove.k12.ny.us)

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to the District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to the District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website.

Dated:
Glen Cove, New York

March 2017
Ida Johnson
District Clerk
Board of Education
Glen Cove City School District
Glen Cove, New York
78674

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GLEN COVE, NY
BID NO. 2017-003
By: Nancy Andreiev, Purchasing Agent
City of Glen Cove, New York
DATED: March 30, 2017
78672

PLACE A NOTICE by phone at 516-569-4000 x232 or email: legalnotices@lherald.com

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Governor: Direct caregivers deserve a 'living wage'

Many of the most vulnerable people in our society are cared for by some of the strongest. Looking out for a child or adult with developmental disabilities can be trying for the caregivers who do this vital work. There are long shifts. Patience is beyond a virtue; it's a job requirement. And the pay is, frankly, low.

In a political era defined by partisan bickering, on March 13 the Republican-led State Senate and Democratic-controlled Assembly both added \$45 million to their proposed state budgets. The funds, not included in Gov. Andrew Cuomo's spending plan, would provide a "living wage" to the dedicated caregivers who often serve as surrogate parents to people who are incapable of caring for themselves.

A vote on the state budget is expected by April 1. In it, the governor should include that \$45 million.

Nationwide, in 2013, direct-care workers — including personal aides, home health aides and nursing assistants — comprised 70 to 80 percent of the paid personnel who provide long-term care for the elderly, people with disabilities and patients suffering from chronic medical conditions, according to a report by the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute.

A 2015 report by PHI found that there were more than 400,000 direct-care professionals in New York alone. The median hourly wages for personal-care and home-health aides in the state were \$11.17 and \$10.85, respectively. Fourteen percent of the workers didn't have health insurance themselves, according to the analysis. And the demand for such workers in New York was expected to increase by 32 percent from 2014

to 2024, the report said.

Many service providers are nonprofit organizations that rely on Medicaid, but at the federal level there are a host of proposals to slash Medicaid funding. If that were to happen, without increased money set aside in the state budget, the providers would have to cut staff, reduce quality-of-life services, or both.

The system of care for the developmentally disabled has for years been far from perfect. Historically, low wages have forced quality caregivers to find other jobs because they are unable to support their families. The high turnover rates and staffing shortages have not only jeopardized state facilities' ability to serve the people in them, but also disrupted the relationships the developmentally disabled have with their caregivers.

Lower wages can result in less-qualified professionals caring for the most vulnerable populations, which in some cases has led to abuse and neglect.

Former State Assemblyman Harvey Weisenberg, a Democrat from Long Beach, chronicled this harsh reality in 2013 during a floor debate in Albany, when he argued against a \$90 million cut to the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities. He spoke of his son, Ricky, a non-verbal special-needs adult who is one of many who were abused at their care facilities, which are often short-staffed and lack proper training. Weisenberg noted that a majority of abuse allegations are not properly investigated. Cuomo and other legislative leaders restored

the funding weeks later.

During his 25 years as the 20th District assemblyman, Weisenberg co-sponsored Jonathan's Law — signed into law in 2007 by then Gov. Eliot Spitzer — which entitles parents and legal guardians access to all child-abuse investigation files and medical history records. The legislation is named for Jonathan Carey, who was crushed to death in the backseat of a van by a direct-care worker at Oswald D. Heck Developmental Center near Albany. The state employee had worked nearly 200 hours during a 15-day span without a day off.

Last year, a statewide-coalition called #bfair2DirectCare, comprising people with disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome, as well as their family members, direct-care workers and other advocates, began rallying for a "living wage" for those caring for the special-needs population, traveling around the state for months. Weisenberg joined the cause.

The \$45 million plan to boost direct caregivers' pay has the support of State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, and Assemblywoman Melissa Miller, a Republican from Atlantic Beach who represents the 20th Assembly District. Miller has a son, Oliver, who suffered a stroke at birth and is now blind and endures daily seizures.

Increasing hourly rates for direct-care professionals would not fix the entire system. By better compensating caregivers, however, the state would foster a safer environment for those who need it the most.

LETTERS

Kuddos for the new paper

To the Editor:

The new Glen Cove Herald Gazette is just great! We finally have a good local paper. And many thanks for putting in the K-Kids article and picture in the paper!

LESLIE MCCARTHY
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Safety for all, but not sanctuary for undocumented in Glen Cove

To the Editor:

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and any ethnic group. Nor will we tolerate drugs, robbery or civil disobedience.

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OPINIONS

A garden grows in Merrick

“If you have a garden and a library, you have everything.”

