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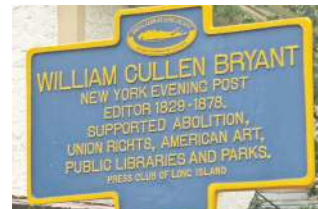
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A doggone good day in G.C.

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA
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Man's best friend finally has a new place to run free in Glen Cove — the new dog park in Dennis Brian Murray Park. Under sunny skies on Sunday, dogs of all sizes and their owners and families gathered to celebrate the park's opening, complete with raffles, free dog treats and toys.

Before the dog park was completed, only dogs on leashes were allowed in the park. Last fall, after the closing of Garvies Point due to construction, a group of dog owners, led by Maribeth Graf, formed the Glen Cove Dog Park Committee. The group requested that the city create an area where dogs could exercise and interact off-leash. "It was a dream to see that the city was very receptive to this, and they put this up in record time," said committee member Gabor Karsai.

The park consists of two fenced-off areas for large and small dogs to roam free. Thanks to the city and the Dog Park Committee's GoFundMe



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GOLDEN RETRIEVERS NIKKI and Cali might as well have been smiling at the dog park opening.

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Incinerator to be demolished

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA and LAURA LANE
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During the week, Glen Cove's Morris Avenue is a hub of activity. Trucks barrel down the road all day long, passing the various businesses that have been there for years. They include a recycling company that accepts asphalt, brick and concrete, near a cabinetry store. There's a auto body shop, a plumbing supply store and a Nassau County Department of Public Works office.

At the end of the road is Winter Brothers Waste System and the Glen Cove Transfer Station, which Mayor Reggie Spinello

hopes to close soon. But first there is the matter of the city's now-closed incinerator, which is also on the busy avenue.

The city operated the incinerator from 1979 through the 1980s, when there was much less public concern about the damaging environmental effects of burning waste and sewage. Spinello says that the 300-foot-long, 250-foot-wide, 90-foot-tall building will be demolished by the second week in August.

The reason why it probably wasn't taken down years ago is because of the expense.

JIM BYRNE
Director,
G.C. Dept. Public Works

The city received three bids for the project — \$4.5 million from Breeze National Inc., \$3.9 million from the Gramercy Group, and \$2.1 million from Total Wrecking and Environmental, which was

awarded the contract.

Unitech Services Group Inc. is currently completing an abatement on the roof, which was found to contain asbestos, that must be removed before demolition can begin. "Once we get the abatement complete, which would be sometime toward the end of next week," said Jim Byrne, director of the county DPW, "they will start taking down the superstructure, or the main part of the building."

The roof abatement will cost the city about \$828,800.

The demolition is part of the waterfront improvements the city is undertaking on the south side of the creek. "The reason why it probably wasn't taken down years ago is because of the expense," Byrne said.

There are three ball fields across the street from all the industry on Morris Avenue. During baseball, softball and

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Elisa Dragotto/Herald

Brushing off the ole' dance shoes for the Gribbon dance

Little girls danced with their "sweethearts" at the second annual dance held at Gribbon Elementary. Joseph Marconi and his daughter Natalia, 5, tripped the light fantastic at the dance. More photos on page 11.



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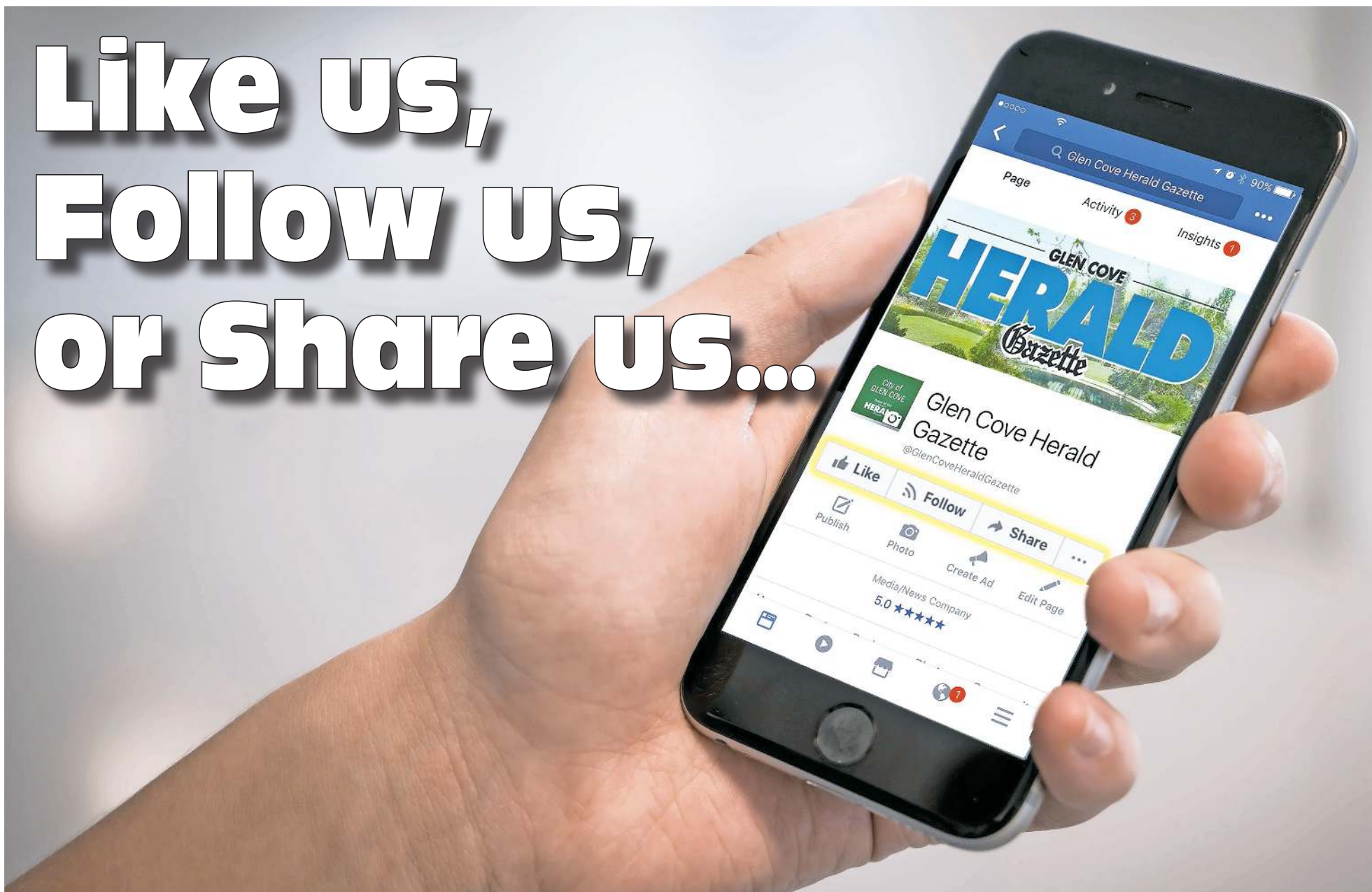
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Vehicle theft prevention

Police are warning residents that even though the weather is getting warmer, they should not leave their car windows open and vehicles should always be locked. Larcenies from autos continue to

be an issue in Nassau County and these thefts are occurring during the day and at night when vehicles are left unlocked. Police are offering a few tips to ensure that residents do not become victims.

- Always lock your vehicle, even when it's parked in your driveway or garage.
- Never leave or hide a smart key, valet key, or spare key anywhere in or on your vehicle, no matter where you park it.
- Never leave valuables in your vehicle. Remember, if you can see it, so can a crook.
- Do not leave your vehicle running unattended.
- Park in well lit areas.
- Hide packages and shopping bags in

the trunk.

- Keep keys in your hand when walking to your car or home.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a locked garage.
- Keep the exterior of homes and driveways well illuminated.
- Close all vehicle windows and sunroofs completely when parked.
- Secure your garage door opener to prevent access to your home.

Big bust in Glen Cove

Thirteen individuals with active arrest warrants from the Glen Cove City Court and the Nassau County First District Court were arrested on April 24 by the Glen Cove Police Department, in conjunction with the Nassau County Police Department. They included two women and eight men from Glen Cove, and one man each from the areas of Locust Valley, Farmingdale, and

Glen Head. The arrest warrants included the following crimes: criminal mischief, criminal possession of marijuana, criminal possession of a controlled substance, petit larceny, unlawful possession of marijuana, and various vehicle and traffic law violations. Most of the arrested were arraigned on April 24 in Glen Cove City Court or First District Court in Nassau County.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

- Male, 20, from Glen Head, was arrested on three counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree and two counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree on April 22.
- Male, 25, from Roosevelt, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle without a license and equipment violation on Cedar Swamp Road on April 22.
- Male, 31, from Glen Cove, was arrested for aggravated driving while intoxicated, speed violation and other VTL violations on Forest Ave. on April 22.
- Male, 26, from Glen Cove, was arrested for ability impaired by drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana and equipment

violation on Glen Cove Ave. on April 21.

- Male, 68, from Glen Cove, was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation in the second degree, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration and other VTL violations on April 20.
- Male, 36, from Glen Cove, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle in the third degree, operating a motor vehicle with improper plates and other VTL violations on April 17.
- Male, 38, from Manhasset, was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operations in the second degree on Glen Cove Arterial Highway on April 16.
- Male, 25, from Glen Cove was arrested for criminal mischief in the fourth degree on Landing Road on April 16.

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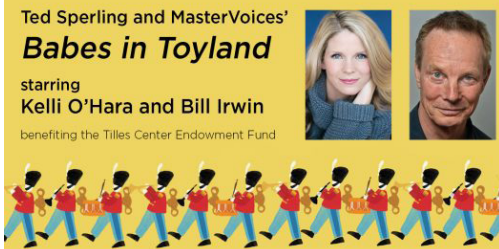
THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Musical spectacle

Broadway's Kelli O'Hara and Bill Irwin join the acclaimed MasterVoices ensemble for a lively staging of Victor Herbert's "Babes in Toyland," at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, on Saturday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Full of glorious melodies, "Babes in Toyland"

weaves together characters from Mother Goose nursery rhymes creating a spectacular story that includes the beloved songs "March of the Toys," "Toyland" and "Go to Sleep. Info: (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.



HALSTON STYLE

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Adventures in art

Find some spring inspiration with a family outing to Nassau County Museum of Art, on Sunday, April 30. Take the kids on a docent-led walk-through of the current exhibition, "Halston Style," a comprehensive retrospective of the iconic designer.

Examine his garments and documentation and use his stylistic approach to create family art projects. Info: (516) 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.com.

Songs to remember

Come and enjoy your favorite Broadway, Jazz and Light Opera songs, old and new, at the Glen Cove Public Library on Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. With performances by soprano Jeanne Whelan and pianist Shiahnnuo Wong, you'll be delighted to hear songs that you remember from another time and some that will become favorites for years to come. Info: (516) 676-2130.



Zumba for a cause

The Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club will host their Zumbathon Fundraiser on Thursday, May 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All proceeds will go towards the Club Dance team that will perform at the StarQuest Regional dance competition. This performance will give the girls the opportunity to compete against other dance groups and share their love for the performing arts. \$10 for pre-registration, \$15 at the door. Info: (516) 671-8030.

St. Francis Health Van

The St. Francis Health Van will be in the Gold Coast Public Library parking lot to provide free health checks and referrals on Tuesday, May 2 from 10 to 2 p.m. Come down and get a free check up. Participants must be 18 years or older. Info: (516) 759-8300.



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THE GIRLS ON the Mets say they are looking forward to overcoming any challenges that come their way this season.

Glen Cove becomes baseball heaven at Gold Coast Little League Opening Day



NEW CLEATS, NEW uniforms and big smiles on Opening Day.

THE MEMBERS OF the Angels say they are ready to give the season their all.



