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Friends committed to Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary

Friends Elsie Stepnoski, left, and Phyllis Sczesnak, who originally met at Glen Cove Hospital when each was pregnant with her first child over 60 years ago, are active in the hospital's ladies' auxiliary together. They recently sold plenty of raffles during one of the auxiliary fundraisers. See story on page 9.

Suozzi celebrates 100 days in office

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Sharing a Washington, D.C., apartment with two other freshman congressmen and waking up early for bipartisan workouts in the gym might not have been how Democratic U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi imagined how politics at the Capitol would be, but he says he is loving every second of it.

Suozzi, a Glen Cove native, held a conference call with several news organizations on April 7 to discuss his progress as a new member of the House of Representatives. He marked his 100th day in office on April 13.

"It's a very sobering and humbling experience," he said. "Over 30,000 people have contacted my office since I took office, and at any given time I have over 1,000 different meeting requests."

Due to his extremely busy schedule, it is important, Suozzi said, that he prioritizes his time. He is a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, where he has focused on the Middle East, Africa and North Africa. He also sits on the Armed Services Committee

and on two of its subcommittees, the Tactical Air and Land Committee and the Oversight and Investigations Committee. "It's been a very interesting experience," he said, "and I feel that I've learned a tremendous amount and that I've already started to contribute."



Tom Suozzi

While on these committees, Suozzi has questioned the chiefs of staff of the armed forces and met with Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, of whom he spoke very highly.

He also devotes a large chunk of his time to the Problem Solvers Caucus. He is the vice chairman. This group of 22 Republicans and 22 Democrats work to try to find common ground across party lines. "The reason I went to D.C. is because people are sick of politics; they're sick and tired of politicians," he said. "They want people to get things done and solve problems."

The caucus has already requested a meeting with President Trump to try to find areas in which the parties can agree on the issues of infrastructure and tax reform.

When it comes to health care, however, that task may be

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Renovations 'to keep that 1932 Morgan Park look, inside and out'

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After J.P. Morgan Jr.'s wife died, he spent most of his life trying to figure out how to commemorate her life. He wrote a letter in 1926 to Glen Cove Mayor William Seaman requesting that a portion of his property at the end of Landing Road be converted into a free public

park. Thus, Morgan Park was born. Then Morgan established a park trustee board to protect the park's legacy.

Now, many years later, Morgan Park is in need of renovations. The City Council was set to vote on Wednesday on whether to award East Coast USA Construction a contract to complete the Morgan Park lower bathhouse renovations. The

construction company, which submitted the lower of two bids, estimated the renovation's cost at \$259,000. The other bid, for \$644,000, came from Woodstock Construction Group.

At first, Parks and Recreation Director Darcy Belyea thought East Coast USA's estimate was too low, but then she made some calls. "I called five

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GLEN COVE RESIDENT Robin Wagner, a long-time customer of Rising Tide Market, said the store always has "terrific, fresh food."

Rising Tide Market launches 'Bring Your Own Bag' campaign

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It was the lyrics from a Grateful Dead song — "Got some things to talk about, here beside the rising tide" — that inspired Jerry Farrell to name his organic market in Glen Cove, Rising Tide. Since its opening in 1976, Farrell has combined his respect for the environment and his interest in health food to create a well-loved, local market that has grown from its small location in Locust Valley to the larger,

recently renovated store in Glen Cove. To go along with his environmentally conscious efforts, Farrell and his staff are implementing a "Bring Your Own Bag" campaign starting on Earth Day, April 22. Like many stores, Rising Tide eliminated the use of plastic bags in 2012 by switching to strictly paper and began rewarding customers 10 cents for every reusable bag used at checkout. While many customers bring their own canvas bags, the store still used 101,000 paper grocery bags in 2016.

That got Farrell thinking. What could he do to decrease the paper bags in his store. Earth Day seemed like the perfect event to kick-start an idea to change his consumer's habits. "It's not any kind of drastic thing, but we realized if we can start with this one action of creating a different habit for people, that it will make a difference and then we can take on another initiative," said Farrell.

The BYOB Campaign will charge 10 cents per paper bag. The money will then be donated to a local charity, which will change each month. Customers will continue to receive 10 cents for every reusable bag that they bring or they have the option of donating that money to the charity. The first local charity of the month will be the North Shore INN, a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization established in 1989 to feed the hungry in the Glen Cove area. Rising Tide already donates food to the INN every Friday, but wanted to provide them with a financial resource as well.

"We accept the fact that this is a cost for us, and it's not about us making more money," Farrell said. "We didn't want to send that message. We are a community store; we make decisions not only among our own staff but with the community input. We have to take a leadership role in this."

He reached out to get his customer's opinions on his idea and most of them are on board. "Your 10 cents are not going to us, we are still looking to reduce the overall use, and that's our focus, more environmental than cost savings."

Other charities the store has lined up for future months include the Boys and Girls Club, the Glen Cove Animal Shelter, St. John's of Lattingtown and the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor.



BILL LIGHTER HAS been working at Rising Tide Market for about two years now, and enjoys the friendly environment.



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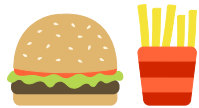


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Arrests

- Woman, 25, of Glen Cove, was arrested on three counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and unlawful possession of marijuana on Glen Street on April 5.
- Man, 23, of Glen Cove, was arrested on two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree and an open Nassau County war-

rant on Glen Street on April 5.

■ Man, 47, of Glen Cove, was arrested for burglary in the second degree, criminal contempt in the second degree, criminal mischief in the fourth degree and aggravated family offense on Carpenter Street on April 5.

■ Man, 20, of Glen Cove, was arrested for harassment in the second degree and disorderly conduct on St. Andrews Lane on April 2.

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Legal tips for pet owners

Americans spent nearly \$63 billion on their pets last year, but there may be no money better spent than protecting them in case of death, disability, or divorce of their pet parents. Make sure your pets are protected.

■ **Proof of Ownership.** Custody battles over pets during divorce or separation is commonplace. Proof of ownership such as AKC registration, paperwork from the shelter at the time of adoption showing who adopted the pet, or a written acknowledgment of ownership are ways to establish legal ownership.

■ **A Pet Trust.** If there are concerns over who would care for a pet in case of death or disability, owners should discuss it with the person or organization that they feel comfortable entrusting the care of their pet. The agreement should be formalized by retaining an attorney and establishing a Pet Trust, which may be contained within the last Will and Testament or in a separate lifetime trust. The trust should contain provisions directing with whom the pet should reside and provide funds to the person or organization for the lifetime care of the pet.

■ **Vaccination record.** Veterinarians will have these records on file but keeping a hard copy comes in handy when a pet is boarded at a kennel or is checked into a pet-friendly hotel.

■ **Microchips.** Unlike traditional collars and tags, microchips do not need to be replaced regularly, don't fall off, and don't wear out. A microchip implant gives the pet owner the best chance of being reunited with their pet when a lost pet is found.

■ **Pet Insurance:** Pet insurance has been improved and become more cost effective over the past five years. Pet insurance takes the cost of medical care out of the equation and allows owners to avoid making medical decisions based on the ability to pay for care. Most pet insurance policies reimburse up to 80 percent of costs after deductibles, and most also provide flexible payment plans.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



Afternoon movies

The Sea Cliff Village Library will feature "Manchester by the Sea" on Tuesday, April 18 at 1:15 p.m. The film features Academy Award winning actor, Casey Affleck. Info: (516) 671-4290.

Fancy birdhouse

Decorate a birdhouse with paint, gems, mosaic pieces and a flying butterfly at the Gold Coast Public Library on Tuesday, April 18 at 4:30 p.m. Create the perfect home for your feathered friends. For grades K-5. Info: (516) 759-8300.



Harmonizing with The End of America

The monthly Hard Luck Café series at the Cinema Arts Center welcomes a co-bill of The End of America and Ladybird, Thursday, April 20. The rich harmonies of bandmates James Downes, Trevor Leonard and Brendon Thomas have been compared to Crosby Stills and Nash. Their original lyrics – edgy and thought-provoking command instant attention from the audience. Joining them, the all-female trio

Ladybird draws on their roots folk Americana influences. Info: (631) 425-2925 or www.fmsh.org.

Reflections of Long Island's Gold Coast

Writer, teacher and Gold Coast historian Orin Finkle offers a lecture on the grand estates that made their mark on the North Shore in an earlier era, Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m., at the Glen Cove Public Library. He'll share portions of his huge personal collection of period magazines, books and other ephemera. Info: (516) 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.



When dinosaurs roamed the earth

Step back into time to prehistoric days at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve in Glen Cove. Families are invited to its annual "Dinosaur Day," Saturday, April 15, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participate in a variety of hands-on activities including fossil examination, a "fossil dig" and creating a fossil to take home, – even dress up like a dinosaur. Info: (516) 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.



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HERALD SCHOOLS

Students observe National Nutrition Month at Gribbin Elementary

For some students, having your parents visit your classroom may be embarrassing. But not for Matthew Millan, whose mom visited his first grade class at Gribbin Elementary School to give a hands-on nutrition lesson to his classmates.

The students started their healthy day by making a colorful, healthy food plate with Sharon Millan, a registered dietician. The students then chose items from each food group to create their own healthy plate. Some options included turkey, peanut butter, apples, beans, carrots, peppers, cucumbers and breadsticks. The best part of all was after the lesson, when the students were able to eat what was on their plates.

After the visit from Millan, the first graders headed off to gym class with Mark Checola, where they learned that having a healthy heart involved eating nutritious foods and engaging in regular exercise.

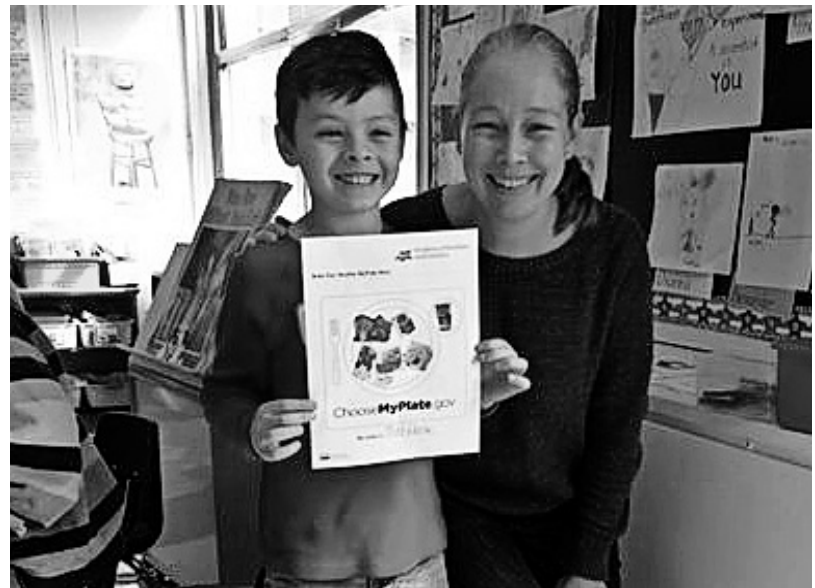


Courtesy of Glen Cove School District

DANIELA AGUSTIN, LEFT, enjoyed eating her work along with classmates Ester Umana, Matthew Millan, Sebastian Haluch and Brody Blackburn.



JAYLIN CANALES, LEFT, Alexa Benitez, Kaeden Bullock, Julian Rottino, Sebastian Haluch and Matthew Millan worked to create a balanced meal with pictures.



MATTHEW MILLAN'S MOM, Sharon Millan, visited his class to teach them about making nutritious food choices.

GCHS Select Chorale learn from college choirs

Over a period of two weeks, the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale had the opportunity to work and perform with choirs from major universities in surrounding states. And Syracuse University's chorale came to Glen Cove High School, which the high school chorale hosted. The teens traveled to Westminster Choir College in New Jersey and the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College to participate in high school choral festivals. The GCHS chorale performed for their peers and had an opportunity to sing alongside other high school choirs and college ensembles from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Ed Norris, the choral director, said several professors and directors from these other music facilities were blown away by the talent of Glen Cove students.

In addition, the Glen Cove School District was recognized by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation as one of 527 Best Communities for Music Education across the nation. This honor recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders who work together to ensure access to music learning for all students as part of the school curriculum.



Courtesy of Glen Cove School District

GLEN COVE HIGH School's Select Chorale participated in a high school chorale festival at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College.

Heralds bring home the gold

By **SCOTT BRINTON**
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The Herald Community Newspapers came up big in the New York Press Association's 2016 Better Newspaper Contest, taking 15 honors in the state-wide competition, for which 184 newspapers submitted nearly 3,000 entries. The awards were presented at NYPA's annual convention in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., last weekend.

Among the accolades were first-place awards for Rookie Reporter of the Year, In-Depth Reporting, News Series, Coverage of the Environment and Art Photo. Sixteen members of the editorial department were recognized for journalistic excellence, including Laura Lane, the editor of the Glen Cove Herald Gazette, Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette and Oyster Bay Guardian. In all, the Heralds received 170 points in the contest, placing them among the top five community newspaper groups in the state.