— Cicero

In my backyard, in the shadow of my creaky wooden deck, a holly bush grows. A little over four years ago, I thought it dead. It was, however, just hibernating, regaining vigor after life-altering trauma.



SCOTT BRINTON

Saltwater inundated my south Merrick yard when Hurricane Sandy rolled across the South Shore on Oct. 29, 2012. Like so many of my plants — and my entire lawn — the holly was crippled by the salt and started to mottle and

brown in the weeks after the storm. Soon it was a brittle shell of its former self, its leafless branches seemingly a symbol of the crushing blow the South Shore had suffered in the worst natural catastrophe to hit Long Island since the great hurricane of 1938.

I didn't have much time to attend to my yard in the weeks and months after Sandy. The storm had destroyed a sizable section of my home, and restoring it was my first priority. I did, however, manage to spend a day lopping off dead branches from the

bushes and trees and sprinkling handfuls of gypsum, which removes salt from soil, in the beds and on the grass.

I truly believed the holly bush was a goner. It had been a perfect specimen — full and thick for shaping. Then I found myself on a frigid, gray day removing every one of its abundant branches. I cut it down to its base and left it. I figured I'd dig out the main stem and roots when my house was back in order and I had more time.

When I returned to it the following spring, I was astonished to find a single, spiraling shoot popping out of the base, with tiny, dark-green leaves starting to spread wide. Could it be? Was this apparently lifeless plant raised from the dead? Would it live?

Yes, it did — and it grew that year. One shoot became two, which became three and four. By fall, the bush was again a recognizable holly plant, its distinctive, jagged-edged leaves shining brightly.

It was still relatively small and fragile, however: Would it make it through the winter?

I returned the next spring, in 2014. It lived — and grew again. It had survived — much as the South Shore had.

Each March I am full of anticipation, awaiting the last snow and cold to give way to the sunny warmth of spring, when I can return to gardening. I begin at the beginning, with my lawn. I aerate and dethatch it by hand, with tools of a bygone era. I refuse to employ power tools. They consume fossil fuels, the burning of which sends untold — and unnecessary — amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmo-

sphere, leading to the global warming that, scientists tell us, will intensify big storms like Sandy in the future.

Aerating and dethatching by hand is hard work. A hand aerator has a long, tubular handle and two hollow spikes at the bottom. You must push the spikes into the ground with your foot, over and over again, to create hundreds of little divots across your lawn. The divots allow water and fertilizer (organic only, thank you very much) to reach the grass roots. What can be done in a matter of minutes with a power aerator requires hours with a hand tool.

Hand aerating is a monastic exercise. It requires no thought, so your mind wanders as you work. In my head, I write articles and columns and poems. Then I take a shower and sit down at my computer, and the words flow. I've done much of my best thinking while punching divots in my lawn.

Dethatching is a similarly contemplative chore. A thatch rake looks like a level-head rake, but has longer, more bowed teeth. It scrapes the surface to pull out tufts of dried grass between the live grass blades, allowing light to fall on the dirt, encouraging grass to grow thick.

Then I spread corn gluten across the lawn to prevent dandelions and limestone and to

balance the soil pH so it isn't too acidic.

When that's all done, I prune the trees, shrubs and rose bushes, and plant pansies and marigolds, which burst like fireworks in yellow and red. Each May 1, I plant tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and eggplants. They make for hearty eating from late July through early November.

Last year, many of the perennial flowers that I had planted before Sandy, like gerbera daisies and tiger lilies, began appearing again after a four-year hiatus. So, too, did my spurge ground cover.

And, just like that, my yard returned to normal. I have returned to normal.

Gardening is perhaps the most human of activities. It returns us to our roots, literally and figuratively. Particularly when you garden by hand, you're close to the soil,

to the earth. In the end, you come away with a deeper appreciation for the fragility — and resilience — of life, helping to explain, in simple terms, our very existence.

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I took some time, but since my yard and flower beds have returned to normal after the punishment of Hurricane Sandy, I've returned to normal.

LETTERS

involvement in enforcing violations of routine immigration law, such as merely being undocumented. Such violations fall under federal civil litigation statutes and administrative codes within the Department of Homeland Security.

As sworn police officers, we have no legal power to enforce these violations and take the strong stance that any involvement of our officers in this type of enforcement would be contrary to our mission of forming strong bonds with the Glen Cove community with the common goal being increased public safety for all.

With respect to people who interact with us because they are a witness or crime victim asking for police assistance, we do not inquire into immigration status. Our mission is to protect and serve all residents regardless of immigration status.

However, I do want to make something very clear — we are not a sanctuary jurisdiction. That is defined in statutes as jurisdictions that refuse to provide information at the Department of Homeland Security's request. At the Glen Cove Police Department, we work with all our federal law enforcement partners.