By **NAKEEM GRANT**
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Over 350 kids marched down Forest Avenue and Brewster Street to kick off Opening Day for the Gold Coast Little League on April 22. Light rain threatened to ruin the fields at the John Maccarone Memorial Stadium on Morris Avenue, but Mayor Reggie Spinello said the grounds crew kept the park "Major League" ready.

"The weather didn't dampen anything," he said. "The parks and recreation crew has done an excellent job in a tough climate and everybody's ready to play ball."

Little leaguers were seen grinning from ear-to-ear while carrying their team banners in their new baseball gear. Parents documented every moment with their cameras and smart-phones. Once players made it to the field, they grabbed their bats and mitts to start warming up for a full day of ball-

games. Parents and residents filled the stands as the smell of hot dogs and hamburgers at the stadium served as a reminder that baseball is back. Dan Cox, chairman of the Glen Cove Recreation Commission said Opening Day is always an exciting time for the city, and that the "immaculate" fields add to the thrill. "It's one of my favorite days of the year because I get to look out at hundreds of kids just having a good time," he said. "That's the bottom line for a program like this and I'm looking forward to a really successful season for our program."

He added that none of this would be possible without the support of parents in the community. "This is an all-volunteer organization, the moms and dads come out to these teams and it's all about the kids."

Following the parade, the sunlight slowly began to peak through the gray skies as the players prepared to begin a new season.

Remembering Bryant, poet, nature lover – and journalist

By **GEORGE WALLACE**

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Chances are that most Long Islanders who are aware of the story of William Cullen Bryant — the man who lived at Cedarmere in Roslyn Harbor — will recall something about his having been a poet, or perhaps a nature lover.

They'd be right. Partially. But there was far more to Bryant.

It turns out he was something of a Renaissance man of the 19th century — and one of his chief claims to fame was his role as a newspaperman in the heady days of the Penny Press era, during which he ran the New York Evening Post.

Hoping to bring the journalistic facet of Bryant's illustrious career more fully to the forefront, the Press Club of Long Island this week placed a historical marker to that effect outside his Cedarmere estate.

The simple marker reads: William Cullen Bryant, New York Evening Post Editor 1829 – 1878. Supported Abolition, Union Rights, American Art, Public Libraries and Parks. Joining members of the club at the unveiling were Town of North Hempstead Historian Howard Kroplick and John Dawson, president of Friends of Cedarmere.

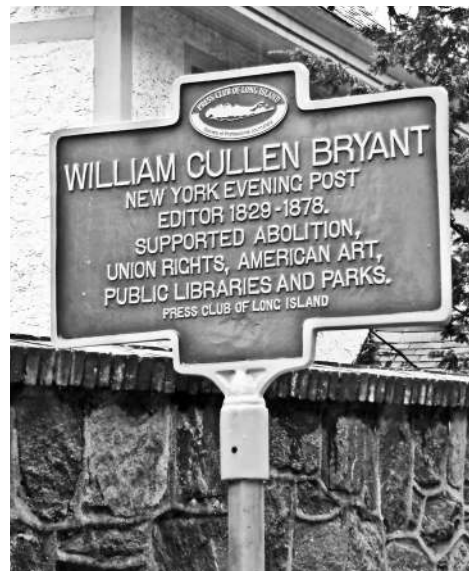
As editor-in chief and part owner of the influential New York Evening Post from 1829 to his death, Bryant had an enormous impact on national affairs,



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CHRIS VACCARO, LEFT, Howard Kroplick, and John Dawson unveil the new street sign honoring William Cullen Bryant at Cedarmere Estate.

noted Dawson. "William Cullen Bryant was a real Renaissance Man," he said. "He was a poet. He was a lover of nature. He was a founder of the Metropolitan Museum and Central Park, and president of a homeopathic medical college. He was a supporter of the Hudson River School of Art. He translated Homer. And he was in a unique position to utilize all his skills as an editor in New York."



THERE IS NOW a historical marker outside the Roslyn Harbor home of William Cullen Bryant, who was also a newspaperman.

In an era when newspapers were notorious for planting fake news stories and sensationalizing local and world events to boost circulation — think Yellow Journalism — Bryant became known as a thoughtful, socially-committed editor, one who was not afraid to take on causes that he thought deserved public attention.

Among his key concerns? Abolition, worker's rights, and anti-corruption in

city government.

"The New York Post was one of the most significant papers in New York for 50 years," said Dawson. "His leadership at that paper may not have the aura of some of the other things he did, but it's a part of the incredibly wide range of accomplishments of William Cullen Bryant."

In fact, Bryant's role as a newspaperman was of such importance that Abraham Lincoln wrote "It is worth a visit from Springfield, Illinois to make the acquaintance of such a man as William Cullen Bryant."

Many did just that, noted Kroplick, by coming to Cedarmere.

"Cedarmere became a magnet for writers, artist and politicians seeking Bryant's company and guidance," he noted. "Prominent visitors included actor Edward Booth, author James Fenimore Cooper, inventor Samuel Morse, landscape architect Frederick Olmsted and Peter Cooper (the restaurateur). Bryant helped place Roslyn and the Town of North Hempstead on the map."

For all his fame, Bryant's work as a newspaperman "has not been given the attention that it perhaps deserves," said Friends of Cedarmere president Dawson. "Hopefully with the placing of this plaque they will understand better his role as editor of a very important paper of the 19th century and as a supporter of key causes of his day."

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Glen Cove takes down Wheatley

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North Shore Sophomore Baseball

A MID-SEASON CALL-UP last spring for the Vikings, Livoti is having a huge impact in his first full varsity campaign serving as the team's starting catcher twice per week and it's No. 3 pitcher. He's also hitting in the clean-up spot and was hitting .407 with 12 RBIs through 12 games. On April 20, he earned his second win on the year with a shutout against Valley Stream North. He allowed five hits and struck out four.

GAMES TO WATCH

Thursday, April 27

Girls Lacrosse: North Shore at Manhasset.....4:30 p.m.
Baseball: North Shore at Lynbrook.....4:30 p.m.
Softball: North Shore at Roosevelt.....4:30 p.m.
Softball: Glen Cove at Locust Valley.....4:30 p.m.
Baseball: Glen Cove at Plainedge.....4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28

Softball: Lynbrook at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
Softball: Elmont at North Shore.....4:30 p.m.
Boys Tennis: Glen Cove at New Hyde Park.....4:30 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse: Glen Cove at Herricks.....4:30 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse: Seaford at North Shore.....4:45 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse: Glen Cove at Island Trees.....7 p.m.

Saturday, April 29

Boys Tennis: G.N. South at North Shore.....10 a.m.
Girls Lacrosse: Bronxville at North Shore.....12 p.m.

Monday, May 1

Baseball: South Side at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
Baseball: Lawrence at North Shore.....4:30 p.m.
Boys Tennis: Oyster Bay at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.
Boys Tennis: North Shore at East Meadow.....4:30 p.m.
Girls Track: Mineola at North Shore.....4:30 p.m.
Boys Track: Glen Cove at V.S. North.....4:30 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse: Glen Cove at Sewanhaka.....4:30 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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After a litany of postponed games due to weather interference, Glen Cove took to the softball field last Saturday in the midst of wavering showers to beat Wheatley 14-5, earning its fourth victory this season and second over Wheatley.

The Big Red (4-5 in Conference ABC-III) was sparked by a stout offensive attack that was sustained by multiple players. Micaela Costello, starting at second base, led off and was instrumental in reaching first base on three separate occasions, including an RBI infield single.

Safire Blissett, a senior and the fiery vocal leader of the club, performed extremely well both offensively and defensively. Within the first few minutes of the game, Wheatley shot a liner towards the hot corner. Blissett was there, in apt positioning, making the diving stab for out number two of the inning. She also finished 2-3 at the plate with an RBI, two singles, and reaching first base on two walks as well.

"(Blissett) is a leader out there and she played well again today," Glen Cove head coach Angela Zupa said.

Zupa also briefly spoke on how the success of the team is contributed to the pitching prowess of Nafessah Ali, who earned the victory. "(Ali) pitched well and she will continue to be our starter for most games. Unless we have a scenario where we have a couple games back to back, then we'll start Blissett," said Zupa. "Ali showed constraint at the plate as well, earning herself a few walks that led to some important base running situations."

Jaynise Espinal was also a force at the plate, finishing with an RBI and a double on the day. Alyssa Schmitt also finished with two hits, one being a two-run double.

All of the offensive firepower of the Big Red led to the dismay of the Wheatley pitching staff. Wheatley's starter Alyssa Belle was forced out of the game after good plate discipline shown by Glen Cove, leading to a multitude of walks and a collection of baserunners.

Unfortunately, not every aspect of this game was peachy for Glen Cove. Despite a stellar performance from Zupa's girls, the coaches and parents in the stands alike had a collective scare when starter Karla Fernandez slid feet first into second base during a double play opportunity. An errant slide and collision with the bag were followed by the failure of Martinez to stand shortly thereafter. The crowd stood in silence, as an ambulance was called to tend to the injured player. Roughly an inning later, Martinez was brought off from the dugout on a stretcher, cheerfully flashing the thumbs up sign with a promising smile on her face.

"From what I've heard thus far, it seems to be her ankle. The severity is still up in the air. It's very unfortunate this happened," Zupa said.

Although Martinez's injury stifles both



Roni Chastain/Herald

JUNIOR NAFESSAH ALI has been a key to Glen Cove's success this spring as its starting pitcher and had a solid outing last Saturday in a 14-5 win over Wheatley.

the production and collective emotions of the team, it could an opportunity to rally around a collective idea, pushing towards

the end of the season.

The game ball, appropriately, was awarded to Martinez.

Pups and owners enjoy new dog park

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efforts, there are waste bag dispensers and receptacles, benches, a water spigot, leash posts and newly planted trees.

"It's nice to have a place to go where the dogs can play," said Maria Rodriguez as her 7-month-old French bulldog, Romeo, ran around her.

The park's sponsors included North Coast Subaru, Mario Fischetti and Sons Nursery, Michael's Dog Pack, Dan's Dog Walking and Valley Sports. To help raise money for a shade structure, sod and agility equipment, a raffle was held, with prizes that included gifts from Green Forest Veterinary, East Norwich Veterinary, Hair Above, The View Grill, Delicious Pizza, Downtown Café, Vito's Restaurant, Scoopy Do, Glen Cove Beer, Bagel Café, Garvies Point Brewery, Kanine Capital Inc., Strong Island Styles and Gold Coast Realty.

Glen Cove resident Ro Pizziatolla said she doesn't own a dog, but loves bringing her 3-year-old grandson Dominic to the park to watch the dogs play and give out treats. "We're down here all the time," she

said. "He loves to come down and just sit and watch the dogs."

"When we started on this venture, many people said we were barking up the wrong tree," joked Mayor Reggie Spinello. "This project from Day One has really been a success. The demand was here, the residents spoke, and we reacted."

State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and several Glen Cove city officials came out with their own pets to try out the park and show their support.

"It think it's great — it's a great use of space," said Alexandra Rivera, who brought her 8-month-old dog Luna out for her first communal canine experience. "It's really nice to see it as a nice community space, as opposed to an empty kid hangout. And they have the park and the playground — we were saying we need another little enclosed space for the moms!"

To donate to the park for new equipment, visit <https://glencovedogpark.wix-site.com/mysite>.

Who was Dennis Brian Murray?

Dennis Brian Murray Park was dedicated by the City of Glen Cove on Oct. 4, 2003, to honor former resident Dennis Brian Murray, who was killed in the Vietnam War on June 12, 1969, when he was just 22. He was an Army Specialist Four F Troop, 17th Cavalry, 196th Infantry Brigade, America1 Division.



Ryan Hedlund/Herald

MAYOR REGGIE SPINELLO, right, with Richie Cannata, a saxophone player and producer for Billy Joel, who brought his dog, Elle.



Laura Lane/Herald

THE INCINERATOR on Morris Avenue will be demolished in August.

More parking for ball fields?

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soccer season, many children play there. When the incinerator is taken down, the nearby composting area will also be eliminated, perhaps making room for additional play areas.