"Our reporters, editors, sales executives and production staff produce some of the best local newspapers in the state," noted Co-Publisher Stuart Richner. "I'm delighted that others in the industry have recognized the work they do week in and week out. It's particularly rewarding to see our rookie reporters recognized for their outstanding work."

"It takes a talented team to win," said Rhonda Glickman, the Heralds' vice

president of advertising sales. "I am honored to be part of that team."

The Changing Face of L.I.

The Heralds took first place for In-Depth Reporting and News Series for a nine-part series on Long Island immigration, "The Changing Face of Long Island," which examined how immigrants arrive on the Island and how they are shaping its economic, educational and political landscapes. The series was more than two years in the planning.

Executive Editor Scott Brinton was the series editor as well as one of its writers. Other writers included Lane, Micah Danney, Stephany Reyes, Daine Taylor, Rossana Weitekamp and intern Alex Boyd. Christina Daly was the photographer.

Judges wrote of the series, "The best so far. Lots of good color in the stories, good data and research, and the editorial at the end bringing it home shows real planning and execution."

They also commented, "A wide-ranging, face-of-the-situation series that breaks through the stereotypes and informs us in breezy, engaging detail ... Obviously a lot of planning in this one, and photography propels the narrative."

Editorial excellence

The Heralds earned second place for three editorials written by former Executive Editor John O'Connell, who is very active in the Glen Cove Hibernians and



Courtesy Scott Brinton

SOME 20 MEMBERS of the Herald Community Newspapers staff attended the New York Press Association conference last weekend. The Heralds received 15 awards for newspaper excellence.

was the Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day grand marshal a few years ago. Judges wrote, "Well written editorials about child sex abuse, Clinton/Trump voting and showing respect for our [veterans]. Moving."

Chasing Mungano

The Heralds also received a second-place award for News Story for their coverage of County Executive Ed Mungano's arrest on corruption charges last fall. Writers included Brinton, Strack, Erik Hawkins and Anthony Rifulato, and Daly and Hawkins took the photographs.

Rifulato also wrote a second story on elected leaders' reactions to the arrest.

Judges remarked, "Teamwork pays off. This is journalism that taps readers on the shoulders and shows everyone newspapers are needed. Excellent effort."

"The range of honors we received

demonstrates the level of talent and dedication of our staff," Brinton said. "I'm so proud to work alongside journalists who are truly committed to making a difference in the lives of our readers and in the world."

First Place

In-Depth Reporting: Laura Lane, Alex Boyd, Scott Brinton, Christina Daly, Micah Danney, Stephany Reyes, Daine Taylor, Rossana Weitekamp

News Series: Lane, Boyd, Brinton, Daly, Danney, Reyes, Taylor, Weitekamp

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HERALD SPORTS

Glen Cove splits a pair

SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



RYAN AUGHAVIN

North Shore Senior Lacrosse

A YEAR AFTER setting the tone for the Vikings' offense and earning All-County honors, the Brown University bound Aughavin is has picked up right where he left off. Through North Shore's first seven games of 2017 -- all victories -- he scored 18 goals and assisted on 12 others. In the Conference C/D opening 10-1 win at Mineola on April 7, he scored four times and added two assists. He had 7 points on March 31.

GAMES TO WATCH

Thursday, April 13

Boys Lacrosse: Port Washington at North Shore 10 a.m.
Baseball: North Shore at V.S. South.....10:30 a.m.
Baseball: Glen Cove at Bethpage.....10:30 a.m.
Boys Lacrosse: Glen Cove at Freeport..... 1 p.m.

Friday, April 14

No games scheduled

Saturday, April 15

No games scheduled

Monday, April 17

Softball: North Shore at Glen Cove10:30 a.m.
Baseball: Wantagh at Glen Cove 2 p.m.
Girls Track: North Shore at C.S. Harbor.....4:30 p.m.
Baseball: V.S. North at North Shore 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18

Softball: Glen Cove at Manhasset..... 4 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse: West Hempstead at Glen Cove.....4:15 p.m.
Baseball: North Shore at V.S. North 4:30 p.m.
Baseball: Glen Cove at Wantagh 4:30 p.m.
Girls Track: Glen Cove at Friends Academy.....4:30 p.m.
Boys Track: North Shore at C.S. Harbor 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 19

Boys Lacrosse: Lynbrook at North Shore.....4:45 p.m.

NOMINATE A SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE

Nassau County High School Athletic Directors, varsity coaches and parents of varsity athletes can nominate candidates to be highlighted on the sports page. Please send all materials, including a digital photo (head shot), to sports@liherald.com.

By J.D. FREDA

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The Glen Cove girls' lacrosse team came into this past week looking to gain traction on an early season that has been all too frequently interrupted by temperate weather. With head coach Nicole Sileo looking for her team to make a definitive statement, her girls responded by playing hard en route to a 13-12 comeback victory over Wheatley and a hard-fought 16-10 loss against Valley Stream.

On April 3, the Lady Big Red walked in to Wheatley and performed comfortably under pressure. At the end of the first half, after a back and forth battle, Wheatley had led Glen Cove 8-6 at half-time. Glen Cove then marched back and outscored their competitors 7-4 in the second half, including a game-sealing goal by Tristyn Hudson with only 1:53 left to play. (Tristyn) Hudson finished with 4 goals in the game, while Alyssa Zangari tallied 5 goals in the game.

Sileo lauded the effort of Wheatley's sophomore sensation Sami Rothstein, whilst also giving ample credit to her defensive unit. "We face guarded her all game and I think we did well," Sileo said. "We 'held' her to 5 goals, although that's not awesome, but she's a phenomenal player."

Glen Cove then looked to take that momentum into last Saturday morning's matchup against Valley Stream after a scheduled game April 6 at New Hyde Park had been postponed due to severe weather conditions. However ultimately, a somewhat depleted version of the Lady Big Red were called upon for this game. "We had some seniors missing due to college visits...So we had some key starters missing," Sileo said.

However, that gave way to opportunities for some of the younger players to show their skill on the field. Freshman midfielder/attacker Gabriella Schettino took advantage of the opportunity and netted her first goal of the young season. Zangari finished with 3 goals Trinity Hudson finished with a pair of goals and an assist, while sister Tristyn registered one goal and a pair of assists. Kiara Demosthene also scored two goals.

Lindsey Payton, a three-year varsity starter showed, even in defeat, why she is the anchor of this defensive corps. Goalie Colleen Lynch, whom Sileo has complimented for her growth in both her ability and role on the team, played strong as well. Midfielder Katherine Wilson also was strong off of the draw for the Lady Big Red as well.

With seven games canceled due to weather thus far, Sileo just wants a steadier approach from Mother Nature.

"I think if we have more consistent outside practices, and once we don't have all of these interruptions, we'll get



Tony Bellissimo/Herald

SENIOR YENIFER MOLINA scored a goal in Glen Cove's thrilling 13-12 victory over Wheatley on April 3. The Big Red split its first four games.

rolling and be better overall," she said.

With a litany of different players contributing and a gelling of the team beginning to take place, Glen Cove will be a dangerous opponent for competi-

tors going forward.

The Big Red plays its next four on the road and doesn't return home until May 6 when Great Neck North visits for a 10 a.m. start.



Photos by Danielle Agoglia/Herald

ELSIE STEPNOSKI AND PHYLLIS SZCESNAK met at Glen Cove Hospital 60 years ago and have been best friends ever since. They sold tickets for the auxiliary scratch-off raffle.

Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary Raises Money with Scratch-Offs

By **DANIELLE AGOGLIA**

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It's almost as if Elsie Stepnoski and Phyllis Sczesnak's friendship was meant to be. The duo met in a mother's class at Glen Cove Hospital while pregnant with their first children, over 60 years ago. "Our husbands had the same first name, they were in the same business, and we were due on the same day!" recalled Sczesnak. "And we have the same personalities," added Stepnoski. And they've been friends ever since.

After starting their families, Stepnoski and Sczesnak were itching for something to do outside of the home. That's when they discovered the Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary, a volunteer fundraising organization that carries out a wide variety of functions on behalf of the hospital, its staff, patients and their families. The ladies began volunteering their evenings at the hospital where they worked in the coffee shop, helped out with patient care, and even took up baby photography.

The auxiliary helped the them grow close, and luckily their husbands got along as well. The couples raised their families together, took trips together and remained close through all their adult lives, thanks to the auxiliary. Both Sczesnak and her late husband Edward served as presidents of the organization, and Stepnoski was honored at the last annual awards luncheon in January for dedicating 50 years of service. At lun-

cheon, the auxiliary presented the hospital with a donation of \$20,000 from the 2015 and 2016 fundraisers.

Some of the functions the group orchestrates includes an annual wine and restaurant tasting event in the Fall, a "Tree of Lights" during the Winter, a "Mad Hatter's Tea" in the Summer, and their most recent, a Spring scratch-off raffle, where participants entered to win boards filled with \$25, \$35 and \$100 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets.

The Spring raffle was held in the hospital lobby from Monday, March 27 to Friday, March 31, and the winners were announced that afternoon. Last year, the raffle raised \$650, and the organization hopes to do just as well this year.

Over the years, the auxiliary has raised money to help the hospital purchase equipment such as bladder scanners and iPads for the rehab unit. The money raised from this year's raffle will be used to purchase hospital transport chairs. For the future, the auxiliary is planning on raising funds to refurbish the hospital's chapel. "We appreciate all of the auxiliary's efforts throughout the years to raise money for and awareness about Glen Cove Hospital," said Susan Kwiatek, DNP, executive director of Glen Cove Hospital. "They are a vital part of our hospital."

If you are interested in joining the Glen Cove hospital auxiliary or junior auxiliary please contact the auxiliary office at (516) 674-7365.

Comedy night to advance charitable mission

They say laughter is the best medicine. The Sarah Grace Foundation for Children With Cancer Inc. will combine chuckles and charity at its 14th annual Night of Laughter on April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

The Night of Laughter is the premier fundraiser for the foundation, named in honor of Sarah Grace Weippert, who lost her battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in 2002 at the age of 12. Her parents, Matthew and Marissa Weippert, founded the organization the following year with a commitment to improving the quality of life of children with cancer, and to provide comfort and support to their families.

Comedian Rick Morgan, who has performed in Atlantic City and at Caroline's New York City, returns as the host. Headlining this year's slate of comedians is Stevie Geebee, Jack Simmons, Steve Marshall, and Al Martin.

Although the Night of Laughter benefits children, it is for mature audiences only. The cost of \$85 per person includes entertainment, dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. There will be numerous raffles. Tickets for the event and raffle books must be purchased in advance. Reserve tickets early by calling (516) 433-9745 or visiting www.TheSarahGraceFoundation.org.

WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

Each year, New York American Water flushes the water mains in its distribution system. This essential part of our system maintenance program helps us to provide you with high-quality water service. When crews are in the area, customers may experience a drop in water pressure or discolored water. If this happens, simply let your water run until it is clear. Customers are also encouraged to check for discolored water before doing laundry. Any changes due to weather will be posted on our website at newyorkamwater.com (on the home page, click on Alerts Notifications). **NOTE:** No flushing will be conducted on April 14 (Good Friday) or from April 10 - April 18 (Passover).

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
West Hempstead	4/3	4/7
Woodmere	4/19	4/28
Woodsburgh	4/19	4/28

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TO TURN THE water on one needs to press a button on the wall. The old sinks will be replaced.

Upgrade for Morgan Park restrooms

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references for them, and they got glowing reviews," she said.

The renovation's cost was approved as part of the capital budget at a previous council meeting.

The lower restrooms in Morgan Park

have not been renovated since they were built in 1932, though they have been cleaned, repainted and brought up to sanitary code every year since. "You can only paint so much before something has to be really taken care of and renovated," Belyea said. "I prioritize what needs

to be taken care of and that was definitely the biggest need, for a long time, but we couldn't get the funding for it."

The renovations will include heavy epoxy flooring, which is estimated to last about 30 years, graffiti-proof stall dividers and new fixtures, including new sinks.

If additional work needs to be done, the city is prepared to put in a change order to receive more funding. As part of the capital borrowing budget, taxpayers will repay the debt over time. The project will not necessarily lead to a tax increase, however, because the city has a surplus, and the amount it planned to borrow this year was much lower than it usually is.

The restrooms' exterior will look the same. The brickwork will stay, and minor patchwork may be done on certain areas. The major change will be the roof. The plan is to replace the existing slate tiles with a resin that looks like slate but has a longer lifespan and is

easier to maintain.

In keeping with the city's plan to become a Certified Clean Energy Community, LED lights will be installed. Since the restrooms are not heated or air-conditioned, energy use will be minimal.

Belyea worked with Glen Cove architect James O'Grady, of Archangels, to design the new restrooms without changing the look of the building. "We're going to try to keep that 1932 Morgan Park look, inside and out," said Belyea, who will also work with the Morgan Park board of trustees to choose the fixtures that will be added.

