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#### **Learning music's charms**

Children attending Glen Cove schools are lucky. They are given the opportunity to play and perform music as early as kindergarten. First grade Gribbin student Fatima Aragon Zavaleta played her recorder with precision at a recent concert. See story on page 6.

### Vietnam vet to be honored for his service

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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Retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Fred Nielsen, 71, is this year's Glen Cove Memorial Day parade honoree. He was chosen based on his service in Vietnam, his commitment to the community and work with homeless veterans. He is a member of the American Legion Glenwood Landing Post No. 336 and cochairs the Children and Youth Committee for the Nassau County Committee of the American Legion.

Nielsen worked in Washington, D.C. from 1984 to 1986 as director of the Emergency Supply Operations Center at the Defense Logistics Agency which

he said sounds like he led a large team in a room full of computers. In reality, he was alone in a small room, and just like you might see in a cartoon, he had two phones on his desk — one black and one red.

When the red phone rang, sometimes it was an unidentified person from the White House. Nielsen's response to any order was always, "Yes sir."

He was constantly on call. While sitting around, waiting, he'd say to himself, "OK, I've got to figure out something to do with this time. I'm being paid to be vigilant and ready, but surely I could do something."

One day Nielsen received a call from Mitch Snyder, a well-known homeless advocate in the

1980s. Snyder wondered whether Nielsen could obtain cots and blankets for his homeless shelter.

"I can do that," Nielsen replied.

Snyder listed several necessities that he needed to keep the homeless men — most of them veterans — from dying on the streets. Nielsen said his problemsolving skills immediately kicked in, and what he did next to help Snyder was technically breaking the law.

Nielsen's position granted him access to warehouses throughout the country filled with "stuff" like the cots and blankets that Snyder needed. When the issue of veteran homelessness came to the fore in the

# Glen Cove City School District budget passes

The Glen Cove City School District's 2017-18 budget of a little more than \$85.9 million, passed on Tuesday. Monica Alexandris-Miller and Robert Field, who ran uncontested for trustee seats, will join the district's Board of Education.

#### **Budget vote results**

Yes votes: 590

■ No votes 173

#### **Board of Education Results**

■ Monica Alexandris-Miller: 588

521

Robert Field:

# Schools to get lockout buttons for security

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The Glen Cove Police Department received a call on May 10 at 10:07 a.m. about a possible bomb at Finley Middle School. As a precautionary measure, both the Finley and Deasy schools were immediately evacuated, and students were transported to Glen Cove High School. Robocalls instructed parents to pick up their children there.

"The safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority, and [they] will remain at the high school until dismissal," Glen Cove District Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said. The middle school students remained in the high school until their parents arrived or until regular dismissal. No students or staff were harmed.

According to Lt. Detective John Nagle of the Police Department, a middle school teacher found a note in a desk indicating that there was a bomb in one of the bathrooms. The Police Department and the Nassau County P.D.'s K-9 unit searched the building but found nothing suspicious.

"We will continue the investigation to determine who CONTINUED ON PAGE 26

# State-issued autism ID cards are in the works

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At the beginning of the month, the State Assembly passed legislation to provide those on the autism spectrum with official state identification cards. If the legislation passes in the Senate as well, people with autism will have some assistance during difficult situations.

Assemblyman Michael Montesano (R, C-Glen Head), helped sponsor the legislation. "One of those issues that we hear about and read about is that there's been problems with law enforcement and sometimes medical personnel engaging people on the spectrum, [because] they're not aware of it," Montesano said. "Sometimes these encounters become violent or even deadly.'

While some autism organizations have their own autism awareness cards, Montesano and many other Assembly members say they believed it would be advantageous to create an official state card with universal information.

In 2015, Alabama became the first state to implement official state autism ID cards. As is the case in Alabama, the New York cards would be completely optional.

supported by those on both sides of the

aisle. "I am proud to have voted in favor of this legislation, because it will protect our society's most vulnerable," said Assemblyman Charles Lavine (D-Glen Cove).

Organizations committed to helping those with autism support the legislation as well. "I can't see a negative aspect," said Suzanne Reek, executive director of the Nassau/ Suffolk chapter of the Autism Society. "I think it's a great idea. Doing it through the state is probably better, so it will be official-looking and recognized by first responders."

Reek, the mother of a non-verbal 17-year-old and a retired NYPD sergeant, said she understands how important it is for police and first responders to

handle stressful situations with Autistic people with care. The chapter even offers first responder autism training.

The recent Assembly legislation was It has trained more than 1,200 first responders over the past four years.

> have an Autism spectrum disorder. I may have difficulty understanding and following your directions or may become unable to

**PART OF THE WORDING THAT WILL APPEAR ON** THE AUTISM ID **CARD** 

respond.

"The training that we're doing and these ID cards will have a positive effect and help the autism community," Reek said. The cards will help first responders avoid misinterpreting autistic people's reactions.