"I'd like to see a multiuse turf field the size of a football field be built there," said Dan Cox, chairman of the city's recreation commission. "We aren't sure what to do with the area once the incinerator comes down. Maybe we could build an indoor facility there, or maybe a parking field."

Byrne said he believed that area would most likely become a parking lot. After all there are three ball fields in the area right

now and parking is always a problem.

Some believe that the best scenario would be for the industrial facilities on Morris Avenue to relocate. "I would like to see the entire industrial area turned into recreational space and reclaim the creek," Cox said, acknowledging that the facilities have been responsible members of the community, not operating when children are playing baseball or soccer.

Morris Avenue runs parallel to the creek. Garvies Point is being developed on the other side of the creek. If nothing changes, the residents of the planned high-rise apartments there may have as part of their view the industrial activity on Morris Avenue.

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U.S. DEMOCRATIC REPS. Anthony Brown, left, and Tom Suozzi meet with military officials inside a base in Kuwait.

Suozzi is 'changed' by trip to the Middle East

By **DANIELLE AGOGLIA**

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After his recent trip to the Middle East, U.S. Democratic Rep. Tom Suozzi said all the military-themed movies got it wrong. There's no pumping music in the background and no cowboy-like rowdiness. Instead, it's real people doing real jobs in life or death situations.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Suozzi visited Afghanistan where he met with military officials and troops to learn about their progress in the area. He visited the cities of Kandahar and Jalalabad, the latter of which is close to where the Massive Ordnance Air Blast (MOAB) exploded the following day.

He also met with General John Nicholson and attended many briefings to learn about the U.S. operations in Syria. "I've joined many other Democrats and many Republicans in saying to the president, 'you've got to come to Congress first before you do anything further that goes beyond set American policy in Syria, so you can try to build some bipartisan consensus as to what the agenda should be,'" Suozzi said.

Suozzi was joined by other members of Congress including Rep. Elise Stefanik, Rep. Keith Rothfus and Rep. Anthony Brown. The group also traveled to the U.S. allied countries of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan.

The current mandate of the military in the Middle East is the Train Advise and Assist command, a of NATO's Resolute Support Mission within Afghanistan. Suozzi explained the goal of the TAA is for U.S. troops to advise and assist the local governments in Afghanistan so they can fight terrorist groups locally. In addition, the U.S. is helping to build up the country's infrastructure, police force and education system.

"Sadly for all of us, we can't leave these places because we have real enemies that will be there for some time,"

Suozzi said. "This will be a generational effort. I'm fully supportive of the philosophical shift that took place under President Obama and that is being continued."

He explained that U.S. troops are not fighting local Afghanistan terrorist organizations such as the Taliban, but are fighting international groups like ISIS and Al Qaeda. "If we give them any rest and fail to disrupt what they're doing, they're going to organize and plot more attacks in America," Suozzi explained.

He added that Obama's reduction of the troops stationed abroad was definitely a positive action, but while in the Middle East he spoke with military officials who said that a few more troops would be beneficial for force protection while the current troops are out on patrol. Because of the decrease in troops, the U.S. has hired outside contractors to guard bases and protect them. "Increasing the force level by a few thousand will save money and prevent other groups from getting involved," said Suozzi. "We should be doing more of this training, advising and assisting in more places like Jordan and Kuwait."

On the local level, the congressman held an Aeronautics and Defense Contractor Roundtable to meet with companies in his district who supply the military with supplies. He said his district receives about \$1.7 billion in defense contracts, the largest dollar amount in the state. He stated it was important to help these companies and figure out what he can do to make them more successful in this area, which will be beneficial to the local economy.

"We have to support our troops but I really am changed by this trip," Suozzi said. "It's a much deeper feeling that I have because I'm so impressed by not only the intelligence, but the courage and the responsible way in which our military conducts themselves."

HERALD SCHOOLS



Photos by Elisa Dragotto/Herald

THE DATES soon learned that they wouldn't only be dancing; they were challenged to a hula hoop contest too.

Many participate in the Sweetheart Dance



(Clockwise from top left)
ONE OF THE GAMES had the girls collecting shoes from their dance partners.

BRIAN AND KATIE SHANE, 8, danced the night away.

LONDYN BURTON was thrilled to dance with her cousin, Rashawn White.



On Friday, April 21, Gribbin School held their second annual father/daughter dance for little girls in grades K-2. The event is officially called the Sweetheart Dance. "We wanted to be sure it included any special males in their lives, not just dads," said committee co-chair Nina Ford.

The event, which took about a month to plan, drew 60-75 children who arrived all dressed up and ready to enjoy a night of dancing and fun and games with the special men in their lives. Light refreshments were served to reflect the pink, sweetheart theme including heart-shaped Rice Krispies and pink lemonade. Committee co-chairs Celene Grella, Ford and Vern Tobierre-Payne said they are grateful to the parents who helped by baking, decorating and setting-up for the night.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, April 27

Zumba class

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

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.

Live music series

The Stolars, Lesley & Brad will perform at The Metropolitan Bistro, 39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, 8 p.m. (516) 801-4500.

Friday, April 28

Yacht Club open house

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Blvd, Sea Cliff, 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy a free wine tasting event and learn about membership opportunities and programs at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club. Guest host is Randy Sokol, Certified Sommelier of Grapes and Grains. (516) 671-7374

Twilight story hour

Sea Cliff Children's Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., 4 to 4:30 p.m. (516) 671-4290.

Saturday, April 29

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.

An afternoon of poetry & music

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. In celebration of National Poetry Month, local poet Evelyn Kandel offers an enlightening program and will read from her published poetry books. (516) 676-2130.

Sunday, April 30

Songs to remember

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Featuring Broadway, Jazz and Light Opera songs, old and new, as performed by soprano Jeanne Whelan and pianist Shiahnnuo Wong. (516) 676-2130.

Exploring Long Island shipwrecks

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 p.m. This informative presentation will explore a number of different shipwrecks from all eras in Long Island history. In this program, the library will discuss the history of shipwrecks from the Revolutionary War through modern times and show the viewer what some of these wrecks look like today underwater. A discussion that highlights some of the marine life that inhabits these artificial reefs is included. (516) 759-8300.

Monday, May 1

HMTC benefit

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center will host Made on Long Island



Children's Book Week contest

The Glen Cove Public Library invites all children to design a bookmark for Children's Book Week, which begins on Monday, May 1. Entries are due in the library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove by Friday, May 5. Winners have their designs printed on bookmarks distributed in the library during its 2017 Summer Reading Club. Entries will be judged on multiple factors such as originality, neatness, spelling and printability. Bookmarks should include the Summer Reading Club theme: "Build a Better World".

Please make sure you have not traced or included copyrighted images such as book, TV or movie characters. For more information, call (516) 676-2130.

- Tasting Event and Silent Auction at Westbury Manor, 1100 Jericho Turnpike, Westbury, 6 to 8 p.m. \$125 per person. (516) 571-8040.

20th Annual Culinary Delights

Hosted by the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce at The Mansion, 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, 6 to 9 p.m. \$45 pre-paid, \$50 at the door, \$10 for kids under 16. (516)676-6666.

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Italian dessert

Elena Florenzo from Thinking Italian explores the recipe of Tiramisu at the Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Florenzo will share tips that residents can use at home (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, May 2

Book bundle

Liz Arceolo will help residents create their own keepsake using books, paint, ribbons, lace, twine, specialty paper, and

more at the Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6:30 p.m. A \$3 non-refundable materials fee is due at time of registration. (516) 759-8300.

Wednesday, May 3

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.

Identity theft program

Join Assemblyman Ed Ra for an Identity Theft Seminar at the Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6 p.m. He will be joined by a representative

from Nassau County Consumer Affairs who will explain what you need to be aware of, how to identify scams, and how to keep yourself from becoming the victim of identity theft. (516) 759-8300.

Thursday, May 4

Zumba class

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

A whale of a mom

Preschoolers can explore how mother whales care for their calves with a story and mother's day craft at The Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main



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Elena Florenzo from Thinking Italian explores the recipe of Tiramisu on Monday, May 1 at the Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m.

St, Cold Spring Harbor, 10 to 11 a.m. \$10 for adults plus child. Refreshments will be served. Limited to first 30 pairs. (631) 367-3418.

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Robotics and coding games for teens

Led by Glen Cove High School Librarian Arlene Munson along with student experts at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Produce your own digital games, mazes and have fun learning with Ozzobots, Bloxells, and Little Bits. (516) 676-2130.

Live music series

Al Santoriello will perform at The Metropolitan Bistro, 39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, 8 p.m. (516) 801-4500.

Friday, May 5

Warm up in Sea Cliff

The Village of Sea Cliff invites all residents to enjoy a night of festivities on the Village Green at the corner of Sea Cliff Ave. and Central Ave. starting at 6 p.m. Frank Ferrara & Friends will perform live music on the Village Green from 6 to 8 p.m. The Sea Cliff Village Museum will be open for refreshments and treats. Musical performances will continue in the village throughout the evening. The village is also collecting food donations for Mutual Concerns.

Saturday, May 6

Mock ACT exams

The Gold Coast Public Library will hold a practice ACT exam for students from grades 10 to 12 with Brienza's Academic Advantage, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 10:30 to 2:30 p.m. All materials needed for the ACT exam on test day can be found on the ACT site at <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-day.html>. (516) 759-8300 or ndigirolamo@goldcoastlibrary.org.

Sunday, May 7

Books in bloom

Meet and greet local authors Aimee Ackell, Andrew Montante, and Maria Gaurie at the Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 1 to 4 p.m. Hear them speak about their experiences, the writing process, and the books they've recently written. Have the opportunity to browse the books they have written and ask the authors questions. Light refreshments served. (516) 759-8300.

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Courtesy BSA Theodore Roosevelt Council

STEVEN GROSSKOPF, LEFT, president of the Boy Scouts of America Theodore Roosevelt Council, Theodore “Ted” Roosevelt and Council Executive/CEO John Garee, hold an artist’s proof of the Teddy Roosevelt centennial medal.

Boy Scouts name Theodore Roosevelt IV honorary chair of centennial celebration

The Boy Scouts of America Theodore Roosevelt Council named Theodore “Ted” Roosevelt IV, a managing director of Barclays Investment Banking and President Roosevelt’s great grandson, as the honorary chairman of the council’s year-long 100 anniversary celebration.

In 1910, President Roosevelt co-founded the Boy Scouts of America and established one of America’s first regional scouting organizations – the Nassau County BSA Council, where he served as

its first commissioner, as well as leader of the Oyster Bay boy scout troop.

The centennial events program will take place during each of the next 11 months. In his first action as Centennial Chairman, Roosevelt announced the council’s new Theodore Roosevelt centennial award medal, which bears the sculpted likeness of President Roosevelt and his inspirational boy scout quote, “Far and away, the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing.”



Courtesy Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club

MEMBERS OF THE Boys and Girls club were able to practice with the high school varsity softball team.

GCHS Varsity softball team teaches members of the Boys & Girls Club about sportsmanship

The Glen Cove High School’s varsity softball team, along with coaches Kim Kessel and Angela Zupa, helped members of the Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club hone their softball skills on April 12.

The team and coaches volunteered their time and effort to share their outstanding sportsmanship skills in a softball workshop at the high school field, teaching club members about the game

and how to improve their skills and technique on the field.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the coaches, the team and GCBGC staff, the event was a valuable learning experience for 26 club members who participated with great interest and enthusiasm. To learn more about the club’s programs and volunteer opportunities, visit www.glen-covebgc.org.



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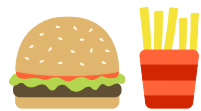


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Glen Cove Police Dept. lead the way in cybersecurity

By **LAURA LANE**

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Although cybersecurity is a concern everywhere, it is especially vital for police departments to ensure that it does not fall victim to data breaches. The Glen Cove Police Department is doing something different than every other police department on Long Island to ensure data security. They've had iboss installed, a cybersecurity program that is more powerful than any firewall.