"Everything in government takes longer than you'd like it to be," she said, adding, "It's not like when you want to do the bathroom over in your home [and] you get a couple estimates." Government is different, she said. "You have to secure the funding, get the plans made to meet city, state and county code, so it's just a longer process."

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THE BATHROOM FLOORS will be replaced with heavy epoxy flooring.

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ISABELLA SANTIAGO SPRINTING past Baldwin's defense to make a play for her team.

Roni Chastain/Herald



JULIA PETRIZZO CRADLING the lacrosse ball as she makes her way downfield.

Lady Knights play their home opener

BY **NAKEEM GRANT**

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Glen Cove's 3rd and 4th grade Lady Knights, part of the Glen Cove Junior Lacrosse Club, played their first home game of the season against Baldwin on April 8 at the Robert M. Finley Middle School. This was one of the many games played during Week 2 action for the lacrosse club, but the matches were just as intense.

Led by head coach Brian "Condo" Neice, the Lady Knights competed the entire way on their home field. As the season grows, they hope to see their level of play develop into something special. The lacrosse club, which includes children from Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Glen Head and Glenwood Landing, will rest up next week for the Easter weekend.



JULIANNA CONRAD, LEFT, and Isis Makin, warming up before the game.



GLEN COVE LADY Knights' goalie Marissa Neice making a save and defending her net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 13

Kids movie: Moana

Oyster Bay-Norwich Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 11:30 to 1:15 p.m. No registration; children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. (516) 922-1212.

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.

Meditation with Morgan Rose

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registration and \$5 fee required. You may register at the circulation desk or online. Payment must be made at the circulation desk. (516) 671-1837.

Friday, April 14

Teacup planters

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 11 to 12 p.m. Come to the library and decorate your very own teacup planter to take home. All children will also receive a plant to put into their teacup to water and watch grow. Snacks will be provided. For grades K-2. (516) 759-8300 or skaloudis@goldcoastlibrary.org.

Saturday, April 15

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.

Shred your personal documents

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 10 to 12 p.m. The shredding company, A Shred Away, Inc., will have a truck situated in the lower parking field to shred your unwanted papers/documents. Each person is allowed to bring up to 3 boxes of material to shred. This service is on a first-come, first-served basis. (516) 671-1837.

Dancercise with Carol

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 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 and bring a bottle of water. Registration and fee required. 10 sessions for \$50. Payment must be made at the circulation desk. (516) 671-1837.

Sunday, April 16

Easter dawn service

Calvary A.M.E Church, Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio and First Presbyterian Church will host the bilingual (Spanish and English) service at Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove, 7 to 7:30 a.m. Pastors from the three churches including Rev. Craig J. Wright, Rev. Juanita Lopez and Rev. Joan Finck will each deliver a short Easter



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Monday, April 17

Gentle yoga with Morgan Rose

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registration and fee required. Fee is due prior to the first class. 10 sessions, \$35. (516) 671-1837.

ESL beginners

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Classes are free, registration is required. (516) 671-1837.

Tuesday, April 18

Book discussion

Librarians Jan Angliss and Elizabeth Hogan will lead a discussion of the New York Times bestseller, *Dead Wake* at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Written by Erik Larson, this true story covers the submarine attack on the *Lusitania* and the sinking of the largest and fastest ocean liner of its time. Copies of *Dead Wake* are available at the reference desk. (516) 676-2130.

Fancy bird house

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4:30 p.m. Decorate a birdhouse with paint, gems, mosaic pieces and a flying butterfly. (516) 759-8300.

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Wednesday, April 19

Quilters and knitters

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Bring a project or come for ideas. Experts are on hand to help beginners get started. All welcome. (516) 671-1837.

Tai Chi for fitness

Hosted by certified teacher Nancy Chin

at Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Registration and fee required. 10 sessions, \$50. Fee is due prior to the first class and payable at the main desk. (516) 671-1837.

Sea Cliff chess club

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

Thursday, April 20

Live music series

From, The Sheiks, Russel Seeger will perform at The Metropolitan Bistro, 39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, 8 p.m. (516) 801-4500.



Pancake breakfast

The North Shore Kiwanis Club will host a charitable breakfast on Sunday, April 23, North Shore High School, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 8 to 12 p.m.

Spring Fling

Hosted by the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee at the Metropolitan Bistro, 39 Roslyn Ave, Sea Cliff, 5 to 7 p.m. (516) 801-4500.

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Friday, April 21

Friday night at the movies

Hidden Figures, the story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7:30 to 10 p.m. (516) 759-8300 or gcinfo@goldcoastlibrary.org.

Team trivia night

The View Grill, 11 Lattingtown Rd, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Special trivia menu and \$5 per person to play. Prizes are awarded for teams in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Please call (516) 200-9603 for a reservation.

Saturday, April 22

Baseball/Softball parade

Opening Day Parade and Ceremony for Sea Cliff Baseball and North Shore Softball, 9 a.m. Parade route along Sea Cliff Avenue. Ceremony at Clifton Park.

Film screening

The Founders will be featured at the North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen Street, Glen Cove, 2 p.m. The Founders film is about finally recognizing those unseen efforts and identifying these women as true icons of sport and equality. The film will be followed by a Skype discussion with Shirley (516) 801-1191.

Sunday, April 23

5K walk to support HMTCL

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Complimentary docent led museum tours available from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. (516) 571-8040 or info@hmtcli.org.

Pancake breakfast

Hosted by the North Shore Kiwanis Club at North Shore High School, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 8 to 12 p.m. \$8 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens and children (10 and under). Entertainment & free balloons, raffle prizes; Proceeds sponsors our "Klothes for Kids" Program This pays for back to school clothes for community children.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island Announces New Location in Glen Cove

Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI) is expanding their practice opening another office in Glen Cove, at 15 Glen Street. As part of this expansion, respected cataract surgeon and neuro-ophthalmologist, Scott Verni, MD, will be joining the team. Verni is an ophthalmologist who has been practicing for over 20 years. He earned his medical degree at SUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn and went on to complete an internship at Staten Island University Hospital. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at SUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn. He is also member of many societies including the American Academy of Ophthalmology and New York State Ophthalmology Society. "I am thrilled to announce that I will be joining Long Island's preeminent ophthalmology practice, Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island," Verni said. "Our shared vision is to provide exceptional individualized care to each patient in an environment that is caring, respectful and comfortable."



Courtesy Denali Creative

DR. SCOTT VERNI will be joining the OCLI team, and practicing at the Glen Cove and East Meadow locations.



Tab Hauser/Courtesy City of Glen Cove

NORTH COAST SUBARU donated a check to Cove Animal Rescue for their "Share the Love" fundraising campaign. Cove Animal Rescue board members Gilbert Feldman DVM, from left, Betty Geiger and Barbara Hall with Indigo, joined Subaru's Bill Santoro, Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles, Mayor Reggie Spinello and Subaru representatives Matteo Osso, Sam Spagnuolo and Jesse Liang.

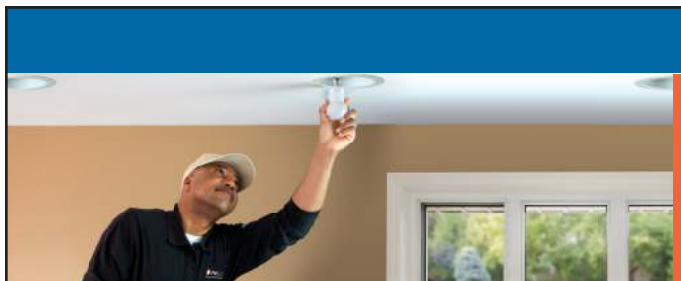
North Coast Subaru donates to Cove Animal Shelter

With her tail happily wagging and new Subaru chew toys in her mouth, Indigo, from the Cove Animal Shelter, welcomed visitors to the shelter last Monday. The occasion was a special "Share the Love" check that was presented by North Coast Subaru to Cove Animal Rescue.

Subaru's "Share the Love" fundraising drive takes place between November and January, and for every purchase or lease of a new vehicle, Subaru donates \$250 to a

charity of the customer's choice. North Coast Subaru chose to match Subaru's donation of up to \$5,000 and for the second year in a row selected Cove Animal Rescue as the recipient of their donation.

Bill Santoro of North Coast Subaru presented a check for \$22,921 to Cove Animal Rescue as a token of its appreciation "for all you do to ensure the health and welfare of animals in need."



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SAFE Glen Cove Coalition works to combat addiction

Over the last few years, Glen Cove has experienced treatment gaps in alcohol, mental health and substance use. According to a survey created by the Coalition in 2016 to gather support for reinstatement of services, alcohol, depression and anxiety were the top three areas of concern for the community followed by marijuana, tobacco and prescription drugs.

Addiction can happen to anyone, any family and at any time. It can be intimidating and overwhelming to identify a substance use disorder (SUD) and even harder

to admit when there is a problem. Learning to recognize the signs of addiction is critical. Educating and empowering oneself with tools and resources about addiction will help those who are in need.

The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) launched an informational media campaign to combat addiction. The campaign provides the following sections: information, help, and support services. Included are fact sheets, links to helpful websites and videos with real New Yorkers

sharing their stories about addiction, support and recovery. These resources can increase awareness and empower someone to have a conversation about addiction and offer help, guidance and support.

The SAFE Glen Cove Coalition encourages anyone directly or indirectly affected by addiction to go to <https://oasas.ny.gov/CombatAddiction/index.cfm> for assistance when helping others.

The mission of the Coalition is to eliminate alcohol and substance abuse in Glen Cove. It is overseen by SAFE's board of

directors and co-chaired by Glen Cove School District health teacher Tony Gallo and SAFE Executive Director Dr. Sharon Harris and led by SAFE Board Chair and Strategic Planner, Georgie Connett.

The Coalition is aware of the community's needs through its ongoing collaborative efforts. For more information about SAFE, Inc. and the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition visit the website at <http://www.safeglen Cove.org> or our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/safeglen Cove-coalition> or call (516) 676-2008.

City hosts e-waste and paper shredding collection

In recognition of the 47th anniversary of Earth Day and to underscore the importance of responsible recycling, Glen Cove's Department of Public Works (DPW) will host an e-waste collection day and introduce the city's first paper shredding event on Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the DPW yard, at 100 Morris Ave. Glen Cove.

Residents can bring the following electronic waste items for recycling: Televisions, VCRs, Stereos, Speakers, Electronic Games, Printers, Fax Machines, Computer Monitors, Laptops, Hard Drives, Keyboards, Mice, Cables, DVRs, Cable Boxes, Cell Phones and Pagers.

Items that are not acceptable include microwaves and other small household appliances. But items like these can be scheduled for metal pick-up on Wednesdays, by calling DPW before 3 p.m. on Tuesdays.

The paper-shredding event will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or until the shredder truck is full. Residents can shred confidential papers with a limit of two banker's boxes per person. For more information please visit the department of public works on the third floor at 9 Glen Street, or call (516) 676-4402.

Kayak Storage is now available

For kayak enthusiasts who enjoy spring, summer and fall days rowing in the waters of Hempstead Harbor and the Long Island Sound, the city's Parks and Recreation department offers kayak storage at the Glen Cove Municipal Boat Ramp. Residents can purchase an annual storage rack spot for \$90 with a permit. Permit forms are available at city hall with proof of Glen Cove residency.

Owners must provide their own cable and lock, and place the permit sticker on the kayak transom so it is visible when the vessel is property stored. All kayaks are stored at the owner's risk and must be removed no later than December 1. Space is limited, and interested parties can pick up their permit forms at the Glen Cove Parks and Recreation department, room 206 in City Hall, week days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please make checks payable to the City of Glen Cove.

The Glen Cove Municipal Boat Ramp is at Mercadante Beach at the end of Garvies Point Road. For more information call (516) 676-3766

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North Shore kids still opting out from testing

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA and NAKEEM GRANT
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Students attending the Glen Cove, Oyster Bay, Locust Valley and North Shore school districts are still choosing to opt-out from taking state tests. The opt-out movement, which began as a small grass roots campaign waged on social media in 2014, has grown so much that school administrators have become involved too.

Glen Cove School District Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said her district has handled the growth of the movement consistently over the past several years.

"We provide parents with information about the change in the assessments over the years and we honor any request for information they require," she said. "I've been supportive of the teachers since the first year I was here. I tell the teachers that it's not the only way we assess their effectiveness."

Locust Valley Central School District Superintendent Dr. Anna Hunderfund said parents and administrators went "berserk" when the New York State Department of Education initially developed the exams. She and other district officials met with elected leaders and members of the state's education department in Albany when the tests were first introduced. They all viewed the increased testing as a "disaster in the making."

"Educationally and philosophically these exams make no sense," Hunderfund

said. "It just creates a lot of tension for everybody."

In the Glen Cove School District, 674 students refused to take the English Language Arts exams that were given to students in first grade through eighth grade during the week of March 27. That was the highest number the school has seen since the opt-out movement began.