The front of the card will include the person's name, address, date of birth and the following statement: "I have an autism spectrum disorder. I may have difficulty understanding and following your directions or may become unable to respond. I may become physically agitated if you prompt me verbally or touch me or move too close to me. Autism is not an excuse for illegal behavior. I am not intentionally refusing to cooperate. I may need

your assistance. Please see the back of this card "

The other side of the card will

include, at the card bearer's discretion, the name and phone number of an emergency contact and additional space for more information.

Sen. Pamela Helming (R-District 54), who is sponsoring the legislation in the Senate, said she expects it to be on the Mental Health and Development Disabilities Committee's agenda next week. "This optional identification card as an official document, with standard language, appearance and application standards across the state will improve the ability of individuals on the autism spectrum to effectively communicate important information about their diagnosis," Helming said.

Sen. Carl Marcellino (R- Syosset) supports the legislation. "The growing rate of autism and our state's need to be a national leader on the issue necessitates that we ensure the best possible care and treatment," he said. "Providing first responders with accurate, up-to-date information is always critical. Autism ID cards could be a valuable asset, and I will review the legislation closely."

If the measure becomes law, the Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities will issue the ID cards. The fee will not exceed \$5.

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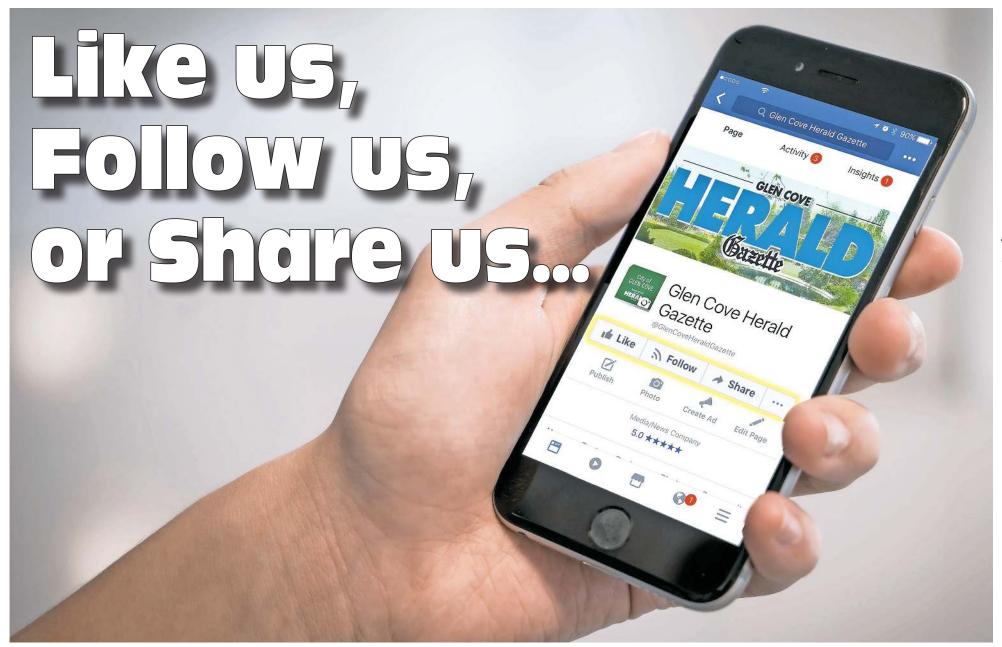


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**ACE HARDWARE MANAGER** John Muniz, second from left, and members of the Glen Cove Fire Department volunteered their time to support Stephanie Pina, far left, and her family, whose cousin died battling a fire last month.

# GCFD and Ace Hardware support firefighter's family

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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Dying in the line of duty is the ultimate sacrifice, and living knowing that can happen at any time takes a certain kind of courage. No one understands that better than fellow firefighters and police officers. On April 20, William Tolley, 42, of the FDNY, died while battling a blaze in Ridgewood, Queens after falling five stories to his death, jolted from the bucket of a fire truck. Trolley, who was married and the father of an 8-year-old girl, was from Bethpage.

Tolley's cousin, Stephanie Pina, works at Ace Hardware on Forest Avenue in Glen Cove. When the staff found out Pina was related to Tolley they wanted to do something to show their support for her and her family during this tragic time. John Muniz, the store manager, and the rest of the staff decided to raffle off a Craftsman lawnmower and give all of the

proceeds to the Tolley family. Muniz said it was important for the store to rally around Pina in support of her cousin.

Muniz also reached out to members of the Glen Cove Fire Department, who were more than happy to volunteer their time on Saturday, May 13, the last day of the raffle. "We're just doing what we normally do," said Chief Robert Retoske. "Helping out another family."

By the end of the day, the raffle raised \$1,110 for the Tolley family.

"Considering the weather it went really well," said Pina. "It was really nice the community was so receptive to helping out my family."