It was former Glen Cove police commissioner Ben Farnan, who is also a Korean War veteran, that brought the idea to last fall to Glen Cove Chief William Whitton. Farnan had been approached by veteran Major Mike McCave, of Bethpage, to consider the installation of iboss at the Glen Cove Police Department.

McCave, a wounded warrior who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq as a career special operations officer, is undergoing medical treatment at Walter Reed Hospital. A representative for iboss, he was looking for a police department on Long Island to test it.

"Mike knew a friend of mine and that I was the former police commissioner in Glen Cove," said Farnan, adding that McCave offered to have iboss installed free of charge in Glen Cove so that other law enforcement could view how it works. Farnan spoke to Whitton, who agreed that the program would be beneficial.

When installed, iboss has the capability to intercept and block anyone attempting to obtain information from a cyber system. GCPD stores a variety of sensitive information on its system, including arrest records and personal information on anyone taken to the hospital by police. Additionally, social security numbers, addresses and phone numbers of all employees is stored in the database, as well as information about employees' dependents. It seemed like a no-brainer to Farnan and Whitton to give iboss a try.

Glen Cove Sgt. Mike Miller has overseen the new cybersecurity system since it was installed. The security apparatus that iboss provided runs behind the firewall of the police department's computer



Courtesy GCPD

GLEN COVE POLICE Officer Darren Pittman can be confident that the department's computer system is being protected due to the installation of a new cybersecurity program.

system. Miller says is doing the job. "I'd like to say it's working because we haven't had any threats," Miller said. "And I do see that things are getting blocked."

iboss has several clients in D.C., but as far as Miller knows the Nassau County Police Department is not using it yet. He's happy the Glen Cove Police Department is using it.

"The more protection we have the better," said Miller, adding that other police departments have been hacked. "There have been police departments that have had its entire database encrypted and stolen from them. In Massachusetts, the police were told they'd have to pay a ransom to get their stuff back."

Farnan is proud that the Glen Cove Police Department is doing whatever it can to protect its data and happy it took a chance on iboss.

"We are a model for Homeland Security and other police departments," Farnan said. "There is quite an elaborate system being used to get into the government today. This new system is a big benefit for Glen Cove."

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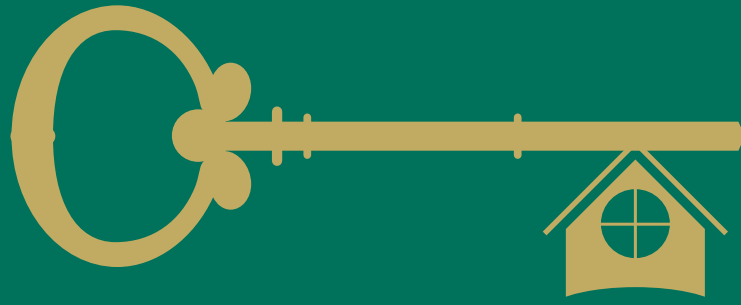
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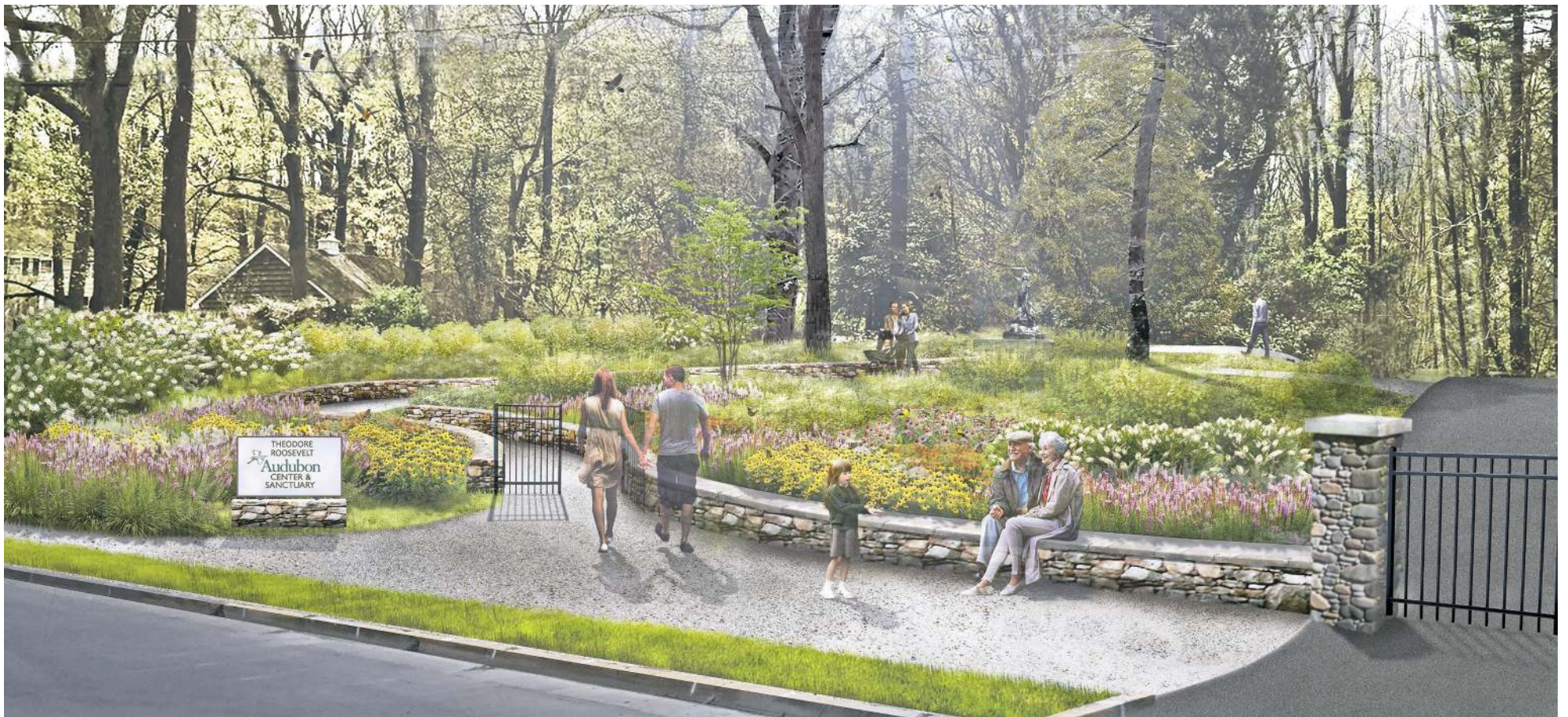


Photo courtesy New York Audubon Center

THIS RENDERING SHOWS how the entrance of the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center will appear after renovations are complete.

Major renovations of TR Sanctuary to begin soon

By **LAURA LANE**

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The Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center was donated to the New York chapter of the Audubon Society by W. Emlen and Christine Roosevelt in 1923. They donated the property to memorialize their cousin Theodore Roosevelt, who is buried in Young's Cemetery adjacent to the sanctuary.

But the center, beloved by children and bird watchers, has been showing its age of late. What would our former president think of Audubon New York's planned renovations for the property that has served for so many years as a protected environment for songbirds? He would probably say, "Bully!"

The effort to "reimagine" the nation's first Audubon songbird sanctuary — which hosts a bevy of birds, including red-tailed hawks, belted kingfishers and great egrets — began four years ago. "They challenged us to reimagine the center, not because it isn't fantastic, but because it needs some improvements," explained Erin Crotty, Audubon New York's executive director.

The majority of the project will cost just under \$1 million. Audubon currently has \$400,000, which includes a grant for up to \$130,000 from the Empire State Development Corporation under the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council Initiative. Individuals have also made donations.

Long Island's ecosystem is important for migrating birds, Crotty explained, and some are becoming endangered. "The center in Oyster Bay is the cornerstone of Audubon's work," she said. "We plan to make it a state-of-the-art facility for the community, with educational programs and recreation opportunities."

And the project will also benefit our feathered friends, which Audubon has predicted will increase in numbers throughout



Laura Lane/Herald

THE BESSIE POTTER VONNOH Memorial Bird Fountain will be repaired, and seating will be added nearby.

the sanctuary's 12 acres of woods.

The project will include the addition of a bird blind — a wooden platform where visitors can observe the birds in their native habitat without disturbing them — and a brush pile, which will provide birds with shelter and protection. Crotty said the two areas would assist the sanctuary's various educational programs by providing instructors an

opportunity to share information about the birds that visitors can see firsthand instead of using slides and photographs.

"We will trim the forest canopy, where there is very little sunlight, and clean up the trails and plant native species, too," Crotty added. "And we will also remove the visitor center."

Many of the sanctuary's programs are now held in the visitor center. Audubon hopes to replace it with a white house that is on a different part of the property, where past sanctuary superintendents have lived. The house, which is empty now, could be used for office space, include restrooms for visitors and, with a little work, serve as a location for programs. "We hope to add a multi-use room in the extension that we'd like to add to the back of the house," said Crotty, pointing to the rear of the house, which faces Cove Road. "We'd also have live animals there."

The house is not included in the nearly \$1 million estimate that Audubon has released for the renovations. Crotty said it was too soon to say how much more the "adoptive reuse of the white house" would cost.

One of the most striking renovations is planned for the entrance to the sanctuary. Right now, a sidewalk close to Cove Road leads to a set of iron gates.

"We are right on top of Cove Road," Crotty said. "Our plans are to open up the area, creating a 30-foot by 30-foot plaza [at the entrance]. Then a serpentine walkway would lead to the [Bessie Potter Vonnoh Memorial Bird] fountain."

The fountain area has always been a favorite spot, but in recent years it has become run-down, and the fountain itself is not working. Vonnoh, a turn-of-the-century artist, was commissioned to create a sculpture to honor Roosevelt, which stands in the middle of the fountain. In 1927 she wit-

nessed the installation of her sculpture in the fountain, which at the time was called the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bird Fountain.

The planned renovations include the complete restoration of the fountain. And there are plans to make the nearby areas even nicer.

"We would utilize the concept of secret gardens — one would be around every corner — of native plant species," Crotty explained. "We'd also have shade and butterfly gardens, which attract birds. The landscape will be beautiful, and people will be able to see the sculpture from the roadway."

The plans also include block seating near the fountain to encourage people to gather for reflection, and programs will be held there as well.

"We want to enhance the magical sanctuary feeling that's already here," Crotty said. "You feel it when you walk through our gates."

After the renovations are complete, the trails, which will include native plants, will begin where the visitor center is now. Crotty said that Audubon is considering creating a loop so visitors can exit the sanctuary by way of a trail. Another idea being considered is the creation of a direct route to Young's Cemetery, to the area where Roosevelt's grave is located.

Currently, Audubon is in the processing of submitting the required permit applications to Nassau County and the Village of Oyster Bay Cove. It hopes to get the site plans approved by the end of the summer, and there are plans to continue to fundraise. "We will be working with the community to get more funds," Crotty said. "But if we don't have all of the funding once we get the approval to move forward, we can do the project in phases. This summer we are open."



Danielle Agoglia/Herald

BRENDA LOPEZ, FAR left, took the initiative to set up the community meeting to discuss immigration rumors in Glen Cove. Officer Carlos Fernandez, Mayor Reggie Spinello, Police Chief William Whitton and Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz spoke at the meeting.

Police and mayor assure residents no one is getting deported

By **DANIELLE AGOGLIA**

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With the president and his administration making massive claims about immigration, minority communities around the nation are frightened they may be deported. With the relatively high Hispanic population in Glen Cove, the mayor and members of the police force gathered at Iglesia Ciudad De Refugio on April 17 in conjunction with the Glen Cove Day Child Care Center to set the record straight.

Brenda Lopez, day care community outreach director and family worker, noticed during the routine home visits that residents were concerned with immigration deportation rumors and in some cases, were not sending their children to school. The center reached out to the city to set up a community meeting requesting it provide the correct information regarding I.C.E. and deportation.