Kim Velentzas, the vice president of Glen Cove's Landing School PTA believes the opt-out movement is continuing to grow due to word of mouth. In 2015, only 28 percent of students refused to take the exam in Glen Cove. This year, almost 50 percent opted-out.

Velentzas became involved in the movement about four years ago when her daughter was in the eighth grade. After hearing about the issues a friend was having in another school district, she began to ask questions.

"I did my own research, spoke to parents and teachers," Velentzas said. "I learned to ask questions and not just blindly trust that everything was okay with our schools."

Velentzas became the Glen Cove representative for Long Island Opt Out, one of the many nationwide groups aimed at

saving public education.

"There is no transparency," Velentzas said. "As a parent, I never get to see the tests. The teachers aren't allowed to talk about them, and the results are released months later."

I think my kids need experience — they need to learn how to take a timed test.

VICKY WALSH
former Oyster Bay-East Norwich PTA president

Vicky Walsh, the former Oyster Bay-East Norwich PTA president, said she understands both sides. "I think my kids need experience — they need to learn how to take a timed test," she said. "But then you have my son who was so good at math, and there are some children that can put all their efforts in all year and they just don't get math."

Walsh opted her three children out one year because she felt the teachers would be evaluated based on their performance. "The last two years my kids wanted to take the test, so I let them do it," she said. "I didn't feel like they were overwhelmed."

In the Oyster Bay-East Norwich School District, the percentage of students who refused to take the English Language Art exam dropped from the previous year to 40 percent. In 2016, about 43 percent of students opted out.

"We have shared information with our families about the changes to the state tests and the information they provide,

while respecting parent/guardian decision-making about test participation for their children," said Dr. Laura Seinfeld, the superintendent of OBEN schools.

The same number of students in the North Shore Central School District opted-out this year as last year — 50 percent at North Shore Middle School, 25 percent at Glenwood Landing Elementary School, and 30 to 35 percent at Glen Head and Sea Cliff.

"I understand that these are choices parents are making and we are not penalizing students on whether they took the test or not," said Dr. Ed Melnick, the superintendent of the North Shore School District.

Students that chose not to take the test participated in silent reading in their respective libraries. Because of this alternative, Melnick said the movement isn't hurting the learning experience in his district.

Courtney Chambers, a parent who has two children in the district said the amount of time students spend on testing is "ridiculous" and that the teachers' performance should not be based on these tests.

"It just seems really punitive for the teachers and really something that my husband and I don't approve of," said Chambers, who is originally from Amsterdam.

She started the Facebook group North Shore Opt Out a few years ago. While the district has been supportive of the movement, she hopes that the tests will be gone by the time her first grader advances to the third grade.

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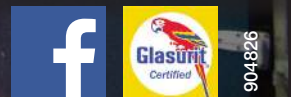
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Red Cross installs free smoke detectors

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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Red Cross volunteers visited homes across Long Island to install free smoke detectors on March 26 as part of the organization's nationwide Home Fire Campaign. People who signed up at the Glen Cove Senior Center on March 2 also received the smoke detectors.

The Red Cross campaign began in 2014, as a way to enhance fire safety practices across the nation. Volunteers to install as many detectors as are required by the law in each home, at no charge. The devices are made to last 10 years.

Karen Serani, a Red Cross volunteer and a Landing School health and phys. ed. teacher, helped with the sign-up at the Glen Cove Senior Center. Twenty-five people requested visit from the Red Cross to install smoke detectors. Serani and her group visited seven homes and installed 27 detectors on Sunday.

In addition to handling the installation, the volunteers also share information on fire safety with residents. They demonstrate how to use a fire extinguisher, suggest a fire escape plan and explain how to test the new detectors. They also check the batteries of any other smoke detectors they find, and replace them if needed.

The devices can provide homeowners with quite a savings. The devices cost approximately \$50 apiece, and many homes require more than one.

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whit-



Courtesy Long Island Red Cross

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS helped Joe Spaccarelli, director of the Home Fire Preparedness Program, celebrate his 50th birthday before heading out to install smoke detectors for those that need them.

ton got involved in the campaign after an elderly woman died in a house fire in Glen Cove earlier this year. "It's something that's very much on my mind," she said. "It's great because [the detectors] will not only be given to them, but they have assistance putting them in. And there's no charge to any of the seniors, or anyone else that needs them."

Volunteer visit many homes occupied by seniors that do not have any smoke detectors, which is actually illegal. The Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code of New York State require smoke alarms, detectors and carbon monoxide alarms in all new

and existing residential occupancies.

"Sadly, too many senior citizens have no one to help them install or maintain these fire protection and life safety devices," said Michael Uttaro, Nassau County's assistant chief fire marshal.

Both New York State and the City of Glen Cove require smoke detectors in every bedroom, hallway outside a bedroom, and basement. They are also required on every floor where there is no bedroom.

Lori Pizzarelli and Joe Spaccarelli, the brother-and-sister team who oversee the campaign in New York City and Long Island, said they are just shy of their goal

of installing 1,500 smoke detectors by June. And they believe the campaign is working.

According to Red Cross statistics, seven people die and 36 are injured every day in home fires in the U.S. Additionally, over \$7 billion in property damage occurs annually. The Red Cross's goal for the campaign is to reduce death and injury from home fires by 25 percent by 2020.

If you are interested in having a smoke detector installed in your home, contact the Long Island Red Cross at (516) 229-1086, or go to www.redcross.org/local/new-york/greater-new-york/about-us/contact-us/long-island/home-fire-campaign.

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VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

THE QUESTION:

Where is the best place to hide Easter eggs?



I found one on top of a fake deer's head on the wall.

EMILY KASSIMATIS
Student



One year, the Easter Bunny came and hid an egg in my shoe!

DANIEL ALBANO
Student



I found a golden egg behind the head of a statue at my friend's house.

ANDREW DiGENNARO
Student



Every year, I check my shoes, but no eggs. But last year I found one in my shoe!

KELSEY CRISCIONE
Student



Inside a clock in the middle of my fireplace. I saw eggs on the side and I said, "what the...!"

CHASE MCKENNA
Student



The adults hid eggs all over the house, and I found one in the bathroom sink!

JACOB RADIN
Student

Suozzi focusing on making changes

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more difficult. "Health care does need to be reformed — Obamacare has its problems," Suozzi said. "I've said since the beginning we have to mend it, don't end it. But I haven't seen any indications from the Republicans that they're even willing to consider that."

Suozzi is also co-chairman of the Quiet Skies Caucus, which aims to reduce the noise of airplanes and helicopters to improve people's quality of life. This is a big issue in Nassau County and Queens, which are home to or near major airports. The caucus is working to acquire funding from the upcoming budget to undertake a study to determine how the noise impacts people's health.

"The Federal Aviation Administration doesn't think it's a real issue," Suozzi said. He has already visited the air traffic control tower at LaGuardia Airport, and plans to meet with air traffic manager Laura Stensland from the FAA and Delta Airline officials in the coming weeks.

He also co-chairs the bipartisan Long Island Sound Caucus. He is focusing on the Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center and the toxic underground plume flowing from the former Grumman property in Bethpage. Suozzi said he believes he can get a great deal of help from Republican Rep. Peter King, since the plume is making its way toward his district.

"One of the reasons I went into the Armed Services Committee in the first place is because the responsible parties for the Bethpage plume are the U.S. Navy and Grumman," Suozzi said. "I figured if I was on Armed Services, I'd have more influence on trying to get them to pay attention to this issue that's been there for 40 years."

The Friends of the Bay, an Oyster Bay nonprofit that monitors the quality of local waters, claimed in an email to its members

that the state Department of Transportation has paid Parsons Brinckerhoff, a consulting group, to help determine the feasibility of building a bridge across the Long Island Sound from Oyster Bay to Rye. The idea is extremely controversial, because of the potential impact a bridge would have on nearby communities, including Oyster Bay, Bayville and Glen Cove.

Suozzi said he was unaware of the email from Friends of the Bay, but insisted that his opposition to the bridge has never wavered. "I'm 100 percent opposed to a bridge going across the Long Island Sound into my district," he said. "I will investigate that carefully and do anything I can to try and block that from happening."

The night before the conference call, Trump had ordered the airstrike on Syria in response to the chemical weapon attack on its citizens. "We had to send a very clear message that this was an affront to humanity,

but it's also in our national interest, because you don't want other countries to think it's OK — you can get away with using chemical weapons," Suozzi said. "I support what the president did, but if he wants to move forward, he has to have a long-term strategy and go to Congress and get bipartisan support for it.

"One of the big challenges in Washington is that there's no time," he continued. "There's no time to sit down and talk to your colleagues and find common ground. That's why a lot of stuff doesn't get done."

"Arguably, people perceive the congressional job as being a bigger job and a more important job than mayor or county executive," he said. "But in reality, I had much more responsibility and a much more direct impact on people's lives [in those jobs]. But I'm learning so much, and I'm contributing as well and I'm very happy to be here."

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Put some green in your step Explore and honor the environment during Earth Month

Spring's arrival is eagerly welcomed as the grandeur of the season starts to unfold. Throughout April, "Earth Month," activities that focus on our natural world remind everyone about the importance of our environment and our role in continuing to preserve and protect it.

There's much going on throughout the area to involve all ages, culminating in festivities that salute Arbor Day later on this month.

Earthy adventures at Garvies Point Preserve

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, the 62-acre site along the Long Island Sound shoreline near Hempstead Harbor, offers a fascinating look at local geology, in addition to Native American archeology.

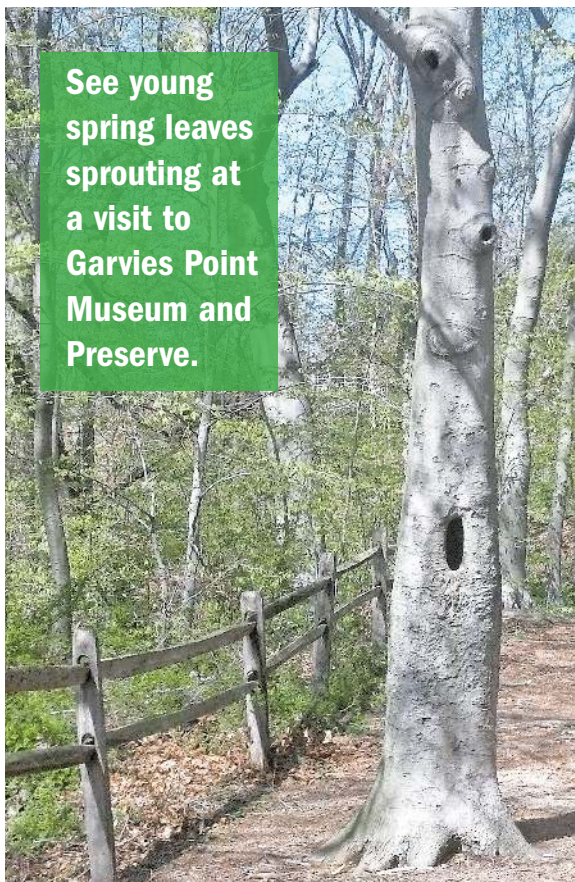
The preserve consists of glacial moraine covered by forests, thickets and meadows. Woodlands, ponds and fields home to a variety of wildlife within the five miles of marked nature trails. Wooded areas contain 60 tree species as well as numerous shrubs, vines and wildflowers.

Reflecting the North Shore's rocky shoreline, Garvies' woods and meadows, with their varied plant life, attract more than 140 species of birds; notably, scarlet tanagers and many varieties of warblers. Butterfly gardens that attract diverse species of butterflies and birds Woodchucks, opossums and raccoons can occasionally be seen in the woods or along a meadow edge.

Activities that highlight this complex environment are the focus of Earth Day-related programming, which began earlier in the week, continuing through April 22, ending with a tribute to Arbor Day on April 28.

Examine the dynamics of water energy, on Friday, April 14, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Witness the power of moving water during this family-friendly program and observe how it sculpts the landscape in a stream table demonstration, along with a short walk down to the shoreline.

Or venture back in time, on Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., during Dinosaur Day. Explore the era when these prehistoric creatures roamed, guided by Garvies geologists. See and touch fossils, try out a fossil "dig" and even dress up like a dinosaur. Kids can also create a "fossil" to take home.



See young spring leaves sprouting at a visit to Garvies Point Museum and Preserve.

Courtesy Garvies Point

Bring the family next Saturday, April 22, for an Earth Day celebration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., in which kids can make a terrarium craft. Participants will create an enclosed ecosystem that will last for years, with a glass jar, soil, plants and pebbles.

The Preserve closes out Earth Month, honoring Arbor Day, with a screening of the film, "The Man Who Planted Trees," on Friday, April 28. This classic story is told in an animated film about a man who planted 100 acorns a day for 30 years and single handedly transformed an arid landscape back to life.

Garvies Point Museum & Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. For more information, call (516) 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

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A unicycle performer salutes Arbor Day as he makes his way around Planting Fields' grounds.