Pina's mother was so thankful she cried. The family will be forever appreciative of the communities' generosity

Billy Kessel, of Glen Cove, won the new lawnmower. To donate to the Tolley family visit https://www.fdnyfoundation.org/donate/ or https://www.crowdrise.com/donate/project/tolley/tunnel2towers/0.

#### **CRIME WATCH**

#### Arrests

- Male, 18, from Glen Cove, was arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana on Cedar Swamp Road on May 12.
- Male, 29, from Bayville was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation in the second and third degree on Glen Street on May 11.
- Male, 19, from Glen Cove was arrested for unlawful possession of marijuana on Burns Avenue on May 11.
- Male, 20, from Glen Cove was arrested for petit larceny on Cedar Lane on May
- Male, 27, from Freeport was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation in the second and third degree on Forest Avenue on May 8.
- Male, 48, from Freeport was arrested for aggravated unlicensed operation in the second and third degree on Mason Drive on May 7.

## Alleged knifepoint robber arrested

By MELISSA KOENIG

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Nassau and Suffolk police departments teamed up on May 1 to arrest 30-year-old Shane Cashmore, who is homeless, in connection with a string of knifepoint robberies that have occurred throughout Long Island since February. He was found attempting to rob a Carvel in Huntington Station.

Cashmore will be charged with first-degree robbery fueled by a heroin addiction, according to Newsday, which followed the investigation. Police were able to track him down by attaching a court-ordered GPS device on a sports car they believed to be the getaway car. They were

able to find the car, according to Newsday, by examining license-plate readers and watching footage from surveillance cameras. "We have no doubt Mr. Cashmore was responsible for these 18 robberies," Suffolk County Police Commission Timothy Sini told Newsday.

Paul Drab, 26, and Juliana Pantaleone, 31, both of Levittown, were also arrested and charged with first-degree robbery of the Carvel. Drab will be charged with nine counts of robbery in the first degree, including one attempt, and Pantaleone will be charged with four counts of robbery in the first degree.

There have been 18 knifepoint robberies on Long Island since February, including one at the TCBY in Lynbrook on April 15.

People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.



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#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Nearby things to do this week



#### **Spring benefit and auction**

The Glen Cove High School PTSA invites all residents to join in on Casino Night at the Glen Cove Mansion on Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m. Dinner, signature cocktail throughout the night, dessert, and \$200 play money included. Passed hors d'oeuvre during cocktail hour. ADV tickets \$55 per person, \$100 per couple, at the door price is \$65 per person. Tickets purchased and confirmed by May 12 automatically entered to win a getaway VIP vacation. Winner announced at the Casino Event. RSVP Maria Rivera Hlatky, 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542. Info: (516) 277-2232 or gccasinocove@gmail.com.

#### Ladies who laugh

Some funny and fabulous women visit the Landmark on Main Street stage, for an evening of improv, Saturday, May 20. The Ladies of Laughter competition arrives in the area showcasing recent contest winners — Kelly McFarland, Robin Fox, Jocelyn Chia, and Shelly Colman. The group keep the laughs coming, sharing their unique styles of humor. Info: (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.



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#### **Band of brothers**

Step back in time and observe a World War II encampment when the grounds of Old Bethpage Village Restoration are transformed into the French countryside during the summer of 1944. See military drills, firefights, and other tactical exercises, Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: (516) 572-8400.

#### A night of poetry

The Sea Cliff Village Library will host an open mic and poetry reading session under the stars at Village Green on Thursday, May 25, at 6:30 p.m. Friends of the Sea Cliff Library will help to coordinate the event. All ages are welcome to participate. In the event of inclement weather, the readings will be held in the library. Info: (516) 671-4290 or mattcuriale@gmail.com.



# Yoga at the library

Yoga instructor Rebecca Scaramucci will hold an evening of exercise at the Glen Cove Public Library on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for the entire six week session and is payable at the

time of registration. Please register in person at the reference desk and make check/money order payable to: Rebecca Scaramucci. Bring a mat and water with you. Info: (516) 676-2130.



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# **HERALD SCHOOLS**

# Freshman placed in photography competition



Courtesy Glen Cove City School Distric

Glen Cove High School freshman Michel Quezada-Cordova placed second in the celebration category of the Huntington Camera Club's annual High School Photography Competition, sponsored by Nikon.

More than 1,100 photos were submitted in the four-category competition. Michel's photograph

FRESHMAN MICHEL QUEZADA-CORDOVA placed second in the celebration category of the Huntington Camera Club's annual High School Photography Competition for her photo. of wine glasses earned her a \$100 and a new camera tripod.

"Michel definitely deserves this recognition," said photography teacher Melissa Johnides. "She shows genuine talent and really puts thought and effort into her images."

Special attention was also given to sophomore Alexandra Dominguez's photograph of a raindrop-covered dandelion, which was highlighted during the evening by the judges.

Michel's work, along with other winners, can been found at http://hccny.org/web/high-school.php.