Mayor Reggie Spinello, Police Chief William Whitton, Deputy Chief Chris Ortiz and Officer Carlos Fernandez attended the meeting and answered all questions.

"This is a good community," said Spinello. "This is a safe community. No one is going to go to the school and remove your kids from school."

Whitton agreed, saying that children should go to school and not worry that their parents will be arrested. "There is not, there has not and right now there will not be any wholesale I.C.E. enforcement within the confines of the City of Glen Cove or any other place that I'm aware of in Nassau County," said Whitton.

People will be arrested if they commit a serious crime or felony, he added, but that pertains to anyone of any race or ethnicity that is not in the country legally.

"I want everybody to have an opportunity in Glen Cove, and I want all of you to stay and grow here and be a contributor to our community," Spinello said.

Whitton encouraged the people at the meeting to tell others that if they are a

victim of a crime, a witness, or know of someone that needs help that they should reach out to the GCPD, who will not ask for an immigration status.

Ortiz, the son of a Peruvian emigrant, spoke about the way Glen Cove gave his father the opportunity to make a life for himself. "So much so now, that I can stand here before you as Deputy Chief of Glen Cove Police Department," Ortiz said.

According to Spinello, some people in the community have been twisting information about deportation to create fear among the Hispanic community to take advantage of them.

He mentioned the issue of illegal housing and overcrowding in Glen Cove, where people have moved into basements and attics. "We go into houses that are supposed to be a three-bedroom house, and there's 22 people living in there," said Spinello. "And these are people that are being preyed on by their own people."

It's not always the landlord, Spinello added. Sometimes it's the tenant that will partition-out a living room and then charge people rent to live there.

"We are here to protect you, but we certainly need for you to help us," Spinello said. "And if you are a victim of illegal housing or overcrowding, let us know because you are going to be helping someone and you may be helping a little child."

Residents voiced several concerns, including worries over illegal housing, drug trafficking and school issues, to which the mayor and police requested addresses and answered all questions.

Aida Rivera said she was happy she came to the meeting.

"It was good, I don't have no problem," Rivera said. "But I came here to hear about friends that I have. They don't have papers."

Rivera encouraged these friends to come to the meeting but they did not. "I'm going to tell them that they don't have to be afraid," she said.

To reach the GCPD call (516) 676-1000, and for Spinello call City Hall at (516) 676-2000.



VIEWFINDER

By **SUSAN GRIECO**

THE QUESTION:

What is your best gardening tip?



After you plant seeds in dirt, you cover it with more dirt and let it get lots of sun and water.

ANNALISA MARRERO
Student



Rake the leaves, plant seeds, like cucumbers and tomatoes, and then add water.

STEPHANIE SOLONER
Student



Put white seeds in dirt, cover it, put water in it and it turns into like a flower!

HAILEY ZIMMER
Student



Bury a vegetable and then you grow a flower.

KARLY KRELL
Student




Find a spot in the dirt, cover it with water and give it lots of sunshine and shade, and then wait a long time for it to grow!

SAMMY THOMPSON
Student




You have to bury the flower seed with dirt and then use rain and sun.



HARLI BLAU
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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Little' films hit it big

The Short Film Concert returns to the Madison Theatre

Short films are having their moment. Some of the best will be screened on Friday, April 28, in Rockville Centre, when the latest edition of Asbury Shorts' "Short Film Concert" makes its way to Long Island.

This national touring showcase of award-winning — and future award-winning films — presented by Asbury Shorts, New York City's longest running short film exhibition, gives audiences the opportunity to see these little gems in a real theater format on a big screen.

"These are the best films that people don't see. They are quick, witty, fun, and heart-wrenching," says Angelo Fraboni, the Madison Theatre's artistic director. Now firmly entrenched on the Madison Theatre's schedule, the event has a loyal following, here, and nationwide.

"We did 33 total shows in 2016," says Doug LeClaire, director and founder of Asbury Shorts. "That's a record year for Asbury. It means we are succeeding in our mission, which is to get indie shorts out to people who don't normally go to film festivals."

That is why he insists on referring to his showcase of films as a "concert" instead of a "festival."

"We are not a festival, since this is not a competitive event," he explains. "We combine shorts from past screenings with current film festival winners and first-time filmmakers. We are more of an

entertainment event, kind of like the classic rock show of film festivals. We are giving life to filmmaker's projects, some of which were completed seven to 10 years ago. So it's a mix of old hits and new hits, just like a concert. If you don't like a certain film, hang on and you'll like the next one."

The mix of films is designed to entertain across the genres — comedy, drama and animation (with the occasional documentary making an appearance) — from prominent directors along with up-and-coming filmmakers.

Asbury Shorts had its start in 1981 (on Asbury Avenue in Westbury), with LeClaire, who was then a recent graduate of New York Institute of Technology, as a showcase of student-produced shorts from local colleges.

"A bunch of us decided that college films needed to be seen. From that first screening it grew and grew. It became an annual thing and much anticipated," recalls



Debra Monk stars in "Reaching Home" a 16-minute drama that shares the story of woman who is dealing with the recent loss of her husband and debates future plans with her family at Easter Sunday dinner.

pulled from the Asbury archives: "The Lunch Date," a 1990 Oscar winner for Best Live Action Short.

Directed by Adam Davidson, who was a Columbia University student at the time and is now a prolific television director of many acclaimed series, including "Fear the Walking Dead" and "Hell on Wheels," the film tells the story of a wealthy woman hurrying to catch a train and the people she encounters in the station. Shot entirely in Grand Central Station, "it's a cool little story and we are thrilled to bring it back," says LeClaire.

Debra Monk, who most recently portrayed Betty on Amazon's hit series "Mozart in the Jungle," is the evening's host. She also appears on the screen in "Reaching Home," a new drama from filmmaker Kenneth Murphy. Monk stars as a recent widow who must make some tough family decisions while dealing with her grief. "It's a strong film about family conflict," says LeClaire, "a combination of a good story and a great ensemble cast."

Another selection, "Strain," from Los Angeles-based independent filmmaker Reynier Molenaar is a new sci fi short, fresh off the festival circuit. An eerie look at the last days of mankind, "Strain" follows two survivors of the zombie apocalypse who travel across a deserted L.A.

— Karen Bloom
kbloom@liherald.com

SHORT FILM CONCERT

When: Friday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. \$15.

Where: Madison Theatre, Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. (516) 323-4444 or www.madisontheatre.org.

LeClaire, a commercial producer for over two decades. "In 1987 we took it to New York City and did it once a year until we were invited to London in 1999. It was a huge success and from there it grew into what is today. It's been a labor of love for those of us who work in the film business in New York. Our show is like a trip to the best film festivals in the world where you sample the elite of the short film genre but without competition."

The program features selections that have won honors on the film festival circuit and, of course, Academy Award-

nominated titles. "Of course we hope they all will enthrall audiences," says LeClaire. "But if you don't like a certain one, then you'll probably like the next one. It's all about the flow; it's got to make sense in two acts. And we always end with something funny and poignant, it's a nice capper before closing the curtain."

This year's edition is a mix of old and new hits from the festival circuit, along with one of LeClaire's favorites,



"Strain" follows two survivors of the zombie apocalypse who must travel across an eerily abandoned Los Angeles in order to save their lives.

IN CONCERT Norm Lewis

Norm Lewis finds a moment to take a night off from his dastardly deeds as off-Broadway's newest Sweeney Todd to venture onto the concert stage. The Grammy-winning performer, who made history as Broadway's first African-American Phantom in "The Phantom of the Opera," can now be seen as the Demon Barber of Fleet Street at the Barrow Theater. He also captivated audiences as Porgy in the recent Broadway smash production of "Porgy and Bess." The multi-talented star brings his powerful baritone and commanding presence to a dynamic concert that showcases his versatility. He'll delight his audience with his enthralling



WEEKEND Out and About

voice in a program filled with favorites from Broadway and beyond, including tunes from his solo debut album, "This is the Life."
Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. \$57, \$52, \$47. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

SEASONAL DELIGHTS Arbor Day Festival

As Earth Month comes to a close, Planting Fields Arboretum celebrates the preservation of our environment and the importance of trees at its annual festival. The thousands of trees in the state park stand tall among the many activities and exhibits throughout the weekend. Join Smokey Bear for tree planting ceremonies, along with tree climbing, tree seedling giveaways, and plant clinics. The many other related activi-



ties will keep all ages occupied all day long. This year's celebration features concerts with Peat Moss & the Fertilizers and the Hoodoo Loungers and family entertainment with Strummin' & Drummin'; hands-on wildlife programs; nature crafts; a circus show with members of the National Circus Project; and a petting zoo, among other events, along with self-guided tours of that grand estate, Coe Hall.
Saturday and Sunday, April 29-30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. (516) 922-8676 or visit www.plantingfields.org.

Performances/ On Stage

Aaron Lewis

The singer-songwriter in concert, Thursday, April 27, 8 p.m. \$45 and \$30. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or 283-5566 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Jekyll & Hyde

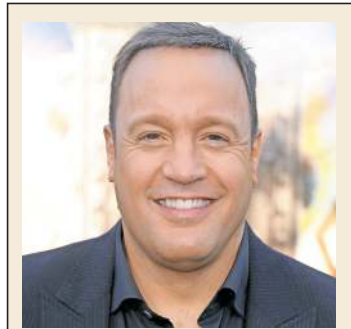
The musical horror-drama based on Robert Louis Stevenson's classic tale, Thursday, April, 27, 2 and 8 p.m.; Friday, April 28, 8 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 2 and 7 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900.

The Music Man

The classic musical about the fast talking traveling salesman, presented by the Community Synagogue Theater Company, Thursday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. \$44 and \$28. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 887-3144 ext. 280 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Jeremy Camp

The contemporary Christian singer-songwriter in concert, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. \$99.50, \$69.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$35. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.



Kevin James

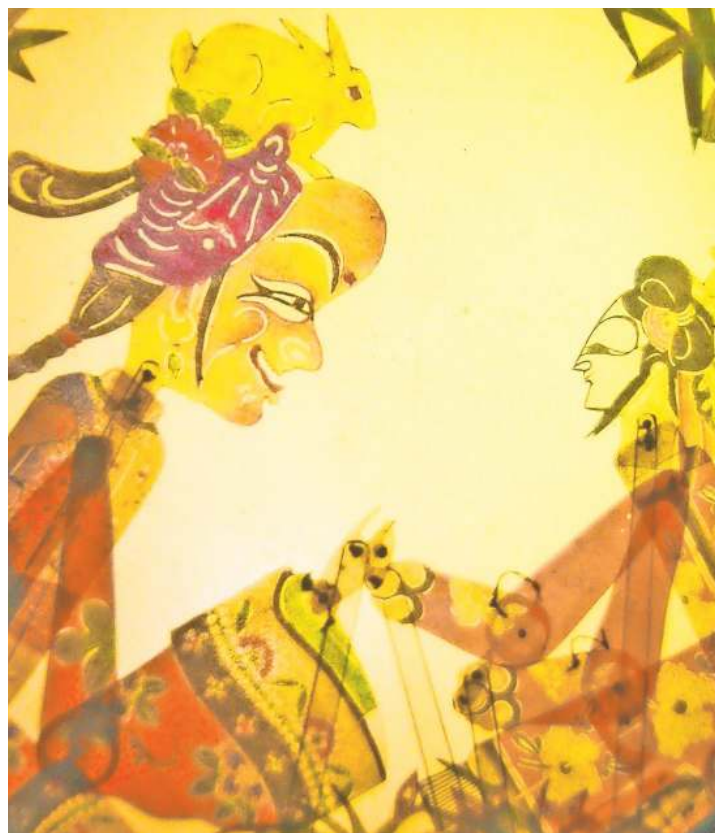
The "Kevin Can Wait" star takes his act on the road, with special guest Chris Roach, Friday, April 28, 8 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$49.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

New Horizons String Orchestra

The orchestra explores varied string quartet works, Friday, April 28, 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.