With respect to someone that commits a serious crime or engages in certain types of anti-social behavior that threatens the well-being of our community, we will act accordingly and make a notification to Homeland Security. I will not tolerate that type of behavior within this community and will use any and all remedies at my disposal.

WILLIAM WHITTON
Chief, Glen Cove Police

CORRECTION

Some of the information in our story, “Glen Cove Latinos seek a voice in Trump's America,” which appeared in the March 9-15 issue, was incorrect. An incident described in the story, in which a Latino man was beaten, occurred in 2015 in front of a movie theater. When Glen

Cove Police arrived, the victim did not wish to file a report, nor would he let EMS bring him to the hospital, according to department officials. Police said that the suspects accused of beating the Latino man were later arrested in Suffolk County.

FRAMEWORK by Robert V. Fitzpatrick



The seagulls gathering at the western waterfront of Oyster Bay N.Y. seem to be having a discussion. Perhaps they are wondering when it will feel like spring.

OPINIONS

Trump's priority No. 1 shouldn't have been Obamacare

Last Friday, Republican leaders were forced to withdraw proposed legislation to overhaul the Affordable Health Care Act, also known as Obamacare. Notwithstanding President Trump's lobbying efforts, it became clear that they couldn't pass the bill in the House of Representatives, where they have a sizable majority.



**ALFONSE
D'AMATO**

Afterward, Democrats began taking a victory lap, celebrating the Republicans' failure to alter Obamacare in spite of the fact that they control both houses of Congress and the White House. The failure will call in to question just

how effective the president's noted deal-making is.

The defeat has been seen as a major misstep by the administration and a setback to Trump's political agenda. The president's advisers should never have made the repeal and replacement of Obamacare his first major legislative priority. Clearly it should have been tax reform — the reduction of corporate and other taxes to stimulate the econo-

my. Even if the House had passed the proposed health care reform, there was little, if any, chance of it passing in the Senate.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating, as the saying goes. Trump had indicated that Obamacare was a disaster, but since the Democrats were in total opposition, Republicans should have left the bill alone and let the people just see its complete failure. The cost of health insurance continues to skyrocket, and more and more people are unable to afford it.

The administration's No. 1 priority must be the economic health of the country, and the vast majority of our citizens would support lower tax rates, particularly on corporations, to make them more competitive with large companies overseas. Reducing taxes on middle-class taxpayers would be widely supported by the public, Democrats and Republicans alike. I believe the president has a solid opportunity to redeem his failure by moving forward as quickly as possible on tax reform and making it retroactive to Jan. 1 of this year.

The Republican Party is going to encounter problems. House Speaker Paul Ryan summed up the challenge of

passing a health care overhaul by saying, "Moving from an opposition party to a governing party comes with growing pains. We're feeling those growing pains today."

Ryan is correct. It's extremely hard to pass a monumental bill. But as Democrats sit back and claim a victory now, that doesn't change the fact that Obamacare is extremely flawed.

For now, it will remain intact, and Republicans will take a step back and watch it explode. Don't let their failure to get rid of it fool you into believing that the Affordable Care Act won't eventually encounter fatal problems.

But passing another flawed health care bill wouldn't have helped the country, and for now the blood is on the hands of Republicans. According to a recent Quinnipiac poll, 56 percent of Americans disapproved of the Republican legislation, and only 17 percent supported it. The move to abandon the health care overhaul actually may have

saved Trump and the Republicans from losing the majority in next year's congressional races.

Now it's time for the president and his party to regain the trust of the American people by tackling tax reform, an issue that everyone agrees on.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle can agree that the current corporate tax system has had a detrimental effect on the economy. The tax code is counterproductive, hurts Americans and costs the government hundreds of billions of dollars in tax revenue it would receive if not for American corporations abandoning the United States for lower rates abroad.

This issue is a much easier sell for Congress, and is one that the entire Republican base can rally around. Friends, don't count the president out yet. Yes, the effort on health care may have been a setback, but now the nation will see how he reacts to it. I'm sure that this setback will energize the administration, and it won't be indecisive. Believe me, Trump will be very involved in the tax reforms that representatives and senators propose.

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My mailbox: the good, the bad and the ugly

My third-grade teacher, Mrs. Heller, told me that I needed to grow an "elephant skin." She advised toughening up if I wanted to survive elementary school trash talk. The problem was that I cried whenever anyone said something mean.

I did survive, and I suppose I toughened up, because here I am, writing a column that draws fire on a weekly basis. Some of it gets down and dirty, but I feel grateful for all letters because they speak to my philosophy of a free press as the best forum for public opinion.