## GCHS hosts dodge ball tournament for American Cancer Society

Glen Cove High School's Student Senate, under the direction of adviser Ellen Lynch, hosted a dodge ball tournament on April 26 to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The "Glen Cove Big Red" team is taking part in North Shore's Relay for Life on June 10. Thanks to the generosity of the school community, the team raised \$880 at the tournament, earning the team's logo a spot on North Shore's Relay for Life T-shirt.

Lynch expressed her gratitude to the students who came out to

play and work at the tournament, as well as those who filled the bleachers. Assistant Principal Allen Hudson and teacher Christopher Contorno refereed the game. It was a double elimination tournament and the Yellow Team, "Average Joe," won. The students are looking forward to putting on this fundraiser again next year.

To donate to the "Glen Cove Big Red" team, visit: http:// main.acsevents.org/site/TR/?fr\_ id=79274&pg=team&team\_ id=2186256



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

**THE WINNING TEAM** from Glen Cove High School's Student Senate Volleyball Tournament, which benefited the American Cancer Society and referees Assistant Principal Allen Hudson, right and teacher Christopher Contorno.



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

**SECOND-GRADE STUDENTS WOWED** audience members with their vocal and instrumental skills.

# Gribbin students shine in spring concert

Gribbin School students showed off their vocal skills and their love for music during the school's annual spring concert on April 28.

Under the direction of music teacher JoAnn Criblez, the K-2 students sang upbeat songs such as "You Light Up My Life," "Heartlight" and "Dancing in the Moonlight," all while dancing along to the music. Each musical selection tied into this year's Shine A Light theme. In addition to singing, first- and second-graders demonstrated their instrumental skills during flute and recorder performances.

Throughout the concert, Criblez discussed the musical growth of the students from kindergarten through second-grade and expressed her pride in their achievements.



**GABRIELLA PERONE AND** Jenniffer Martinez smiled after their performance, while James Mulvey was anxious to play some more.

Gribbin PTA Co-Presidents Alexis DiMaggio and Toni Curran attended the concert and honored Criblez with a bouquet of flowers for her hard work with the students.

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#### SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



**SOPHIE DANDOLA**Seaford Senior Softball

READY TO TAKE HER softball game to the next level at Hofstra, Dandola bounced back from an injury plagued 2016 campaign to lead the Lady Vikings to a competitive 6-8 mark in Conference ABC-I and the No. 4 seed in the Nassau Class A playoffs. She was responsible for each of those half-dozen conference victories in the circle and often helped her own cause by smacking four home runs.

#### PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, May 18

Baseball: Class AA quarterfinals Game 3 at higher seed Baseball: Class A fourth round at higher seed Baseball: Class B championship Game 3 at higher seed Boys Lacrosse: Class B quarterfinals at higher seed Girls Lacrosse: Class C quarterfinals at higher seed Softball: Class AA semifinals Game 3 at higher seed Softball: Class A semifinals Game 3 at higher seed Softball: Class B championship Game 3 at higher seed

#### Monday, May 22

Softball: Class AA championship Game 1 at Mitchel Field Softball: Class A championship Game 1 at Mitchel Field Girls Lacrosse: Class B semifinals at Adelphi

#### Tuesday, May 23

Softball: Class AA championship Game 2 at Mitchel Field Softball: Class A championship Game 2 at Mitchel Field Boys Lacrosse: Class A semifinals at Hofstra Boys Lacrosse: Class C semifinals at Hofstra Girls Lacrosse: Class C semifinals at Adelphi

#### Wednesday, May 24

Boys Lacrosse: Class A semifinals at Hofstra Boys Lacrosse: Class C semifinals at Hofstra Girls Lacrosse: Class A semifinals at Adelphi

For tournament brackets, matchups, and game times, visit www.nassauboces.org/page/557

### 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.

# **HERALD SPORTS**

# Glen Cove tennis program eyes future

BY J.D. FREDA

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Following a league realignment after the 2016 high school boys tennis season, the Glen Cove boys tennis team was repositioned back to Conference III-A, where they have been successful as a unit in the past. This past year, a 9-5 record that saw contributions from a multitude of different players gives the Big Red a hopeful glimpse into their immediate future.

"We think we have to win the title next year," Glen Cove head coach Chris MacDonald said when asked what the group has in store for the following season. "We'll have a lot of returning seniors next year ... It'll be those guys' last shot at a high school championship, which is motivation."

Some of those returning seniors that played a key role this year were Will Casale, a talented No. 1 singles player and Ryan Greenfield, a skilled and athletic No. 2 singles player that also competes on Glen Cove's boys soccer team.

"[Casale and Greenfield] are both really talented and important guys for us, MacDonald said. "They played a big role this year and will be key upon returning as seniors next season."

The strength of a unit is bolstered by the cohesion of the individuals, and the cohesive habits of many of the players on this team anchored the season-long success. Seniors Jose Santos and Sam Israel were a constant doubles pairing that combined for only one collective loss on the season, while compiling 13 wins in the process.

Alan Gansky and Brandon Kolonovich, two 8th graders playing at the varsity level, were a First Doubles pairing that showed true promise for the future of the program.