CHERISHING OUR TREES Planting Fields Arboretum's Arbor Day Festival

Oyster Bay's Planting Fields Arboretum celebrates the preservation of trees and their importance to our world at its annual festival at the end of the month. The more than 4,000 trees in the state park are a fitting backdrop to a weekend filled with activities honoring trees, Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. both days.

Since 1987, Planting Fields has commemorated national Arbor Day with a festival of fun-filled educational activities and entertainment. This year's Arbor Day celebration features tree climbing for the kids, plant clinics, and tree plantings with Smokey Bear in which everyone can participate, along with free self-guided tours of that grand old estate, Coe Hall.

There's always something for everyone at this family festival; concerts with Peat Moss & the Fertilizers and the Hoodoo Loungers; family entertainment with Strummin' & Drummin'; children's nature crafts; a tree planting ceremony; a circus show with members of the National Circus Project; petting zoo; and more.

While there, try to stop by Coe Hall, and view the new exhibition "Sporting Life on Long Island: the Great Estates Era." It explores the way in which fox hunting, game shooting, and horse racing developed as major recreational pursuits for wealthy gentlemen, including W.R. Coe, owner of the Planting Fields estate.

Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, Oyster Bay. For information, (516) 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.

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BASKETBALL ANTICS Harlem Globetrotters

Those outrageous Harlem Globetrotters are ready to thrill spectators once again with their bold moves when they take on the New York Nationals. This year's show — returning to Nassau Coliseum during its reopening month — marks the debut of basketball's first 4-point line. The tour includes the latest rookie class of Jumpin' Joe Ballard, Clutch Ball, Beast Douglas, Hoops Green, Jet Rivers, and Swish Young.



WEEKEND Out and About

The first-year players will join a star-studded roster — featuring Ant Atkinson, BigEasy Lofton, Cheese Chisholm, Thunder Law, Hi-Lite Bruton, Firefly Fisher, Ace Jackson and TNT Lister — with their skillful tricks and comedy routines, along with those classic ball-handling moves.

Friday, April 14, 7 p.m. Tickets start \$26.50. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. Tickets available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.harlemglobetrotters.com or Nassau Coliseum box office.

STEPPING BACK IN TIME 'Hands on History'

Spring has arrived at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. Parents and kids can step

back in time and observe how the season is beginning to unfold at the restored 19th century village. The village's gardens are being planted with veggies, flowers and herbs. And, of course, at this time of year, there may be a newborn lamb or two will peek out to charm everyone. The village's "Hands on History" program continues Friday, enabling visitors take part in such common 19th-century activities as churning fresh cream into butter, make 19th century crafts and play some popular games of the day. Friday, April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; also open Saturday, April 15. Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Round Swamp Rd., Old Bethpage. (516) 572-8400.



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Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage

Jekyll & Hyde

The musical horror-drama based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale, Thursday and Friday, April 13-14, 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 15, 3 and 8 p.m.; Wednesday, April 19, 8 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900.

The Goat or Who is Sylvia?

Edward Albee's provocative black comedy that questions the boundaries of love, Friday and Saturday, April 14-15, 8 p.m. \$15-\$25. Arena Players, Vanderbilt Carriage House Theater, Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or www.arenaplayers.org.

New Horizons String Orchestra

The orchestra explores varied string quartet works, Friday, April 14, 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.

Tony Bennett

The iconic crooner sings tunes from the Great American Songbook, along with other hits, Friday, April 14, 8 p.m. \$249.50, \$199.50, \$99.50, \$79.50 and \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Frankie Ballard

The country singer-songwriter in concert, with special guest Levi Hummon, Saturday, April 15, 8 p.m. \$45, \$32, \$25, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



Def Leppard

The heavy metal rockers in concert, with special guests Poison and TESLA, Saturday, April 15, 7 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale, (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.nassaucoliseum.com.

Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Rain: A Tribute to The Beatles

The acclaimed Beatles tribute show, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m. The history of the Fab Four is covered in full, from their beginnings through the hard rocking hippie



Norm Lewis

Grammy winner Norm Lewis takes a night off from his dastardly deeds as off-Broadway's newest Sweeney Todd to perform on the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Friday, April 28, at 8 p.m.

Lewis, who stepped into the role of the Demon Barber of Fleet Street at the Barrow Theater on April 11, brings his powerful baritone and commanding presence to a dynamic concert that showcases his versatility.

Tickets are \$57, \$52, \$47; available at (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

days. \$125, \$99.50, \$69.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

The End of America

The folk-rock trio in concert, with special guests Ladybird, Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m.; open mic at 7:30 p.m. \$15. Hard Luck Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 432 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 425-2925 or www.fmsh.org.

Steve Winwood

The iconic British rocker in concert, with special guest Lilly Winwood, Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m. \$150, \$85, \$79.50. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or 283-5566 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

For the Kids

Screen Time

See "Moana," Disney's animated action adventure about an adventurous teenager who sails out on a daring mission to save her people in ancient Polynesia, Thursday, April 13, 11:30 a.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Spattered Paint Craft

Create a "spattered" spring animal in the style of Jackson Pollack, Thursday, April 13, 4:15 p.m. For grades K-3. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Tea Cup Planter Storytime and Craft

Hear the story of Fran's Flower, then have fun planting a flower to take home, Friday, April 14, 11 a.m. Kids can let their imaginations bloom as they create and decorate a tea cup planter. For grades K-2. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Understanding Water Energy

Witness the power of moving water and observe how it sculpts the landscape in a stream table demonstration, Friday, April 14, 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. With an optional short walk down to the shoreline. \$4, \$2 ages 5-12. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.



Nature Walk

Discover the plants, tree and animals that inhabit the spring woods, Thursday, April 13, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. \$4, \$2 ages 5-12. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

Museums/ Galleries and more...

Blue

A fiber and clay exhibition featuring local artists. Varied works by Barbara Karyo, Sally Shore, Michaelann Tostanoski, Marcia Widner, and Nancy Yoshii, among others are on view. Through May 7. Oyster Bay Historical Society, 20 Summit St., Oyster Bay. 922-5032 or www.oysterbayhistorical.org.



Halston Style

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

This and That

A solo exhibition by member artist Bert Winsberg. Works on view represent his interest in music, cities and landscapes. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. Through April 30. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

Thaddeus: Holownia: Walden Revisited

This exhibition pays homage to Henry David Thoreau, whose experiment in simple living unfolded over two years at Walden Pond in Concord, Massachusetts beginning in 1845. Presented as a full-gallery installation that approximates Thoreau's and Holownia's experience of Walden Woods, the images focus closely on individual trees, creating a portrait of

the site and encouraging quiet contemplation of nature's grandeur. A companion exhibition, "Earth Muse: Art and the Environment," features artists whose work continues the theme of reflection, highlighting nature's beauty and diversity, the eternal rhythms of the natural world, and man's impact on the environment. Opens April 13, through July 30. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Thar She Blows: Whaling History On Long Island

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



Movie Showing

See "Loving," the drama based on an interracial couple in Virginia, the plaintiffs in the 1967 U.S. Supreme Court decision that invalidated state laws prohibiting interracial marriage, Thursday, April 20, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Film Time

See "The Queen of Katwe," the biopic about a young girl from Uganda who trains to become a world chess champion, Tuesday, April 18, 6 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Movie Matinee

See "Manchester by the Sea," the drama about a depressive loner who slowly comes back to life, Tuesday, April 18, 1:15 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Documentary Screening

See "Planetary," a film that explores our cosmic origins and our future as a species, Thursday, April 20, 7 p.m. Filmmaker Guy Reid interviews NASA astronauts, environmentalists and philosophers to show that all life on the planet is inseparably interconnected. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Having an event?

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Free dinner winners happy with the Herald Gazettes

We recently caught up with the lucky winners of our offer for a free dinner for two at The Cove Restaurant & Oyster Bar, which they were eligible for after signing up to receive a free subscription to our publications. We asked them what they like about the Glen Cove Herald Gazette and the Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette and what we can do to improve. They couldn't say enough about how much they like the papers.



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Barbara Truesdell, of Sea Cliff, loves her Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette, which she says is filled with more substance and better articles. And she loves the calendar of events too. Truesdell would like to see more articles on Sea Cliff specifically.



Ruth Yeun, of Glen Cove, loves the Glen Cove Herald Gazette because it has substance in reporting local news. She says for now, there isn't anything more that she believes needs to be added.



Robert Taylor, of Glen Cove, says he's very happy with the Glen Cove Herald Gazette. He appreciates the police advice section, having recently been a target of a telephone scam. The paper is concise, he said, and no improvements are needed.

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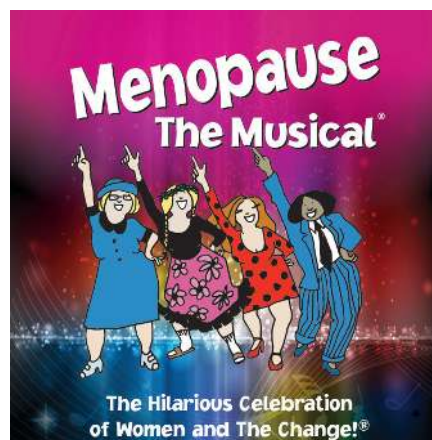
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Easter message

Beyond all the familiar, beloved Easter traditions which have seeped into everyday awareness — Easter Bonnets (do people still wear them? I hope so!) and Easter Parades, and the somewhat hard to explain but still popular traditions of Easter Eggs and the (charming but unexpected) Easter Bunny — all of which, incidentally, have religious roots — we find a less familiar custom to help escort us deeper into the mystery we celebrate at Easter.

Over 20 years ago, in the dark night of Holy Saturday, when Christians everywhere remember those sad, strange hours that Christ lay in the tomb and all creation waited, breathless, dazed and confused at the Death of Christ, I, in a spot not a 10 minute walk from the very Sepulchre from which He would rise, holding my unlit candle, sat in the Melkite Cathedral of the Annunciation, waiting expectantly. The Melkite Church, an ancient Church of the East in full communion with the Catholic Church, worships according to a venerable ritual strikingly different from our own western, Roman tradition.

The silence burst asunder with the choir's angelic yet robust singing, over and again, inexorable and triumphant and shedding the sadness of the tomb, as they intoned the great Tropar (a type of hymn) of the Resurrection attributed to Saint Romanos the Melodist: "Christ is risen from the Dead, by death He has conquered death, and to those in the grave he grants life!" The Patriarch, now standing before the golden iconostasis (icon screen) glittering only faintly in the only light in the church — that which came from his candle — his voice soaring over the choir, cried out, first in Greek then in Arabic: Christ is Risen! Christos anesti! Al-Masih qam! And thundering from the congregation came the response: Indeed He is risen! Alethios anesti! Haqqan qam!

And in a friendly chaos of excitement, all came forward to light their candles from the bishop's, the multiplying brilliance inexorably and serenely conquering the gloom, transforming the somber night of death into the dazzling day of new life. And as the crowd surged forward, the bishop continually called out commandingly in a panoply of languages (even in Latin) the same insistent, joyful message which has refashioned the

world: "Christ is risen!" And the congregation from so many lands and tongues together responded with the profession of the central mystery of Christianity: "Indeed He is risen!"

Easter's greatest gift is the Resurrection — that Christ has truly destroyed death and given us a share in His victory; yet the Easter promise of new life, of triumph over sin, death, darkness, hatred and all the evils hurled against Christ on the cross and which mire mankind down, is not only about the afterlife, as important as that is. The effects of the Resurrection burst forth to be embraced here and now! Easter changes everything — not only how we die (and rise) but how we live before we die; Easter's smashing of death and of the fear of death allows us truly to live, free and joyful, and to share that

freedom and joy with others. Each of us, sharing in the joy of the Resurrection, receives the invitation and the privilege of sharing this message.

The custom of the Eastern Church, both Catholic and Orthodox, is to greet everyone during the whole of the Easter Season (50 days until Pentecost) with the world-changing phrase: "Christ is risen!" And the response offers us the chance to profess our faith succinctly and powerfully: "Indeed He is risen." We may not, as the patriarch did so masterfully on that Easter eve, be able to announce this in myriad languages, and indeed some of the constraints of our society may even make it challenging for us to say those words even in our own tongue (but try it), yet we can all share, with everyone we meet, in every situation, the joy — the life-giving, fear-vanquishing joy — which Christ's Resurrection brings. It is through our joy that we will share Christ with the world. Joy is the language to touch every heart, a language we can all speak.

May we, ennobled by Easter joy, become like that candle in the patriarch's hand — reaching out to everyone we meet to pass on what we have received, to bring Christ's inextinguishable light to all, scattering the darkness of hatred, fear and sadness to make the whole world glad. Happy Easter! Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen.

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Passover Message



"In every generation, every Jew is obligated to see him/herself as if he/she personally came of Egypt, and you shall tell your child that it was because of what God did for me, when we left Egypt."

The Jewish holiday cycle is centered around the importance of remembering. Each year on Passover, we are obligated to tell the story of Passover, the Exodus from Egypt. We are supposed to recount the story as if we were personally set free from Egyptian bondage, so that we can empathize with our ancestors and try to understand what they went through in their process of becoming a free people. On the first two nights of the holiday we participate in a Seder, a retelling of the story of the Exodus, complete with ritual foods, prayers and singing, all conducted in a specific order as we read from the Haggadah. Haggadah means "the telling," and it recounts the story of Passover.