**RANDI
KREISS**

This past year has seen an uptick in mail, which runs the spectrum from loony to literate, from savvy to sublimely uninformed. Of course I love the "atta-girl!" notes. But I've come to realize that I also greatly value letters from folks

who disagree. The caveat being that they strike a civil tone.

To that end, I thought I'd give some examples of letters I've received in recent weeks about my views on Presi-

dent Trump and his new administration. We don't get to publish all letters in the paper, so here goes. I have omitted names to protect the privacy of the writers.

When I wrote about Trump rescinding President Obama's order to allow transgender access to bathrooms in public schools, a reader wrote: "Donald Trump is an amazing president pushing back all this anything-goes crap ... So our young children now should be subjected to the possibility now in a bathroom a grown man dressed as a woman and he offends the little girl and her mom..."

I wrote back, suggesting he get educated on the subject. He wrote back, "No need. Your article is one sided and doesn't list the horrible outcome of this liberal agenda. You get educated ... You must be a transgender which is why your response is so stupid..."

I didn't cry. I'm actually gratified that this guy took the time to write. He outed himself more effectively than I ever could.

Then I received this: "I used to really enjoy your articles in the Herald. They were often funny, smart, touching and relatable and very entertaining! Ever since the fall election season ... your columns have ... become 'how to say I dislike Trump 50 different ways.' It is exhausting and annoying ... I miss the old days ... Hoping to see an old Randi

gem of a column soon!"

I wrote back explaining that I wish I could be funny, too. But it's hard to laugh when the ship of state is sinking. I respect her point of view, and I hope my funny bones heal ASAP.

Another reader wrote, "You see our president as foolish and insulting. I see him as wise and sensitive. You see him as caring about himself and his kids. I see him as loving this country and everyone in it. ... You said President Trump doesn't read. If that is true (and not fake news) then please let him tell us how he became a billionaire and the president of the United States ... If this email has opened your eyes even only for a split second it was worth writing."

My eyes are wide open, and I believe she's wrong, but I respect her right to her opinion and I told her so. I also told her that I hope she's *right*, because that would mean the world, as we know it, is not coming to an end.

Finally, one of those letter writers who love to hate my column. He wrote, "Boy-Oh-Boy! I try so hard to read the Herald and skip the last page, but curios-

ity and the need for a laugh always gets the best of me. The hypocrisy of liberals never ceases to amaze me. ... You should just be honest and admit that you are miserable and will not be happy until you can find a way to have President

Trump impeached ... You would rather repeat any fake news to attain your goal and that is sad!"

I pointed out to him that no one is forcing him to read my column.

So, folks, don't feel bad for me. I get plenty of supportive mail. I chose these as examples of publishable pro-Trump letters. I can't imagine a higher goal for citizens than to exchange heated remarks with civility and mutual respect.

I don't do fake news, and neither do my colleagues. I work for a real newspaper that does its best to report the true facts of any story. I get to write my *opinion* about the facts, and others may respond with *their* opinions via letters to the editor.

It's a beautiful thing, one of the pillars of our democracy.

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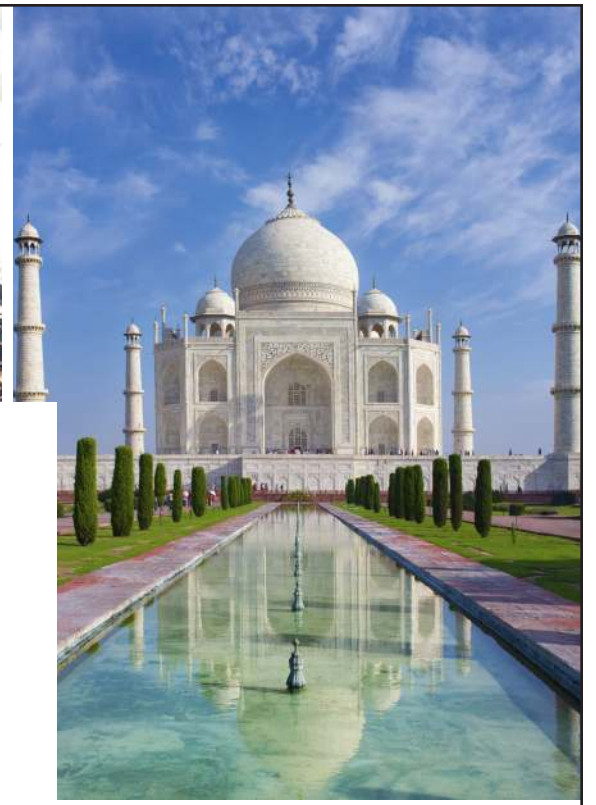
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