Almost Maine

John Cariani's touching romantic comedy, presented by the Minstrel Players, Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 3 p.m. \$20, \$15 seniors and students. Trinity Episcopal Church, 130 Main St., Northport. 557-1207 or www.theminstrelplayersinc.org.



Chinese Theatre Works' Tiger Tales

Wily Grandma Bunny teaches the young animals of the jungle how to survive under the reign of a tyrannical carnivore, when the renowned Chinese Theatre Works ensemble visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, May 6, at 11 a.m.

This award-winning, English-narrated production weaves together shadow puppetry, Chinese music, and a big screen to relate four humorous and allegorical tales for all ages. A wise old rabbit recounts stories from her eventful life to her young granddaughter, including how she came to be the Prime Minister to Tiger, the ever-hungry jungle king in this fascinating production.

Tickets are \$10 available at (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.



New York Philharmonic

Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts the orchestra in exciting program that includes Strauss' Also sprach Zarathustra, Friday, April, 28, 8 p.m. \$110, \$80, \$50. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Genessa and the Selena Experience

A tribute to the latin pop star, Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. \$30 and \$25. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or 283-5566 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

Wynton Marsalis leads the acclaimed ensemble in "Celebrating Ella: First Lady of Jazz," Sunday, April, 30, 7 p.m. \$83, \$68, \$53. With guest vocalists Kenny Washington and Roberta Gambarini. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU

Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.



Buddy Guy

The renowned blues guitarist in concert, with special guest Quinn Sullivan, Saturday, April 29, 8 p.m. \$109.50, \$99.50, \$89.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50, \$39.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Songs to Remember

Soprano Jeanne Whelan and pianist Shiahnuo Wong in concert, Sunday, April 30, 2 p.m. Program includes Broadway, jazz and light opera. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencove-library.org.

Port Washington Music Club

Members of the local ensemble in concert, Wednesday, May 3, 2 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main

Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

For the Kids

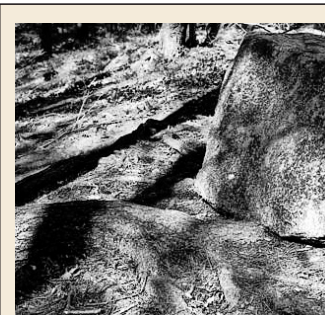
Culinary Workshop

Learn how to make homemade tiramisu from scratch with strawberries, Monday, May 1, 5 p.m. For grades 6-12. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Museums/ Galleries and more...

Art of Al Hirschfeld

A retrospective of the acclaimed caricaturist's works, Thursday, April 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday, April 28, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, April 29, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, April 30, 12-5 p.m. Long Island Picture Frame & Art Gallery, 4 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay. 588-7511.



Thaddeus: Holownia: Walden Revisited

This exhibition pays homage to Henry David Thoreau and his experiment in simple living 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. Through July 30. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

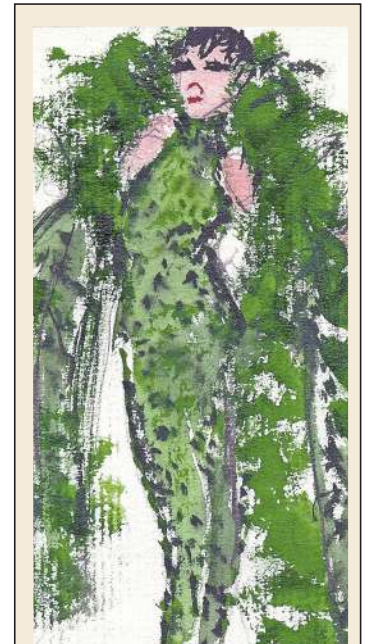
Blue

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.

India: Reflections of Four Artists

An exhibition inspired by a visit to India among the featured artists. Ginger Baliz-

er-Hendler, Rosanne Ebner, Puneeta Mittal and Nancy Yoshi share works on paper, canvas, clay and mixed media. Through June 16. Alfred Van Loen Gallery, South Huntington Library, 145 Pidgeon Hill Rd., Huntington Station. (631) 549-4411 or www.shpl.info.



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.

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 "La La Land," the acclaimed musical drama about a musician and an aspiring actress who meet and fall in love, Thursday, May 4, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Having an event?

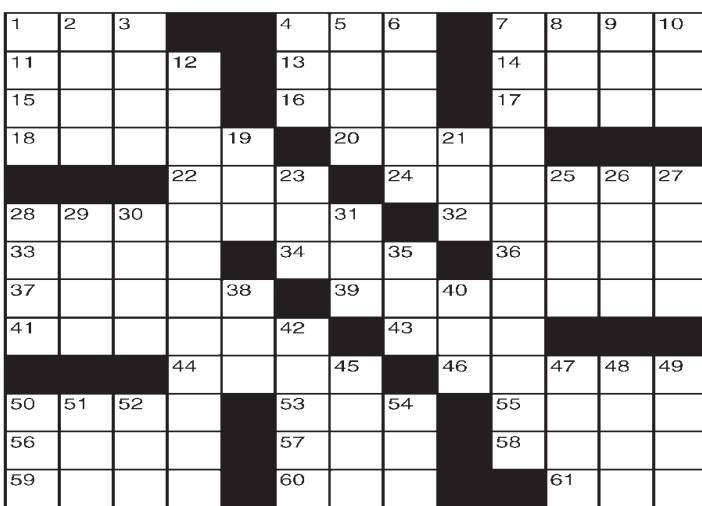
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Sheeline and Mittleman to co-chair Save the Children's spring benefit

Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty, will play a significant role in raising funds for the Long Island Council of Save the Children. Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty's Abby Sheeline, a board member of Save the Children LI Council, and Sierra Mittleman are co-chairing its "Rock Around the Decades" spring benefit on Saturday, May 6, at The Paramount in Huntington. Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty is further lending its support with a sponsorship and a cadre of volunteers.



Courtesy Daniel Gale

"Rock Around the Decades" will feature music by the popular Long Island band, Crossing Streams. Attendees are encouraged to wear the attire of their favorite decade, although costumes are optional.

"The Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty family really rallies around the Long Island Council of Save the Children," said President and CEO Patricia J. Petersen. "The willingness of our sales associates, managers and staff, and particularly the efforts of Abby and Sierra have been nothing short of amazing. People contribute what they can, whether through hands-on volunteerism or donations of money and raffles."

The leadership of the co-chairs has developed the theme, secured the venue and entertainment, obtained raffle items and designed the evening's menu, as well as countless other tasks. Close to a dozen members of the Daniel Gale Sotheby's organization are helping on the benefit

DANIEL GALE SOTHEBY'S International Realty's Abby Sheeline, left, and Sierra Mittleman are playing a leading role in Save the Children's "Rock Around the Decades" spring benefit, on May 6 at the Paramount in Huntington.

committee, including: Diane Anderson-Barry, Maria Bocard, Deborah Hauser, Allison Conte, Jon Evans, Margy Hargraves, Tina McGowan, Margaret Trautmann and Ellen Zipes.

Save the Children Long Island Council, a volunteer group committed to supporting the work of the national organization, has a mission to give children in the U.S. and around the world a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. For more information on the spring benefit, visit www.savethechildrenli.org or call (631) 424-0759.

OBITUARY

Gerard P. Meehan

Gerard P. Meehan, of Glen Cove, N.Y. died on April 19, 2017. He was the beloved husband of Joan (nee Feinler), the devoted father of Claire Maini, Stephanie (Michael) Fitch, Gerard and Austin, the loving grandfather of Andrew, Matthew, Alex, Kimberly, Meeghan, Delia, Trevor, and great grandfather of Richard, Maxwell and Fiona.

Funeral mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove, N.Y. Services were held at McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home in Glen Cove, N.Y. Contributions may be made in his name to the National

Multiple Sclerosis Society, PO Box 4527 N.Y., N.Y. 10163, or nationalmssociety.org.

Ramon M. Bune

Ramon M. Bune, 69, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on April 21, 2017. He was the husband of Celita, father of Racel and Christine and grandfather of Jose Rafael, Jose Lorenzo and Jose Inigo. He is survived by four brothers and one sister. Bune was an avid fisherman and a devoted family man. Service was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove, N.Y. Interment was held at East Hillside Cemetery.

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More state aid for Glen Cove Schools than last year

Proposed budget includes an increase of about \$2.2 million

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA
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Due to budget negotiations in Albany, the Glen Cove School District had to estimate the amount of state aid they would receive during budget proposals in the beginning of the month.

The state aid numbers were recently finally released. GCSD will receive about \$11,900,000 for the 2017-2018 school year. However, this number does not include the Pre-K costs, which are taken out and used separately from the main budget.

After Pre-K costs are taken out, the district will have \$11,540,736 from the state.

In the budget meeting on April 3, the board estimated they would receive an increase in state funding of \$803,991 from the 2016-2017 year. They were close. The total increase is approximately \$808,436.

The current budget proposes \$7,063,818 for administrative services, \$71,230,000 for program services and \$7,614,051 for capital services. And the budget will stay under the allowable tax increase. The district expects a tax levy of about \$66.8 mil-

lion, an increase of about 1.38 percent from the prior year.

Despite the increase in state aid, the district will need to make cuts totaling \$691,197. These decreases are coming mainly from retirements and several positions that will not be refilled.

The total proposed budget is still \$85,907,869, an increase of about \$2.2 million from the previous year.

It will be up to residents will go to the polls on May 16 to decide whether they approve of the budget. If it does not pass after the first and second vote, or if the board decides not to have a second vote, a proposed contingency budget will be put into effect.

The ramifications of a contingency budget would be grave. According to the PowerPoint presented at the last Board of Education meeting, a contingency budget "...eliminates all purchases of equipment

and any needed capital projects proposed for the 2017-18 school year" and will also make it necessary to reduce the "staff that will cause reductions in student programs." The district is estimating that approximately 9 to 11 positions will be lost from the staff and faculty.

The proposed budget includes the preservation of all current programs, new course offerings at the high school, the refurbishing of two cupolas and upgrades to the middle school's gas line. It also addresses ADA compliance matters at the middle school, and includes security upgrades.

"With this additional aid we were able to make cuts and keep under the budget tax cap," said Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna. "Within the budget, we have not touched programs for the students or class size."

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DR. MARIA RIANNA
Superintendent

HERALD PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the City Council adopted the following Ordinance at the City Council Meeting of April 25, 2017:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 265-27 (G) TO THE GLEN COVE CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted rules and regulations in accordance with Vehicle and Traffic Law 1640-a regarding traffic regulations at parking areas and driveways of hospitals, shopping centers, office buildings and office building complexes, places of public assembly, facilities owned or leased by not-for-profit corporations, private apartment complexes and fire stations; private condominium complex; mobile home parks; manufactured home parks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems that in order to be in compliance of the Glen Cove City Code, property owners signage and pavement marking must be clearly marked and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that requiring property owners to maintain signage and pavement marking will advance the safety of our residents and benefit the public welfare; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY the Mayor and City Council that a new Section 265-27 (G) of the Glen Cove City Code shall now read as follows: Section 265-27 (G) All signs and pavement markings shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the New York State Code of Rules and Regulations

This Ordinance shall take effect 3 days after publication.