Luciano Tuo, another 8th grader with the skill level of a varsity player, served as the team's Third Singles competitor.

"The 8th graders we had come up played a huge role for us," said MacDonald. "Also, some of the older guys we have that are going to be seniors for us will be there to look to for the younger guys."

The youth movement for Glen Cove doesn't stop with the high school varsity team, though. MacDonald was very proud to announce that Glen Cove will be instituting a youth tennis program that will launch on May 23rd. The fundamentals of the game will be taught to 3rd through 5th graders through clinics and demonstrations. They will also get a little help and instruction from the high school team as well.

"I just think it's important to have these kids learn and enjoy the sport earlier on," MacDonald said. "Sure, there will be kids where their first exposure to tennis will be as a freshman in high



Roni Chastain/Herald

**SAM ISRAEL PLAYED** a key role in a winning campaign for the Big Red on the tennis courts. Glen Cove enjoyed a four-match win streak from April 19-28.

school, but there will also be this new generation of kids that will learn the game at a young age."

Although the Big Red tennis team has

tasted success already, this program, in its truest sense of the word, looks to the future at the budding talent from all ages to carry the sport forward in Glen Cove.

# **HERALD NEIGHBORS**



Roni Chastain/Herald

WHAT MADE THE Mother's Day luncheon even more special was celebrating it with friends.

# Celebrating all mothers at the Senior Center





Clockwise from above:

**ALL THE MOTHERS** were excited to celebrate Mother's Day on Friday at the Senior Center.

**MEMBERS OF THE** Glen Cove Senior Center and some friends stopped by to honor all mothers.

**PATRICIA MASTER, LEFT,** and Diane Ramano, volunteered to work at the lunch.

**VALERIE GREHAN, LEFT,** accompanied Lois Morton and her daughter Amy Deaver, to entertain the crowd of happy mothers.





Every year the Glen Cove Senior Center holds an annual Mother's Day Celebration, which was on May 12 this year. A popular event, it's always well attended. This year about 177 people came, which included mothers, friends and family members.

The lunch began with the reading of a poem about mothers, which everyone enjoyed. Then singer/songwriter Lois Morton and her daughter Amy Deaver put on a special mother/daughter performance for the audience accompanied by live music.

Before leaving the women were given a rose and a special acknowledgment was shared to celebrate all of the women over 85 in attendance.

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Thursday, May 18

#### **Cove Animal Rescue spring benefit**

The Crescent Beach Club 333 Bayville Ave. Bayville, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Enjoy a night of fun and help provide care for dogs and cats at Cove Animal Rescue. Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles honored. Included in ticket price are the following: Sunset cocktails, dinner, dancing, music provided by a live nine-piece band and "Current Affair Music" directed by John Napolitano. (516) 676-5913.

#### Friday, May 19

#### 7umbini class

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Zumbini combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won'tstop bonding, learning and fun. Ages birth to 5 years with caregiver. (516) 676-2130.

#### Fine Art Photography by Yana Copek

Opening reception Oyster Bay Historical Society, 20 Summit Street, Oyster Bay, 5:30 p.m. Freelance portrait and event photographer Yana Frangiskos Copek will show her summer exhibition in the Angela Koenig Center. The event, which is free and open to the public, remains on view through August 20. Sale of exhibited work helps support the public programming of the Oyster Bay Historical Society. (516) 922-5032.

#### Movies at the Glen Cove Library

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Join the library to watch "Manchester by the Sea" for free on an 80" ultra-high definition television. 135 min. (R) 2016. Call (516) 676-2130.

#### Team Trivia Night

The View Grill, 11 Lattingtown Rd, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Special Trivia Menu and \$5 per person to play. Prizes awarded for teams in first, second and third place. Please call for a reservation (516) 200-9603.

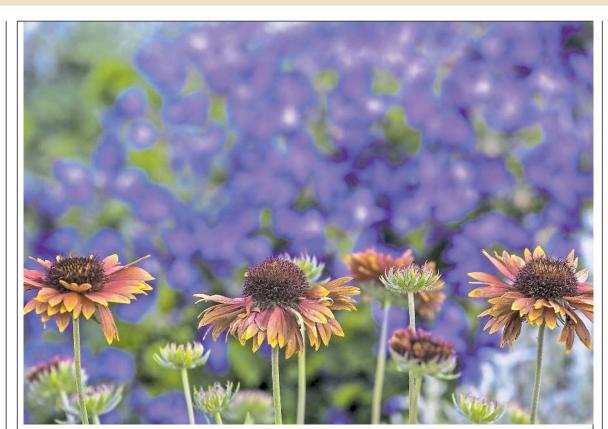
#### Saturday, May 20

#### **Brooke Jackman Race for Literacy**

The 12th Annual Brooke Jackman Race for Literacy will take place at Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, 150 W Main St, Oyster Bay, 9:30 a.m. Whether you plan to run, walk or cheer for friends and family from the sidelines, this years Race for Literacy is one not to miss! The day includes kid friendly activities, good company and delicious refreshments. Funds raised through the event, which will include a 5K Run/Walk as well as a quarter mile Fun Run for kids age 8 and under, will support BJF's many children's literacy initiatives, including the Brooke Jackman Family Literacy Programs, the Brooke Jackman Library Initiative, and Brooke's Books, which benefit children in need throughout the New York area. Sponsorship opportunities are available at levels of \$250, \$600 and \$1,000. In addition, signage opportunities along the race route are available for \$400. For more information, visit www.brookejackmanfoundation.org.