There are specific parts that children lead, and every child looks forward to finding the Afikomen — a Greek word meaning dessert. The leader of the Seder traditionally hides the Afikomen, and at a specific time following the meal, the children scatter to hunt for it. Whoever finds it is rewarded with a gift from the leader, and everyone takes their last bite of the evening from this piece of hidden matzah.

In the last 25 years, many different Jewish groups and organizations have published their own Haggadah. Many of these books have a special theme that is linked to the meaning of the holiday, which is woven within the traditional text to impart a specific message that is relevant to the meaning of Passover. The holiday celebrates our ability to be able to practice Judaism and worship God. I have a collection of Haggadot that range from the most traditional of texts to one from a kibbutz in Israel that acknowledges Passover as a springtime festival to others geared for families with children of different ages.

As social justice issues have emerged, many Haggadot have been published that tie social justice issues to Passover. This year in particular I have downloaded three Haggadot. As I prepare for my own Seder at home and for my synagogue's community Seder, we will have readings that are meant to stir us to action, to touch our hearts and to show the relationship between our ancient text to real world issues today.

The first was a supplement put out by Hias — formerly the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society — the refugee resettlement organization that has been active in America for over 100 years, assists refugees of all faiths and ethnicities. In a year of humanitarian crises throughout the world, where 65

million refugees are displaced fleeing from persecution, violence, sexual assault and hunger, this supplement draws parallels from our historical experience as Jews, who have been forced out of countless countries and the plight of today's refugees. It calls upon us to not close our eyes to the xenophobia present in the United States.

The second Haggadah was published by SISO, The Jubilee Haggadah. As this year, we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 6 Day War in Israel, the development of this Haggadah is based upon the biblical verse in Leviticus: "Sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land for all its inhabitants." Leading Israeli and American Jewish figures have contributed writings to the Haggadah promoting peace between Israel and the Palestinians. It calls to question whether we can enjoy our freedoms that we take for granted daily, when those living beside us do not have the same liberties.

The third Haggadah is "Next Year In A Just World, A Global Justice Haggadah" by the American Jewish World Service. It connects our story with today's refugee crises and genocide, global hunger, poverty, violence against women and LGBT people, and the persecution of minorities.

This is a sampling of numerous resources available to enrich our holiday observance experience. At every Seder, towards the end, we open our doors to invite Elijah the prophet into our homes, where a separate cup awaits him on every Seder table. Elijah represents our hope in bringing about a messianic time when we will live in peace as a world community. All of the aforementioned problems and crises that we face today as a world will be solved. I do not believe that this will happen until each one of us does our part to alleviate the suffering experienced all over this world. Maybe this will be the year that each of us will be inspired to make a difference.

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Easter Egg Hunt

The United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff invites parents and children to this year's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Children between 1 and 12 are welcome to partake in the festivities. There will also be crafts and snacks to go along with the egg hunt to celebrate Easter. For more information, call (516) 671-0392.



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- 23 Thither
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- 25 " — a Kick Out of You"
- 27 Worked with rattan
- 29 Circle around the sun
- 31 Conspiracy of silence
- 35 Cardiff's people
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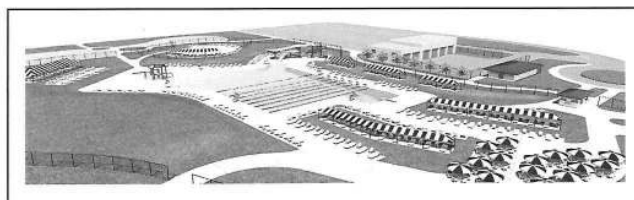
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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Treachery at sea

Dear Great Book Guru,
Friends of mine attended the annual Long Island Reads this week and they really enjoyed the discussion. As usual, John Canning received high praise as its master of ceremony. I think I might want to use the selection for my book group. Any thoughts?

A Long Island Reader

Dear Long Island Reader, "Dead Wake" by Erik Larson was this year's Long Island Reads choice and it did make for a spirited discussion. Larson, a Freeport native, writes of the sinking of the Lusitania 10 months after World War I had begun. The luxury ocean liner with over 2,000 people aboard sank in the Irish Sea 18 minutes after being torpedoed by a German submarine. Larson tells the background tales of many of the ill-fated passengers, the lucky survivors, the German Captain Schwioger (deemed the villain, but many admitted to finding

themselves rooting for him at times) and the beleaguered British Captain Turner (the hero who found himself accused of negligence by the admiralty). He offers

interesting insights into the politics of Winston Churchill (possibly the true villain) and the romantic meanderings of Woodrow Wilson. While we know that the ship is doomed, we do not know which of the passengers are. Will the little boy with measles and the pregnant mother live? Or will the book dealer with the original annotated Dickens's "Christmas Carol" in his briefcase make it back to America? Will the young

spiritualist/architect and her even younger friend find their way to Paris? Larson is a masterful storyteller and his story of the Lusitania will remain with you for a very long time. Highly recommended!

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



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Updates shared during first of two town hall meetings in G.C.

By DANIELLE AGOLIA

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Potholes, feral cats, police ICE protocols and taxes were just some of the concerns that people living in Glen Cove had at the first of two town hall meetings this month. On April 6, members of every city department lined up and spoke about the progress they have made in the community recently, and answered resident's questions.

The meeting started with Mayor Spinello updating residents on the city's \$8 million debt which will be reduced by the end of the year. The city's credit rating has been upgraded, he said, so now the borrowing for capital projects include lower interest rates, which will save the city about \$850,000 over the next 10 years. In addition, the city will save \$100,000 from the renegotiation of the annual sanitation contract with Winter Brothers. The city is looking at a projected \$1.5 million surplus from the 2016 budget.

Police Chief William Whitton said the department answered 15,430 calls last year, which ranged from people locking their keys in their car to medical emergencies. They made 470 arrests — a new record.

Last year the crime prevention unit stopped three heroin rings before they arrived in Glen Cove. Whitton added that Dr. Sharon Harris, the executive director of SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environ-

ment), a Glen Cove non-profit, cited the GCPD's outreach in schools as effective, making the community less susceptible to heroin issues.

Susan Kwiatek, the executive director of Glen Cove Hospital, said the hospital brought in services that include: plastic surgery, ENT surgery, urology and gynecology.

The hospital is focusing its efforts on rebuilding the rehab unit and adding more beds and hiring more staff.

City Controller Sandra Clarson said there are plans to schedule late nights at the tax windows and modernize the tax department process. In June, the office will begin to accept credit and debit cards and allow for payment of taxes online at the city's

website.

Glen Cove Fire Chief Philip Grella said last year the department received over 850 calls, which ranged from elevator rescues to house fires. There will be a parade to celebrate the department's 180 year anniversary in Glen Cove on June 17 that will include neighboring departments and afterwards a block party behind the firehouse.

Andrew Carpenter, the second assistant chief of Glen Cove EMS said one of the four ambulances will be replaced. GCEMS answered 2,800 calls last year. This is an increase in calls, which Carpenter attributes to the relatively high elderly population in the community. The department will participate in EMS Week from May 21-27.

Jim Byrne, the director of public works, said the city has enhanced the snow operation and commended his workers. "When we sleep in the winter, we sleep with one eye open," Byrne said.

Upcoming events in Glen Cove include:

- April 15: Spring Egg Hunt at City Stadium

- April 22: Gold Coast Little League Parade and Opening Day

- April 23: Grand opening of Dennis Bryan Murray Dog Park

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For Glen Cove, those efforts have included a wide variety of initiatives from Single Stream Recycling and LED lighting upgrades to the recently completed installation of solar panel systems on the rooftops of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department and Glen Cove Senior Center.

Here is a closer look at our efforts to date and an overview of our new goal of becoming a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation certified Clean Energy Community.

Single Stream Recycling

Since our program's launch in the summer of 2015, Glen Cove has seen a substantial increase in the quantity of the City's recyclables — all thanks to the support and enthusiasm of our residents. We are proud to have increased our recyclable materials by over 30 percent in the city. Through our aggressive community outreach the message is clear — All In. One Bin. And the

results strongly underscore the benefits to Glen Cove. Through the increase of people participating in the Single Stream program, the city has saved over \$100,000 waste disposal costs.

Solar Power

I am proud of the accomplishments of our Department of Public Works as Harvest Solar Power just completed the installation of two solar panel systems located at the Glen Cove firehouse and senior center. These systems are predicted to produce renewable energy that will offset our electric consumption by 35 and 63 percent respectively. This accounts for an estimated \$300,000 in savings for the city over the 25-year contract term. Renewable energy initiatives such as solar power are an ever-growing industry and Glen Cove is certainly proud to host these systems in two of our prominent city facilities.

LED Lighting Upgrades

Over the past two years we have made a concerted effort to upgrade our lighting systems to more energy efficient LED lights. This change provides

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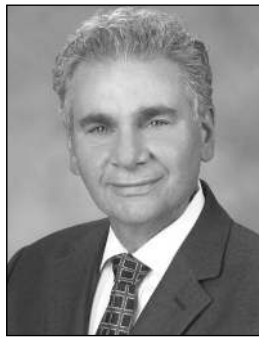
In our continued efforts to move forward from our industrial past, a number of efforts are underway to promote the clean use of the land surrounding the south side of Glen Cove Creek. After an extensive environmental abatement effort, the demolition of the city's incinerator will be completed by summer's end. In addition, we are targeting the close of our waste transfer station in the next 24 months while the Rason Asphalt Plant continues to be in talks with a private entity regarding sale and a repurposing of the property for clean and best use. With these planned changes it will enable us to better use these properties for public enjoyment.

To further our commitment to a greener community, we are currently in pursuit of becoming a New York State Department of Environmental Conser-

vation certified Clean Energy Community. To meet the application's criteria we are working on completing such action items as installing an Electric Vehicle Charge Station in the Pulaski Street Garage, adopting a Unified Solar Permit, benchmarking the city's energy use and Energy Code Training in the building department. This certification will allow the city access to further grant opportunities to instill even more environmentally wise initiatives.

To complement the work of our Department of Public Works team I also want to recognize the efforts of our Parks & Recreation Department and the Beautification Commission. Through their ongoing efforts and green thumbs they clean up our coastlines with community beach clean-up days, enhance our city's greenery by planting 40 new trees that were generously sponsored by local businesses and families during our holiday Merry Tree Festival and give our residents an opportunity to recycle their Christmas trees into mulch for the city's gardens during the annual Chip-A-Tree event.

For all of our residents and city employees who have taken an active role in helping make Glen Cove a greener community, I thank you for your commitment to recycle, re-use, and reduce. Let's keep working together to pinpoint new ways to reduce our carbon footprint, pursue clean use development and be more energy efficient.



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OBITUARIES

Michele A. Izzo

Michele A. Izzo (Mike), 87, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on April 10, 2017. Beloved husband of Maria, loving father of Nunzio (Theresa), Maria Stanco (Michele), Valerie Izzo and Joe (Kitty), dear brother of

Giuseppe, Rocco, Teresa, Pasquale, the late Domenico and the late Gerardo. Proud grandfather of Michael, Angelo, Maria, Laura and Michael. He is also survived by nieces and nephews.

Visiting will be at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Wednesday, April 12 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Blessing will be held at the Church of St. Rocco on Thursday at 9 a.m. Entombment will be at Holy Rood Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Strettle F. Whitting Jr.

Strettle F. Whitting Jr. (Stret), of Jensen Beach, FL, formerly of Glen Head, and Montauk, NY, died on March 30, 2017. He operated Wake Boat Charter, in Montauk, N.Y., for many years, was a life member of the Glenwood Fire Department, and owner of Whitting Funeral Home. Strettle was the beloved husband of Joan (nee Jensen), the loving father of Codge (Margie), David (Janine) and Drew, the cherished grandfather of Luke, Makayla, Blaise, Caitlin, Pierce, Ava and the late Jake, and dear brother of Scott

and the late Donald.

Visiting will be held Wednesday April 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday, April 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, N.Y. Service will be held Friday, April 14 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff, 63 Downing Ave., Sea Cliff, N.Y. Interment will be at Locust Valley Cemetery in Locust Valley, N.Y. Contributions may be made to The Heritage Society of All Saints' Episcopal Church, 2303 NE Seaview Dr., Jensen Beach, FL.

Bruce D. Macklin

Bruce D. Macklin, 57, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died peacefully on March 27, 2017. He was predeceased by his father, Edward, and sister, Julia. Survivors include his mother, Suzanne, of Locust Valley, and Jupiter, FL, sister, Janet (Peter Malchow) of Oshkosh, WI, brother, Dave (Leigh Ann) of Leesburg, VA, niece, Katy, nephew, Clayton, and a smattering of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Born in New London, WI, and raised in Locust Valley, Macklin attended The Green Vale School, Choate, Boston University and graduated from Northland College in Wisconsin — his father's alma mater.