Tina Pemberton
City Clerk.
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LEGAL NOTICE:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the City Council adopted the following Ordinance at the City Council Meeting of April 25, 2017:

Ordinance repealing and replacing Section 265-27 (E) the Code of Ordinances concerning the City of Glen Cove Shopping Center

WHEREAS, in 1997, the City Council adopted the former Section 265-27 (E) in accordance with Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1640-a and at the request of the owner, which inter alia granted the City Glen Cove the right to enforce certain traffic regulations in the Glen Cove Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 1998, the ordinance was amended to add a stop sign inside the shopping center 234 feet north of the entrance of Forest Ave; and

WHEREAS, a certain cross walk was installed in the shopping center to regulate and provide safe passage from the entrance and/or exit of Stop and Shop to the parking lot therein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received a request from the Chief of the Glen Cove Police Department and the Chief of the Glen Cove Fire Department to review certain traffic and pedestrian safety conditions that currently exist in the Glen Cove Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1640-A and at the request of the Chief of Glen Cove Police Department and the Chief of the Glen Cove Fire Department, the City will enforce all traffic regulations delineated in the new Section 265-27 (E); and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, that the existing Section 265-27 (E) of the Glen Cove City Code shall hereby be repealed in its entirety and a new Section 265-27 (E) of the Glen Cove City Code shall be substituted and which shall now read as follows:

Glen Cove Shopping Center. Pursuant to the authority of Vehicle and Traffic Law § 1640-a and the request of the Chief of Glen Cove Police Department and Chief of the Glen Cove Fire Department, the following traffic regulations shall apply to the Glen Cove Shopping Center located on Forest Avenue:

- (1) No parking along any sidewalk adjacent to store buildings wherever a "No Parking - Fire Lane" sign is posted.
- (2) No parking wherever handicapped parking is designated by a posted sign, except by permit issued pursuant to law.
- (3) No parking along any entrance or exit roadway wherever a "No Parking - Fire Lane" sign is posted.
- (4) All vehicles shall park only within designated parking spaces.
- (5) A stop sign shall be installed inside the shopping center 234 feet north of the Forest Avenue entrance starting from the southeast corner.
- (6) A cross walk shall be installed and maintained in the roadway for pedestrian traffic adjacent to the entrance of western most part of the Shopping center which is at or near the exit and entrance of the supermarket

This Ordinance shall take effect 3 days after publication.

Tina Pemberton
City Clerk
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THE GREAT BOOK GURU

Fountain of Sorrow

Dear Great Book Guru, I was at a Sea Cliff baseball game the other day supporting my favorite team, "The Artful Dodgers," when one of the parents mentioned a book he had particularly enjoyed. It was by the same author who had written for the very popular TV series, "Big Lies, Little Secrets." Any thoughts? Fan of Sea Cliff Baseball



ANN DIPIETRO

Dear Fan of Sea Cliff Baseball,

My book group just finished the novel you are interested in: "Truly, Madly, Guilty," by Liane Moriarty. Set in Sidney, Australia, the book follows the lives of three couples before, during, and after a fateful barbecue. In short, time alternating chapters, we meet their parents, neighbors, and children and the sus-

pense builds quickly as we wait to find out what did happen that night. The pivotal relationship is that of Clementine and Erika. An attractive, witty cellist and mother of two young children, Clementine finds herself resenting her lifetime friend Erika, an anxious accountant who has been emotionally damaged by her flamboyant hoarder mother. When Erika's wealthy neighbor Vid — think Tony Soprano — invites everyone to a lavish evening barbecue, truths are revealed, tragedies of varying proportions unfold, and no one leaves the garden unscathed. The strength of this fast-moving

novel is Moriarty's ability to make us care deeply for her characters, while offering a satisfying, seamless conclusion. Recommended!

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

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Celebrating Earth Day with a recycling event in G. C.

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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The City of Glen Cove Department of Public Works' yard turned into a 90's electronics graveyard last weekend during the city's annual e-waste collection and paper shredding event. Enough boxy televisions, fax machines and computer keyboards, monitors, modems and cables were collected to fill up a large truck before being sent to an electronic recycling center.

To the DPW's pleasant surprise, cars were lined up at 8:30 a.m. — 30 minutes before the start time — with residents ready to safely and responsibly dispose of their old electronics.

"We've been doing it for so long that it's kind of like clockwork," said Douglas Poncet, DPW sanitation and recycling supervisor, of the e-waste program. "This is our first year doing the shredding and it's been a big success so far."

In fact, the paper shredding was such a success that Mayor Reggie Spinello extended the amount of time the shredder was available to residents that day. DPW motor vehicle operator Gerald Apricico and heavy equipment operator Tony Basile worked quickly to grab boxes and boxes of files from cars, dispose of them in a large garbage pail, and hand the pail over to the American Security Shredding truck where residents could watch their papers get shredded via a camera and monitor on the truck.



Danielle Agoglia/Herald

RESIDENTS DROPPED OFF all kinds of electronics including fax machines, televisions and computers.

AHRC eWorks employees were also hard at work, carrying heavy televisions and equipment out of the many cars, and even out of a bus. Kevin Wright and David Hubbard, two trustees with the Calvary A.M.E. Church, loaded up a small bus with old televisions and computers

they had in storage and some they collected from residents earlier that day. "I didn't realize we put that many on there!" said Wright. "I'm going to have to put this on the calendar for next year."

The event, which fittingly took place on Earth day, amassed electronics and

paper from over 500 city residents. "We're very, very pleased with the turnout," said Spinello. "It shows that people care about the environment."

The city collected over 10 tons in electronics to be recycled. At press time the amount of paper shredded was not available.



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HERALD EDITORIAL

Don't wait for the next Earth Day to get involved

Forty-seven years ago, millions of Americans, many of them students from elementary to college age, held rallies and organized

cleanup efforts across the country to protest pollution and wildlife extinction, the most obvious manifestations of the degradation of the Earth's environment.

April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day, is widely recognized as the beginning of the American public's education in environmental issues, whose importance has only grown in the years since.

According to the Earth Day website, the idea for a national day of focus on the environment came to Gaylord Nelson, a former Democratic senator from Wisconsin, who had seen the damage caused by a massive oil spill off Santa Barbara, Calif., in 1969.

Nelson announced the idea for a "national teach-in on the environment," persuaded Republican Congressman Pete McCloskey to serve as co-chairman and recruited Denis Hayes, a student at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, as the national coordinator. Hayes assembled a staff to promote events across the country, and chose April 22

as the date because it fell between spring break and final exams.

The first event drew nationwide media attention, including an hour-long prime-time special on CBS hosted by Walter Cronkite. "A unique day in American history is ending — a day set aside for a nationwide outpouring of mankind seeking its own survival, Earth Day," Cronkite said, his words eerily prescient. "A day dedicated to enlisting all the citizens of a bountiful country in a common cause of saving life from the deadly byproducts of the bounty."

According to livescience.com, Earth Day went global in 1990, with 200 million people in 141 countries taking part. Ten years later, some 5,000 environmental groups and citizens of 184 countries participated, and this year, the 48th Earth Day was once again observed worldwide, with more information on the planet's challenges available than ever before, thanks to the internet and social media. Recycling, going green and becoming eco-friendly have now become part of our consciousness and vernacular.

The day on which we focus most intently on those ideals has passed, but with so much

at stake as the planet continues to warm, our efforts must continue. Start an initiative of your own, or join a nationwide effort — for example, the National Wildlife Federation's offer of free trees to any groups or organizations that apply for them. The planting of trees helps clean our skies, temper our climate and create wildlife habitats.

Instead of jumping in the car, ride a bike or walk to your destination if you can. And the next time you're moving at a crawl on the Southern State Parkway, look around you and note how many drivers are alone in their vehicles. Carpooling to work helps.

Other environmentally friendly practices require only common sense. Turn off lights and computers when they're not in use. Take shorter showers. Volunteer with other members of your community to help clean up the trash that winter has left along our streets and roads.

These things can be done every day, as any environmentally aware kindergartner can tell you. He or she probably learned something new in last week's run-up to Earth Day. Chances are, there was a banner hung somewhere in that classroom that inspired chants and choruses, and perhaps a motivating idea that will last a lifetime: "Every day is Earth Day!"

As students of all ages are reminded each year, our efforts can't begin and end on April 22.

Let's all play – and cheer – fairly

Baseball season is upon us, and over the past few weeks, Little Leaguers have taken the field, sporting brightly colored uniforms and freshly oiled gloves. The smell of the grass and the sounds of balls popping into mitts only add to their unforgettable initiation in our national pastime.

But all of that enjoyment can quickly turn sour amid the shouts of angry parents — at coaches, when their children don't play enough; at umpires, for making calls that go against their team; and, perhaps worst of all, at their own kids, after strikeouts or errors. Venting your frustrations may be acceptable at Yankee Stadium or Citi Field, but it has no place at your community park, where children are just learning the game.

A simple search of "Little League parents" on YouTube can be a dispiriting exercise. Moms and dads are shown in all their unsportsmanlike glory, hurling full-throated insults and threats of bodily harm at umpires and coaches who are focused only on doing their best, and getting the best out of those peevish adults' children. These videos should serve as a reality check.

Many parents apparently forget that coaches volunteer their time to teach the basics and share their love of baseball. Umpires are paid precious little to make games as fair as possible, and the children

try their hardest, too many fearing being embarrassed by their parents over the simplest mistakes. How many of them might confess that they play better when their moms and dads aren't watching?

A sign posted on a backstop at a Little League field in Maryland a few years ago read:

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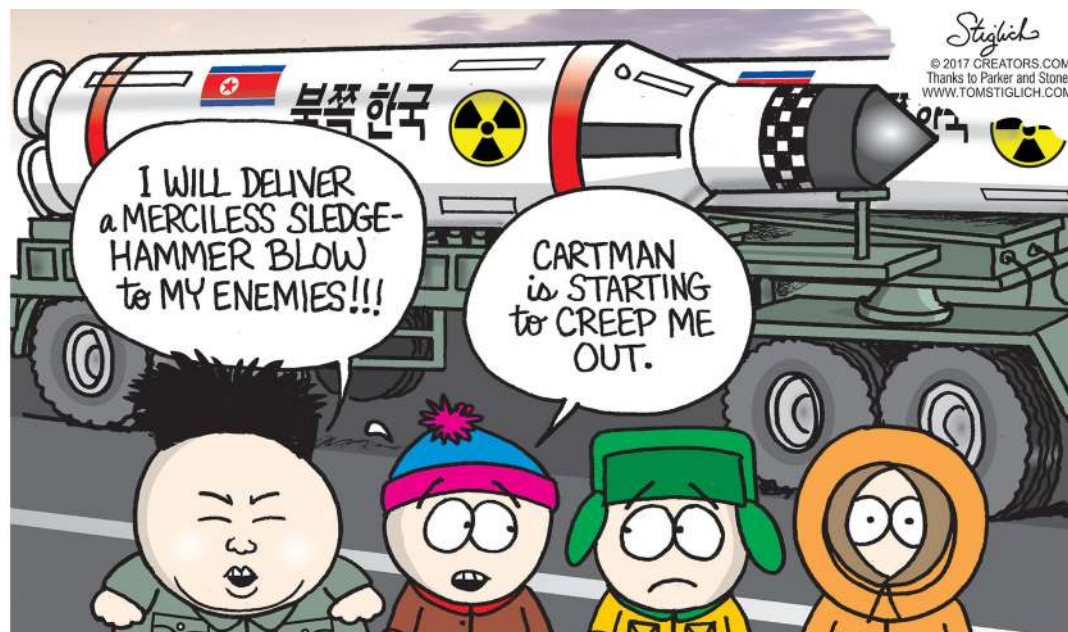
- 1-These are Kids
- 2-This is a Game

3-Coaches are Volunteers

4-Umpires are Human

5-You Do Not Play for the Orioles

Little League should be about celebrating the game, and teaching children the basic skills, rules and, most important, sportsmanship. Parents play a key role in ensuring that their children's experiences are positive ones that have the potential to color other chapters of their lives. Let's replace "Orioles" with "Yankees" or "Mets" and hang that sign in every Little League park on Long Island.



OPINIONS

Watching soldiers fall from the sky

I lay on my back in the tiny concrete courtyard of my childhood home in El Salvador, in the cool shade cast by long tin panels that extended from the roof. A few times a week at around noon, planes flew over our neighborhood, and I always watched them.

It was the early 1990s. I must have been 5 or 6 years old.



STEPHANY REYES

I would extend my hand to the sky, pretending to pick the cotton candy clouds, imagining the sugary sweetness melting on my tongue. We didn't have money to buy sweets. Cotton candy was a big treat.