#### Intro to nature journaling for adults

Wawapek Preserve in Cold Spring Harbor,



#### Flowers for your garden

Spring is in full bloom! The Glen Cove Public Library invites all residents to learn some cool tips about plants for your garden on Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m. Horticulturist and plant expert Paul Levine (The Plant Man) will teach you all about the flowers that are best to beautify your spring garden.

Located at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Levine will also raffle off some plants at the end of the program. For more information, call (516) 676-2130.

1:30 to 3 p.m. Explore Long Island's natural world with artist, naturalist, and educator Jan C. Porinchak. As part of the hands-on workshop, attendees will learn first-hand how to identify plants and animals, and understand their habits. \$10 per participant, material included. RSVP by Monday, May 15 by calling the North Shore Land Alliance office at (516) 922-1028 or e-mail amanda@northshore-landalliance.org.

#### **Seed Starting Workshop**

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 1 to 3 p.m. Have you always wanted to take a seed and start a plant, literally, from scratch? Visit the Glen Cove Public Library for a workshop on Seed Starting and learn three great ways to start growing your own carrot, bean, and tomato plants. Materials provided. Registration required. (516) 676-2130.

#### Free Health Screenings

Stop & Shop 130 Wheatley Plaza, Greenvale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop & Shop is offering free health screenings at select in-store pharmacies. Customers can receive free blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings. In addition, Stop & Shop pharmacists can help determine if you are missing any recommended adult vaccinations. No appointment is necessary. (516) 484-1391.

#### Sunday, May 21

#### Family nature program

Bailey Arboretum, 194 Bayville Road, Lattingtown, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Who lives in the pond? There are many fascinating creatures living in Bailey Arboretum's ponds. Learn to use nets to find these creatures and learn how they survive. Suggested donation for each walk is \$10. For more information, visit bailevarboretum.org.

#### Fallen heroes monument dedication

Glen Cove EMS Headquarters, 8 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Glen Cove EMS will be receiving a monument in memory of our fallen members from Connor Lynch, an Eagle Scout candidate and member of the Explorer Post. (516) 676-2311.

#### **One Man Rat Pack**

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Singer Stan Edwards presents a tribute to Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. during this fabulous show. (516) 676-2130.

#### **Concerts by the Pond**

St. John's Church, 1670 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor, 3 p.m. Come listen to St. John's own Carol Weitner perform the children's piece on the organ. Students and children are free, \$20 suggested donation. (516) 692-6369 ext. 14.

#### Monday, May 22

#### Natural healing medicine

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Keep germs at bay with a moisturizing, anti-microbial/ anti-bacterial hand sanitizer. Create a salve for bumps and bruises to keep in your medicine chest or to carry with you. Learn how to create custom herbal salves for pain, for calm, for colds, chemical-free cleaning products by using natural and organic essential oils in your everyday cleaning experience. In class we will learn to blend an anti-bacterial and anti-microbial spray for the surfaces of your home. You will breathe with ease! We will be learning from 6 to 12 essential oils and their therapeutic properties to use in your blends and learning about infusing different herbs for different purposes. We will also be making our very own Calamine lotion. (516) 759-8300.

#### Tuesday, May 23

#### Introduction to pilates

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Not sure if Pilates is right for you? Come join Catherine Soler for this three class introduction to Pilates. Learn the history and try the class. You will learn if it is for you! Please wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat, water, and a notebook. There is a \$9 non-refundable fee due at time of registration. (516) 759-8300.

#### Wednesday, May 24 Free hearing screenings

Eastern Audiology Resources Ltd., 70 Glen Street, Suite #100, Glen Cove, 1 to 3 p.m. People 55 and older are invited to participate in our Hearing Wellness Program. Susan Hamilton and Eastern Audiology Resources are proud to partner in a national effort to increase the awareness of the importance of hearing health to overall wellness. (516) 674-9300.

#### Thursday, May 25

#### Social media marketing tips

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Volunteers from SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will provide information on the most popular social media networks, discuss the benefits of using each social media network as well as how other businesses are using social media. Learn which networks are right for your business and how to evaluate the results. (516) 676-2130.

#### Friday, May 26

#### Zumbini class

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave, Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Zumbini combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won'tstop bonding, learning and fun. (Ages birth to 5 years). Call (516) 676-2130.