A renowned hitchhiker in his early years, Macklin reportedly battled alligators during a trip from Texas to New York. A lifelong lover of dead Russian authors and giver of heartfelt, witty, and slightly bizarre toasts, Macklin could

complete the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle in ink. A landscaper by trade, he was an expert on trees, plants, shrubbery, and wildlife.

In lieu of flowers or a donation, please take a long walk in the woods or by the water and think of all the wondrous things nature has to offer.

Arrangements have been made through the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. The interment, which will be held at Locust Valley Cemetery, is private.

Erik Peter Agrell

Erik Peter Agrell, 47, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on April 6th, 2017. Beloved son of Kathryn and the late Nils, loving long-time partner of Tracy Calzone, much loved brother of Nils, and cherished nephew and adored cousin.

Agrell loved hiking when he could, and was an avid photographer who loved nature. He was employed for over 15 years as a data scientist in the health care industry.

Visitation was held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove, N.Y. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to: Village Church of Bayville, 9 Mountain Avenue, Bayville, N.Y. 11709 or The Lustgarten Foundation.

Joseph A. Giordano

Joseph A. Giordano, of Glen Cove, NY, died on April 9, 2017. Beloved son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Giordano, loving brother of James (Laura) and Barbara Varous (Christopher), dear uncle of Kelly, Jaelyn and Gillian Giordano and Elizabeth Varous, and uncle and godfather of Marie Varous.

Visiting was held at Whitting Funeral

Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head. Funeral mass was held at St. Boniface Martyr Church in Sea Cliff. Interment will be at Holy Rood Cemetery in Westbury. Contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org.

Sebastian Coruzzi

Sebastian (Sam) Coruzzi, 89, of Las Vegas NV, formerly Bayville, NY, died peacefully at his home on March 20, 2017.

Sam grew up in Jamaica Queens and served in the Navy. He married Camilla in 1949 and they settled in Bayville. He served as a police officer with the Bayville Police Department, which became part of Nassau County in 1963. He walked the beat in Oyster Bay and was a true civil servant, getting to know the community and its residents. After his retirement in 1980, the couple moved to Las Vegas where Sam worked security at The Flamingo Hilton for 10 years, and then joined the Las Vegas Metro Police Department Search and Rescue team for another 10 years. He truly loved being a police officer and being a part of law enforcement.

Sam truly loved life and people; he would always have a story to tell and helpful, friendly advice to give. He was a loyal and proud son, brother, husband, father and grandfather. He touched many lives without even knowing it. He will be missed.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Camilla, his oldest sister, Catherine Fields, his children, Donna Carfora (Eddie), Danny, Tommy (Bonnie), Linda Blatchly DeBenedictis (Tom), Michael (Suzanne), his grandchildren, Stevie, Crystal, Thomas, Lisa, and Christopher. Services were held in Las Vegas.

In lieu of flowers, donations to The American Lung Association or your local PBA would be appreciated.

PUBLIC & LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
ASSESSOR'S NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL
THE ACTING ASSESSOR OF THE COUNTY OF NASSAU HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that he has completed the 2017/2018 final assessment roll, which will be used for the 2018 levy of Town and County Taxes in the Towns of Hempstead, North Hempstead and Oyster Bay, and the City of Glen Cove and the City of Long Beach, and for the 2017/2018 levy of school taxes in such Towns and in the City of Long Beach. An electronic copy of the roll was filed with the Department of Assessment on April 3, 2017. The electronic roll may be examined on public terminals located in the offices of:
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Acting Assessor, Nassau County
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LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday April 20, 2017, at 7:30 pm, at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y., when all interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views on the following applications:
CASE # 2- 2017
131 Elm Avenue - Michele Solomita
The applicant proposes to maintain an outside rear staircase at 131 Elm Avenue, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542 as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 56, Lot 69 with a rear yard setback of 22.9 feet when 30 feet is the minimum required setback in the R-4 Residential One - Two Family Zoning District.
CASE #3 - 2017
2 Sands Road-Michael Bellocco

The applicant proposes at 2 Sands Road Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542 as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block 31, Lot 21A a one story rear addition to an existing one family dwelling providing (2) foot side yard when (10) feet are required and with lot coverage of 28.6% when 20% is the maximum permitted in the R-3A Single Family Zoning District.
CASE #4- 2107
8 Hazel Street - Anthony Macedonio
The applicant proposes the conversion of 8 Hazel Street Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542, as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 21, Block H, Lot 10 from a Non-Conforming Single Family Residence to a Non-Conforming Two Family Residence in the I-2 Light Industrial Zoning District.
CASE# 5- 2017
31 Miller Street- Thomas E. Zebrowski
The applicant proposes at 31 Miller Street, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542, as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 18, Lot 136 a first floor addition, entry vestibule and masonry steps on a non-conforming lot.

Said lot has a width of 50ft when 65ft are required and a lot area of 5,050 sq.ft. when 6,500 sq.ft. are required. The additions result in a front yard setback of 11.8ft when 20 ft. are required in the R-4 One-Two Family Zoning District.
CASE# 6 -2017
21 Jerry Lane - Frank Iglesias
The applicant proposes a finished basement at 21 Jerry Lane, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542 as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 23, Block, 57, Lot 11 having an excess Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 6%. Proposing 4,197 sq.ft. (36%FAR) when 3,498 sq.ft. or 30% FAR is the maximum permitted in the R-3 Quarter Acre Residential District.
Dated: April 10, 2017
BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
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Comedy night to advance charitable mission

They say laughter is the best medicine. The Sarah Grace Foundation for Children With Cancer Inc. will combine chuckles and charity at its 14th annual Night of Laughter on April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Crest Hollow Country Club.

The Night of Laughter is the premier fundraiser for the foundation, named in honor of Sarah Grace Weippert, who lost her battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in 2002 at the age of 12. Her parents, Matthew and Marissa Weippert, founded the organization the following year with a commitment to improving the quality of life of children with cancer, and to provide comfort and support to their families.

Comedian Rick Morgan, who has performed in Atlantic City and at Caroline's New York City, returns as the host. "I am overwhelmed by the inspiration this little girl has given me," he said of Sarah. "I feel like a soldier in her battles and victories."

Headlining this year's slate of comedians is Stevie Geebee, billed as the World's Funniest Accountant and Jack Simmons, who has appeared on Showtime, HBO and Evening at the Apollo; Steve Marshall, who has performed his standup routine at comedy clubs, resorts and colleges across

the country and points out the absurdity of political correctness; and Al Martin, seen on the Joan Rivers Show and the Geraldo Show and owner of two Manhattan comedy clubs.

The Sarah Grace Foundation provides financial aid for families, holiday parties and activities for children, meal and transportation allowances, toys and games, sponsored outings, and funeral expenses. In the past year, it has increased its book collection at Winthrop University Hospital, Cohen's Children's Medical Center and Nassau University Medical Center. The foundation also provided about 3,500 toys during the most recent holiday season for children in more than a half-dozen area hospitals.

Although the Night of Laughter benefits children, it is for mature audiences only. The cost of \$85 per person includes entertainment, dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. There will be numerous raffles. Tickets for the event and raffle books must be purchased in advance. Reserve tickets early by calling (516) 433-9745 or visiting www.TheSarahGraceFoundation.org. Also, visit the website to learn more about the foundation's many initiatives to support children with cancer.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Our future is literally blowin' in the wind

Long Island was supposed to have had 40 or more wind turbines in the Atlantic Ocean by now, generating electricity 3½ to 4½ miles south of Jones Beach, which would have met 1 to 2 percent of Long Island's electricity needs — pollution-free.

But in August 2007, despite public opinion polls showing strong support for an offshore wind farm, then Long Island Power Authority President and CEO Kevin Law and Gov. Eliot Spitzer scuttled the plan, saying it would cost too much.

It would have raised a typical homeowner's electric rate by \$2.50 a month.

Richard Kessel, of Merrick, Law's predecessor, said at a Smart Growth Summit, sponsored by Vision Long Island, that he was proud that "we advanced the project pretty significantly." Kessel had spent more than a decade developing plans for what would have been the nation's first offshore wind farm, while building support for it among environmental and civic groups. Then, with a single decision, it was no more.

LIPA officials, especially Kessel, saw the project as a model for the future of electricity generation, one that could be replicated on both U.S. coasts. The turbines would have been built at a time when offshore wind development was still in its early stages worldwide.

The title of nation's first now belongs to Deepwater Wind, a private energy company that constructed a five-turbine, 30-megawatt wind farm off Block Island, R.I. The farm started beaming wind-generated electricity to Rhode Island on Dec. 12. The project produces enough electricity to light 30,000 homes.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, which is in charge of siting wind farms, is now developing a

master plan for the future development of them. That process began in 2016 and is expected to be complete by the end of this year, according to NYSEERDA's website.

In December, the authority bid on the rights to develop 79,350 acres of the Atlantic Ocean 12 miles off the coast of Long Island. State officials wanted to control development of offshore wind, and not leave it entirely to energy companies and private developers.

But NYSEERDA lost the bidding war to Statoil US LLC, a subsidiary of Statoil, a Norway-based international energy company that is now private, but was once owned wholly by the people of Norway. Statoil US will pay a record-setting \$42.46 million to the federal Bureau of Marine Management to develop wind farms off Long Island.

"Statoil will now have the opportunity to explore the potential development of an offshore wind farm to provide New York City and Long Island with a significant, long-term source of renewable electricity," the company states on its website.

Norway still owns the majority of stock in Statoil, so when wind farms are finally developed off Long Island, the Norwegian people will profit.

Norway is among the world's leaders in offshore wind production. The country began with a handful of projects scattered across its coastline. In March 2016, Norway announced plans to construct one of the world's largest wind farms there, at a cost of \$1.2 billion. When complete, it will produce enough electricity to light a million homes.

It is a bitter pill to swallow, knowing that Long Island was once positioned to lead the development of offshore wind. There were even proposals to build wind-turbine factories here and usher in a new technological era. But no more.

Opponents of the first Jones Beach wind-farm proposal — in particular, a group called Save Jones Beach (once supported by Donald Trump) — often cited the Nordic countries, saying they were troubled by the "intermittency" of wind power — meaning that wind doesn't blow all the time, so you can't meet 100 percent of your electricity needs with it.

Well, the Nordic countries have apparently solved that problem, and have taken their small local wind projects and gone international, becoming world leaders in wind development.

There is no doubt that wind and solar are our future. We know that, at some not-too-distant point, fossil fuels — coal, oil and natural gas — will run out. Moreover, we know that burning fossil fuels is the primary cause of "anthropogenic," or human-caused, global warming, which is raising the level of our seas while also acidifying them, killing marine life, in particular coral.

It's time that Long Island, and our nation, embrace renewable energy — now, before it's too late.

Happy holidays

Schools are closed, flowers are blooming, the boys of summer have taken the field, and the aromas of traditional dishes fill the air as family and friends gather to celebrate the Passover and Easter holidays.

All of us at the Herald wish you and your loved ones a happy spring and a joyous holiday season.

LETTERS

SAFE needs financial support

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of SAFE and the SAFE Glen Cove Coalition, we are writing to respectfully request your financial support of our 10th Annual Family Awareness Day on June 11 at Morgan's Park from 1-4 p.m.

Family Awareness Day is an alcohol and substance abuse prevention awareness day that seeks to provide alternatives to idle time for youth and adults who do not normally attend community events. Community based organizations come together to educate families about the myriad of year-round services and programs offered to in the city.

Our event seeks to open lines of communication between youth and their parents regarding underage alcohol and drug use in



a non-threatening venue, reinforce a consistent citywide message that underage drinking and hosting of such parties is unaccept-

able by educating parents and youth about Glen Cove's Social Host Law, and its implications. We will also be providing parents and

OPINIONS

Remembering John Glenn

I was a second grader at Bowling Green Elementary School in Westbury, N.Y., when Senator John Glenn became the oldest



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man to fly in space and the only one to fly in both the Mercury and the Space Shuttle Program. As my fellow classmates and I watched the Space Shuttle Discovery lift off with John Glenn inside, my heart

pounded and I thought to myself what a brave man John Glenn was.

From that point on, I read everything I could on John Glenn and dreamed of meeting him one day. I finally would have an opportunity to meet with Senator Glenn in his hometown of Columbus, Ohio on numerous occasions between 2014-2016, as I began to write extensively on his life and legacy, in what would become the basis for my graduate thesis at St. John's University. Fighting MiG Pilots during the Koran War, Orbiting the Earth aboard Friendship 7, and lifting off into space aboard Discovery is the stuff of legend, but the John Glenn that I got to know was one of "Nestor."

Nestor was a character from the Iliad, and as a youth was a great warrior. As Nestor grew with age so did his knowledge and wisdom. The

same is true with John Glenn who was extremely wise and generous with his advice and time, especially with young people and students like myself. Senator Glenn would once state, "If I can inspire young people to dedicate themselves to the good of mankind, I've accomplished something."