To me the planes were like so many gray plastic toys filling the sky. They spewed out soldiers — paratroopers — on training missions. They were preparing for another potential civil war, after one had broken out in the mid-1980s between the military-led government and a coalition of guerilla groups. I asked my mom about it years later. We were thankful that

a second civil war never happened.

In America, we take for granted the idea of a safe backyard, with grass, trees, maybe a white picket fence. We don't think of our yards as potential training grounds for war. I was born in the U.S. My parents had fled the civil war. When I was 6 months old, my family returned to El Salvador. Then we moved back to the U.S. for good when I was 7.

But I will never forget whiling away those hours in my backyard. With one eye closed, I would reach up and cup my hand underneath one toy soldier after another to save them from splattering in the fields below. So fragile, I thought. Within seconds, their parachutes would shoot open and yank them upward violently. Then I'd fold my arms behind my head, leaving them to float down on their own, without my help.

I'd watch them all trickle down from the sky until they eventually disappeared from view behind the concrete wall boxing in our small house from the neighbors' yards. A bright green iguana might grasp the gray wall. At its base was a small bed of pink and white flowers that my mother planted to add color to our otherwise dull backyard.

Aside from the flowers, there was no vegetation. No grass, no trees, no bushes, not even any weeds. Just concrete, sur-

rounded by concrete walls. But it was our little slice of playground nonetheless, and my older sister Nilsen and I made the most of it.

We made the most of it when my mother hosted her religious gatherings at our home. She invited the neighborhood children and friends to read and praise the Bible, but we kids always wandered out to the backyard to escape the prayers. We drew chalk boxes on the ground and hopped on one foot in each box. We played tag and tired ourselves out under the hot sun.

Our fun was always abruptly cut short when my mother decided that it was time for us to come back into the house, sit in a circle and talk about Jesus. We whined and protested, but each time she knew how to reel us in.

"*El chocolate esta listo*," she would say. The chocolate was ready. The blistering Central American heat never discouraged my mother from making hot chocolate. It was the best part of the gatherings. Off to the backyard we went once more, spilling a trail of homemade sweetness on the concrete, which always led my mother to wherever we were hiding.

Not long before our big move back to America in 1998, my mother followed a trend that was quickly spreading from one backyard to the next. She installed metal

bars that reached from the top of the concrete walls to the roof of the house, in order to protect us from thieves who might try to climb the walls and drop down into the yard. Many years later, I found out that she was increasing the value of our property before we sold it and permanently said goodbye.

The bars partially blocked my view of the

clouds for the remainder of my life in El Salvador. On a sunny day in late November 1998, I once again lay on my back on the concrete ground and counted the planes in the sky. I caught two or three soldiers that I could see between the bars in my outstretched hand, then watched each one disappear, hoping that I'd saved them.

That December, we moved to New York. I haven't seen toy soldiers fall from the sky since.

Stephany Reyes is the editor of the East Meadow Herald. Comments about this column? Sreyes@liherald.com.

Childhood memories of El Salvador, where a tiny concrete backyard was a world unto itself.

LETTERS

G.C. Library says thanks for supporting the budget

To the Editor:

The Glen Cove Public Library is very pleased to announce that its budget for the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year passed by an overwhelming majority at the budget vote held on Tuesday, April 4.

Because of rising costs, the Library asked for a modest increase of 2.93% for this budget year. Passage of the budget will allow the library to continue its efforts to offer the community the best in library services, from books and audio-visual materials, to programs and services that benefit the entire community.

The Board of Trustees, Director Kathie Flynn and the library's entire staff wish to thank the community for its continuing support.

AMY MONDELLO
Head of Adult Services
Glen Cove Public Library

Angered by Senate's actions

To the Editor:

I am shocked and outraged that Senate Republicans pushed through the confirmation of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court — and even changed the rules to do it.

Turning back the clock on the Senate tradition that sought to garner bipartisan support in confirming Supreme Court nominees, conservatives in Congress instead chose to force Gorsuch's appointment.

Gorsuch's confirmation tips the court toward an extreme position that could have a dangerous, detrimental and disproportional impact on women and people of color — not just across the country, but right here in Nassau County.

As a faith leader, I am deeply troubled that the Senate majority invoked the "nuclear option," as it sets a precedent of exchanging the rights of the people for political gain. Indeed, the strength of our republic depends on a set of rules that ensures justice. Those rules have been tossed aside.

As citizens, we must speak out and stand up for the tenets of democracy that were designed to protect all of us, not just those in power. We cannot let elected leaders or judges in Washington, D.C., trade our rights away.

JUDY COHEN-ROSENBERG
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OPINIONS

The media needs to clean up their mess

I was thrilled to read that Randi Kreiss advocates that the media return to its sacred role as guardian of the public interest in order to protect us from an untried president with questionable associations.

Since they did not do it in 2008, it is gratifying that Kreiss and her colleagues are now concerned, having seen what such carelessness wrought.

Jefferson stated that he would prefer a free press over a standing army, realizing that the only way to keep government honest was

to vigilantly scrutinize its behavior. If only we could restore this valuable part of society.

As our Constitutional protections and balances of powers have been eroded over the last 30 odd years, this role is even more vital. Sadly, too many outlets do not practice journalism any longer, just propagandizing. It is hard to distinguish editorial pages from news pages. There is lit-

tle context, a breathtaking selectivism in publishing all facts of a story and a very lazy and irresponsible habit of repeating gossip, assumption and opinion as proven fact. Double standards prevail — what is fine for one is a horrific violation for another, depending on which philosophy the subject follows. Apparently, it is too difficult to ask the question how one would feel were the action committed by the opposition. As a caveat, I find the offenses I list in this piece repugnant regardless of who participates.

The emergence of the 24 hour news cycle, as well as the departure of the Greatest Generation from the scene, to be replaced by their spoiled offspring began to erode the very integrity of civil discourse and serious journalism. Many did try to remain objective, at least in news coverage, but the bias began to show in choices made about which stories were covered and how those were presented. There was still a vestige of integrity.

That died in 2008, when the much of the media became so enamored of the idea of the first African-American President that they quite openly threw their support to Barack Obama, throwing a Clinton, which had been their darlings since the 90s, under the bus. Largely unknown at the time, with a scant record of meaningful accomplishment and ques-

tionable associations with more radical elements of the Chicago political community, red flags that would set them after a Republican candidate like a terrier after a rat - which is the primary job of the media — were ignored.

The continuation of the application of double standards only grew worse in 2012, as the media was by now deeply committed to preserving the presidency which it essentially created through its unprecedentedly fawning coverage. Meanwhile, Republican candidates were supposed to accept and justify every aspect of their entire lives since. Worse, they were condemned and denied the same courtesy granted to the opposition to be allowed an evolution of their own positions on issues.

The media did an enormous disservice to the world in behaving with such a lack of integrity in failing to apply the same standards to all politicians and abandoning any pretext of objectivity over that period.

Even the revelation of the truly underhanded, appalling and deeply hypocritical behavior of the Clinton camp and the Democratic National Committee was largely ignored, excused or dismissed as irrelevant. Rather than focus on the arrogance and deliberate attempts to disenfranchise Sanders' supporters as revealed in the actual emails from high level operatives, collu-

sion with media outlets and cynical racist mockery of the voters of their own party, the media chose to promote a narrative that the Russians were trying to undermine our democracy. I find this an outrageous violation of the public trust and a complete break with the implied contract that the First Amendment imposes between the press and the people.

So, now we will spend the next four to eight years while the media decides to clean up the mess it made by actively participating in creating the conditions in which a Trump is now President by doubling down on the partisan, divisive and irresponsible tactics it used to prop up the Obama Administration, and Kreiss thinks it's a great thing. If there was a way to strip the protections from those reporters and outlets which are guilty of this betrayal, I would support it wholeheartedly, however, it violates the spirit of free speech, and I would be as great a hypocrite as these so-called "journalists" who have lost the respect of the public.

Those who are still confused as to how it happened need to do an in-depth investigation of their own actions. Sadly, being largely comprised of entitled, selfish, narcissistic, immature Baby Boomers, I doubt this will ever take place on a large scale.

Barbara Clerkin is a resident of Glen Head

Sadly, too many outlets do not practice journalism any longer, just propagandizing.

BARBARA CLERKIN

Getting by with a tweet, a grunt, a 🍷 and a 🍪

Somewhere, over the 🌈, 🧑🏻, 🧑🏻, 🧑🏻, 🧑🏻 still 📖 and 📝. But as I look into the 🌐 of 🇺🇸, I see a post-literate society, where the 🔑 to success and 💰 is mastering emojis.

In just one generation, former students of Shakespeare and Dickens have dumbed down sufficiently to employ symbols alone when trying to communicate complex ideas and feelings. I mean, how rich in nuance and sophistication is a smiley face? When words are required, they morph into texts in which grammar, spelling and tense are irrelevant.



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This a-literate culture has been creeping up on us over the past few years, and today we have school-children who cannot construct a decent sentence.

Some of their parents can't, either. The literacy muscle is atrophying at an alarming pace. Rapid-fire communication is replacing thoughtful prose and precise vocabulary.

Part of the reason is that we Americans put such a premium on speed. My grandkids didn't believe me when I told them that in the pioneer days, it could take months for a letter to get from one

state to another. And how crazy that the letter itself might take hours to write by hand, in practiced script. When you sit down with pen and paper, thinking becomes the third element. You think, and then you write, and then you send. Today we don't much need the thinking part. We text and then it's gone, out into the world, misspellings and all.

Proof of our post-literacy is the election of Donald Trump. Here is a man who does not read books, no less security briefings, and favors 144-character tweets instead of well-developed statements. Tens of millions of Americans apparently have no problem with the obvious fact that Trump has difficulty with the English language.

His speech and writing are unpolished and full of grammatical errors. He doesn't even read over the pre-dawn tweets he sends out into the world. Often they have misspellings that even he would catch with a reread. That is, if he had the patience, or the attention span.

I can imagine a time when we will be reading all-emoji books (on our tablets, of course). Using words takes some effort, and parents need to talk to their kids in order for those kids to develop literacy skills. Look around at parents in a park or playground. So many are on their phones

while the kids are in the sandbox. (So sad.) Or Dad is pushing Junior on the swing and texting with his other hand.

These kids need eye-to-eye contact and constant conversation with the adults in their lives. Parents have to read to their kids, even their older kids, and encourage actual writing, with pencils and pens and paper. We either embrace words and share them with the people around us, or we devolve into a very different society.

Just yesterday I was walking around my neighborhood on the South Shore and mentally searching for the words to describe the blossoming cherry trees. There isn't an emoji that can capture the color and texture and delicacy of the flower. There isn't an emoji for many life experiences, although there are more and more of the mindless icons.

In fact, according to emojiopedia, there are 69 new emojis about to grace the internet in 2017. In a pitch for diversity, there is a bearded man and a woman wearing a hijab. There is an emoji for a breastfeeding woman, although I cannot imagine in what circumstances one might employ such an image. There are new emojis for an exploding head, a face vomiting, a face with a monocle, male and female fairies, a vampire (both light- and dark-skinned), several varieties of mermaids and elves,

as well as various zombies, people climbing, people in steamy rooms, people in the lotus position. There are emojis of different cuts of meat, a coconut, pretzels, broccoli and all kinds of faces, from a face with tears to a face blowing a kiss.

Clearly, the big push is for more PC emojis, since most of the new "people" emojis feature four or five skin tones.

I'm not feeling good about this slide into emoji-land. We evolved from prehistoric cave drawings into a global culture that valued literacy. There has always been an assumption of intellectual and social progress and advance; now we have proof that the assumption is flawed.

We are reading and writing less, and texting and punctuating with visual icons that are silly at best and moronic at worst.

I've been thinking about this for a while, and I know that the effort to turn the tide back toward literacy begins with parents and teachers. It isn't complicated, but it is difficult when every societal cue is telling us to take shortcuts.

The magnolia blossom on the tree limb outside flashes pink and white as it taps the window, revealing a fluttery white underside. No emoji for that.

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