#### **Art Heals Pop Up Exhibition**

Enjoy an evening on celebration, expression, and fun on Thursday, May 18, at Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove Street, Glenwood Landing, 6 to 9 p.m.

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#### **NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS**



Courtesy of Glen Cove Rotary

**SIDNEY JOHNSON,** sitting front left, Aliyah Stone, Glory Mayreis, and Justin Maioriano spoke at the Rotary Club's weekly meeting.

#### Rotary Club of Glen Cove Hosts Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants

The Rotary Club of Glen Cove invited four teenagers who attended the April Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekend to share their experiences at the club's weekly meeting. Three 10th and one 11th grade students attended the meeting, which was held on April 25 at The View Grill.

Students from Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn and Queens run all the activities over the course of the weekend. The adult chaperones are only there to provide food and make sure everyone is safe.

Justin Maioriano, Glory Mayreis and Aliyah Stone spoke about the themes at the RYLA weekend, which included stepping out of one's comfort zone, bonding with a new group of people and "appreciating life and what you have." Group activities included the RYLA Olympics, a series of team-building games.

Outside speakers shared their inspirational stories with the group during the weekend too, and there were intense discussions within the smaller groups.

According to Maioriano, Mayreis and Stone, one of the best parts of each day was the "cabin talk," where students in each cabin discussed the highs and lows of their days.

Junior facilitator Sidney Johnson then spoke about her experience in her first year leading a group.

"It was easier for the smaller groups to bond," Johnson said. "Everyone in my group was so excited to meet each other. And I got to meet them in a group chat on Facebook beforehand."

The Rotary Club of Glen Cove meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. For more information, contact club president Rev. Richard Wilson at (516) 909-7588.

#### Poetry at the Atria

Residents of the Atria enjoyed a presentation of inspirational and humorous poetry as part of a celebration of poetry month in April.

The presentation was given by Glen Cove's poet laureate Victoria Crosby, who read from her collection of three poetry books including her British themed collection, "BritCentric," which was the most popular. She also signed copies of "BritCentric" and gave them to the Atria residents.

Crosby inspired others to share what they loved too. Al Solerno quoted lyrics from a song he had written, and then other residents shared lines from their favorite poems.



Courtesy The Atria

#### ATRIA RESIDENT ALBERT SALERNO JR.,

left, poet Victoria Crosby, and Engage Life Director Ashley Katon-Donegal enjoyed celebrating poetry month.



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# Long Islanders rally to demand a 'sane commute'

By PETER BELFIORE and LAURA LANE

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They had all had bad commutes.

Doug Goodstein, of Rockville Centre, said he had witnessed what appeared to be wastewater cascading from the ceiling of Pennsylvania Station on May 3, and recorded video of the incident on his cell phone. "I stepped out on Track 20 to the stench of sewage," he said. "It was disgusting."

Meredith Jacobs, of Wantagh, collects the email blasts of cancellations that she receives from the Long Island Rail Road. "Every night at 4:30 p.m. they come in," she said. On May 11, her 6:36 p.m. east-bound train sat in a tunnel for an hour before returning to Penn due to mechanical issues. She didn't get home until after 9.

Eric Cohen, of Kew Gardens, who commutes west, was delayed for two and a half hours on May 10 when Amtrak-related signal trouble resulted in the cancelation of nearly 80 trains and snarled the commutes of thousands, leaving them stranded in dangerously overcrowded corridors of the nation's busiest transit hub.

And on Saturday they all gathered in Rockville Centre and stood underneath its train platform for a rally, organized by State Sen. Todd Kaminsky (D-Long Beach), to protest the poor service and to demand the ouster of Amtrak as the steward of Penn Station.

Roughly two dozen other commuters stood behind Kaminsky and a group of local elected officials from both parties. Responding to the April 28 announcement by Amtrak that it planned to close several tracks throughout the summer for repairs, while declining to specify the number of tracks or how long the repairs would take, the senator presented his argument.

"Amtrak is trying to cram 20 years of infrastructure repairs into two months," Kaminsky said. "We know their plan of 'get ready for a terrible summer' stinks. We know that they have not been creative or consulted with anyone down here on how that's going to go."

"For the long term," he continued, "we know that Amtrak needs to leave Penn Station." Kaminsky said that a private operator or new state-run entity, jointly involving agencies from New York and New Jersey, could take over.

"Long Island commuters pay exorbitant amounts to travel, beyond the taxes they already exorbitantly pay to live here, and are being treated like complete garbage," he added. "Today we say no more!"

Reached days after the protest, State Senator Carl Marcellino (R-Syosset) said he too was upset by Amtrak's predictions, but wonders what replacing them would cost. "There's no doubt that Amtrak has been doing a lousy job," he said. "The question then is in order to pick up what they do what does that mean to the state of New York, and to our budget, and to taxpayers?"