I feel it is now the duty of our nation's young people to pay tribute to Senator Glenn, as he dedicated his life to public service, and paved the path for the next generation of astronauts, servicemen, servicewomen, and public servants.

What mattered most to John Glenn was his wife Annie, faith in God, love of country, and service to one's state and nation. For John Glenn it was the United States and

his beloved state of Ohio, which he served for nearly three decades in the U.S. Senate. John Glenn's small town Ohio roots was a part of who John Glenn was as a person. Vice President Biden would state at Glenn's funeral service, "John Glenn came from the heart of the country and stole the heart of America."

The nation pauses and remembers Senator Glenn as he is finally laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

Adam Sackowitz is a resident of Westbury and is pursuing his master's degree in history at St. John's University where he is writing his graduate thesis on the life and legacy of astronaut and Senator John Glenn.

LETTERS

youth with the latest alcohol and drug education materials and referral contact numbers regarding alcohol, tobacco and other illegal substances.

Family Awareness Day will be a carnival-style venue, offering free refreshments, entertainment, and prizes, all of which encourage quality family time. On the average, 300 individuals come to this event each year. Chris Clark, a professional stunt cyclist, will perform and present a prevention awareness message, encouraging healthy choices.

Your support will enable the agency to continue to provide youth and adults with the tools they need to lead healthy and productive lives. Please contact our office if you would like to participate in our event, (516) 676-2008.

**PATTI AVEROPOULOS AND MARIA
HLATKY-RIVERA**
SAFE Committee co-chairs

Many thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Mutual Concerns Committee, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Boy Scouts Troop #43 and the Sea Cliff Friends of the Library for organizing food drives for us and for delivering the food to our emergency food pantry in Sea Cliff Village Hall.

I would also like to thank Ken Kraft and the Glenwood Landing American Legion for supplying Easter gift certificates to those in need.

Many people don't realize that there are people in our community who go without proper food every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, or divorce. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are the

most at risk, and they make up the largest number of people we serve.

Once again, thank you all for your generosity. You make this community a great place.

PEGGIE COMO

President, Mutual Concerns Committee

More children should opt-out

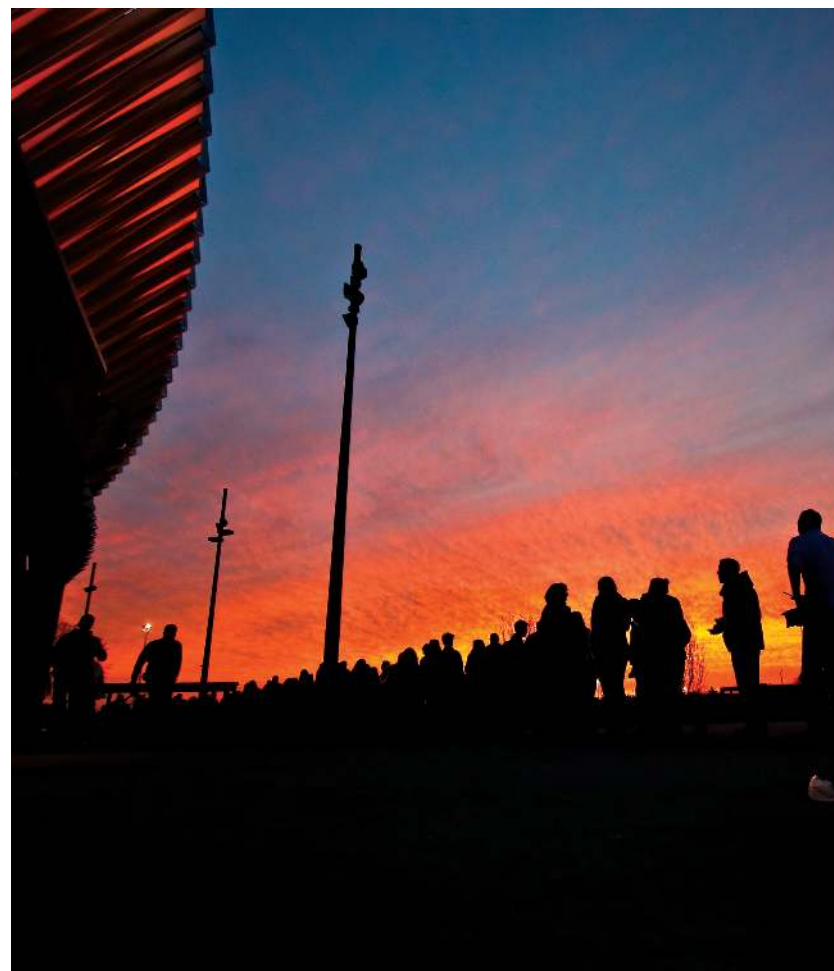
To the Editor:

Regarding your editorial "State Must Lead On Common Core Testing," I disagree that sitting for these tests is what is needed to prepare children for Regents or the SATs. Eight-year-olds do not need to go through six days of testing to prepare for tests 10 years into their future. I would argue the same for children that are 13, with tests five years into the future. I do agree in an assessment based on research every few years, where the information is given to teachers and parents to help children stay on track. But as for annual high stakes testing, when the results are just a number with no context —no.

I encourage more parents to have their children opt-out. These tests take away valuable classroom time and are changing the culture of our schools. Kindergarteners should be learning how to share, along with their math and reading, not how to sit behind cardboard cubbies to take assessments. Do 5-year-olds need to practice for tests 13 years into the future? No, but they are. Opt-out until the state realizes that continual high stakes testing is not quality education.

MELISSA MCAREE
Bayville

FRAMEWORK by Christina Daly



On line for Billy Joel on Opening Night at the Coliseum – Uniondale

CORRECTION

In the article "Movie theater renovations begin in May" in the April 6 issues of the Glen Cove and Sea Cliff/Glen Head

Herald Gazette, we interviewed two employees that work at JJ's Glen Cove Cinema, but they were not the manager.

OPINIONS

Congratulations, President Trump, on your two-part victory

I want to congratulate President Trump for finally sending a message to the coward dictator of Syria, Bashar al-Assad. The U.S. sent a firm message that we're not going to stand by idly and watch Assad gas and kill innocent children and civilians. A missile attack against Syria was long overdue; this problem really



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should have been dealt with by President Obama and his administration.

Back in 2013, Obama warned Assad that the use of chemical weapons by his regime would be a "red line" and a "game changer" in terms of American military intervention in the Syrian civil war. According to report

after report, Assad was using chemical weapons against innocent civilians, and Obama turned his head in a different direction so as to avoid dealing with the problem. This only emboldened the Syrian dictator, and in the eyes of both our allies and enemies it made America once again look like the so-called paper tiger.

This time around, the U.S. fired several dozen Tomahawk cruise missiles at Syria in response to a chemical weapons attack that

killed more than 100 people. Trump took the proper action — this was far from an overreaction, as some have claimed. The missile strike sent a signal to our allies, in both the Middle East and Europe, that the U.S. will take appropriate action, including the use of military action, when necessary.

Many, particularly those in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, were beginning to question whether we had the will power to stand by our allies and treaty obligations. Make no mistake, this should also serve as a warning to the madman, the little dictator in North Korea who, because of his twisted brain, has become a threat to world peace. Our allies in that region of the world are at risk, and so is the U.S. I believe that we will eventually have to take action to remove Kim Jong-un by whatever means necessary in order to keep millions of people from being in harm's way, but that's for another time.

Right now I want to focus on applauding the president for his courage and action, and I think it's about time the mainstream media gave him credit for his decision to use our military might in a very deliberate and sensible way.

Unfortunately, there are those in the media, particularly CNN, who love to say, "Oh, President Trump has changed his posi-

tion from what he campaigned on, which was not to use force in Syria." What the jackasses at CNN fail to acknowledge is that the situation has changed, and leaders not only have the right, but the obligation, to change a position when the situation calls for it.

I also want to applaud Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for invoking the so-called "nuclear option" and making it possible to for the Senate to vote on the nomination of our new Supreme Court justice, Neil Gorsuch. Never before had a filibuster been used against a presidential nominee to the court. The Democrats were totally out of line, and it's unfortunate that partisan politics became involved in the selection of an absolutely qualified nominee who had been approved unanimously by the Senate to the second highest court in the land, the federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Congratulations to McConnell and Trump for selecting such an outstanding nominee.

Elsewhere on the home front, I am deeply troubled by Attorney General Jeff Sessions's creation of a task force that will "review existing policies in the areas of charging, sentencing, and marijuana to ensure consistency with the department's overall strategy on reducing violent crime and with administration goals

and priorities."

The attorney general claims to be a proponent of states' rights, but now it appears that the federal government may be preparing to intervene in the 12 states that have permitted the legalization of marijuana. I believe that this position is wrong and will guarantee that there will be demonstrations across the country, particularly in those 12 states, bringing out hundreds of thousands of people in protest.

This is a dispute that will only detract from the important issues with which this administration should be concerned, such as tax reform, the desperately needed rebuilding of the nation's infrastructure, the reforming of Obamacare and putting an end to sanctuary cities' protection of criminal aliens. In addition, there are dozens of U.S. attorney positions that are still unfilled.

To engage in a battle with states that have legalized pot is counterproductive, and will only incite millions. More demonstrations in the streets are the last thing the country needs. Mr. President, put an end to this ridiculous task force and remind our attorney general to stay focused on the important issues.

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How can we trust Trump on war and peace?

Take the fight to Syria? Who says? The guy who tweets about Chuck Todd's "sleepy eyes" in the pre-dawn hours?

As of April 5, just over a week ago, intervention in Syria was "silly," according to the commander in chief. The next day, the U.S. was dropping bombs on a Syrian air base. "My views have changed," the president said. And tomorrow? We have no idea.

Writing for a weekly publication has never been more challenging. Even the dailies can't keep up with Trumpmania. The New York Times said it changed its website's banner headline six times in one 24-hour period recently because the ground was shifting so fast and furiously.



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I have no idea what the world will look like by the time you read this, but last week we were haunted by images of dying children after a sarin gas attack in Syria. How can any-

one look at those little boys and girls, choking and foaming at the mouth, and then go to Starbucks or off to the supermarket? And how can we know that cruise missiles were the best next step? Last week's

action felt right, but it wasn't based on any fully realized American foreign policy.

What we do know is that this complex Syrian civil war, which began in 2011, has deep roots. The players include President Bashar al-Assad, various rebel factions with conflicting goals, ISIS on the ground and the U.S., Russia and Iran as intermittent proxy and present forces. The knotted political and military claims coming from all directions are destroying a people and all remnants of an ancient civilization.

According to one United Nations report, some 400,000 people have been killed in the war in Syria in the past six years. Some half-million have been displaced within the country, and millions more have fled, flooding through Europe and ending up as far away as Australia.

I go back to the beginning. As a people who purport to hold the moral high ground, we feel compelled to act on behalf of innocent victims. The facts on the ground, the photos and the reports of mass gassing, are horrific.

But we are, at the moment, indisposed. Our president is an unreliable actor. His decisions, even the one to bomb Syria, seem big on gesture and small on process. We hope his military team is skilled and experienced. But where is the moral center of this administration? Who weighs all the military, legal, ethical and political considerations before launching missiles?

Candidate Trump and his supporters

used President Obama's red-line moment as proof of a weak, indecisive leader. Then, when we first learned of the gas attack, which killed some 100 people, including 25 children, Trump seemed to stall. He spoke out immediately, expressing requisite sympathies, but he said it was not practical to go after Assad, the mastermind of the attacks. He said it would be silly. He pretty much said everything Obama had said.

Next day, different story. The president said that the photos of the dying babies had changed his thinking. Then we attacked.

Who will be behind White House Door No. 1 tomorrow morning? Trump the pragmatic business tycoon, for whom all interactions are transactional, or Trump the human being, who claims to have found empathy in the cold vault of his heart? This man, who has sexually assaulted women and bragged about it, mocked disabled people on television, lied often and loud, bragged incessantly about deeds done and not done, has lost his right to be trusted.

Where does this leave us? It leaves me hoping that military and State Department officials with savvy and experience will create and execute a reasonable plan to help the Syrian people. Even if it's the best of the worst plans, it will be better than bearing

silent witness to their immense suffering. The bombing of the air base may turn out to be a useful deterrent to further Assad atrocities, but the lack of real process is unsettling.

For me and for others, there is another immediate action we can take to address the pain and loss on the ground. I will do as I've

done in the past, and make a donation to Doctors Without Borders. The group is active in northern Syria, although not authorized by the Assad government to be there. It works to get emergency supplies, health kits, food, temporary shelter and medicine to people in need.

The doctors and other personnel are the heroes in this dark hour. Their hospitals have been bombed, doctors have been kidnapped and killed, and yet others step up

and volunteer. They offer medical care and solace and a thread of hope so that the wounded and forsaken can begin to weave new lives.

Donations may be sent to Doctors Without Borders (MSF), 333 7th Ave., Second Floor, New York, N.Y. 10001, or made at donations@newyork.msf.org or by calling (212) 763-5779.

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The transactional
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