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D-Glen Cove) also wasn't certain that replacing Amtrak was the answer. "I would think Amtrak would bring in more money



Theresa Press/Herald

**STATE SENATOR TODD** Kaminsky, center, flanked by State Senator John Brooks, left, County Legislator Laura Curan, Assemblyman David McDonough, Rockville Centre Mayor Francis X. Murray and Laura Gillen, a Rockville Centre-based attorney currently running for Town of Hempstead supervisor. Kaminsky held the rally for the purpose of demanding the ouster of Amtrak as the owner of Pennsylvania Station.

to make the repairs, but someone should come in as an oversight board," she said.

State Assemblyman Chuck Lavine (D-Glen Cove) said he wasn't sold that Amtrak's departure is what is needed. "While we can debate the merits of Amtrak as the steward of the LIRR, I do not believe there is a clear answer to this question," he said. "According to the Economist, Amtrak has a repairs backlog totaling \$28 billion. Simply ousting Amtrak when the reach of its responsibility is so great seems to be premature."

There are fines given to government entities by the Department of Transportation if bridges, for example, are not repaired, DeRiggi-Whitton believes fines should be given to Amtrak too. "Repairs to the LIRR should be taken just as seriously."

Lavine said that any decision needs to be "a collaborative one between federal, state and local authorities as well as renowned experts in railroad infrastructure"

But finding a replacement for Amtrak, qualified to handle the challenges of the repairs will take time, "which will leave the LIRR ridership with no choice but to continue facing service disruptions," he said.

A Long Island delegation of bipartisan senators, that include Marcellino, sent a letter to the MTA and DOT. "We asked why couldn't the track repairs have been done all along – what's the delay all about?" he said, adding that the group was supposed to meet with the MTA on Monday but the meeting was cancelled. "We are trying to once again speak to them tomorrow [Wednesday] before we leave for Albany. We have a whole series of questions and gave them the questions in advance. Maybe that scared them."

Marcellino said the group intends to include a delegation from the Assembly.

But Lavine has already sent his own letter. "I have requested in a letter to LIRR Acting Chairman Fernando Ferrer that the majority of the work be done on weeknights and weekdays and that shuttle buses be available to transport riders from their stations to Jamaica."

For their part, Amtrak officials have said that despite booming ridership, ongoing financial problems have forced the long-distance rail service to defer repairs until they become absolutely necessary. They have blamed the issues on a shortfall in federal funding, which has remained flat in recent years at around \$1.3 billion, according to Amtrak's financial reports. Additionally, the Trump administration has proposed slashing federal funding to the agency, which could endanger service to up to 220 cities nationwide.

"I don't think cutting federal funding will make America better," DeRiggi Whitton said. "America was built with federal funding. It's up to the federal government to maintain transportation."

And, Lavine added, Trump promised he would increase spending for infrastructure. "Slashing Amtrak and transportation funding will obviously damage our nation's ability to preserve and maintain our railroads," he said. "Trump's spending cuts will severely damage the safety of our neighbors, friends and our family that commute and will severely damage our local, regional and national economy."

Amtrak was granted ownership of Penn Station in 1976.

These issues remain a distant concern to LIRR riders, however. Meredith Jacobs brandished a "Long Island Failroad" sign at the rally, and said that in her nearly 24 years of commuting, the delays have never been as bad as they are now. "At \$300 a month, we deserve better, but it's the only game in town," she said of a lack of transportation alternatives.

And for the coming weeks and months, riders will be faced with the reality of frequent delays becoming the norm. Not looking forward to the repair-related disruptions, Cohen remarked, "This summer is going to be hell."

#### **LIRR** commuters react to delays

By BRIDGET DOWNES and DIANA COLAPIETRO

"I've been commuting since 1984," Long Beach resident Pete Meyers said, "and this is by far the worst it's ever been." He recalled his experience trying to get home last Wednesday at Penn Station. For a commute that is usually about an hour, it took him two and a half hours to get home. "They really do need to sack Amtrak," he said. "They're horrible."

"Every week, there seems to be an issue either going in or coming home," Mitchell Zohar, of Hewlett said. He added that as ticket prices rise, customers do not see any improvements. "It seems to be going backwards," Zohar, who has been riding the LIRR for the last 20 years, added.

"We seem to pay more and get less for it every year," said Long Beach resident John Bendo, who pays about \$300 a month to use the LIRR. "We have third world infrastructure here because, for whatever reason, we decided not to invest in maintaining it."

"It's a double-edged sword," he said of the track work scheduled for the summer. "It's work that desperately needs to be done, but, of course, in doing it, it's going to create a lot of inconvenience for commuters that use the railroad."

Jasmine Rosario, of Far Rockaway, said she lives across the street from the LIRR station and has been riding the railroad on and off for the last seven years to get to her job on Wall Street. She recommended more trains. "It's packed — you don't get a seat and you're a paying customer," she said, adding that the MTA raised the fare "at the worst time," in reference to the recent service issues.

"When the train comes on time, it's a good and decent experience compared to the subway," Grant Phillips, an attorney, said. Phillips, of Inwood, has been taking the train for the last two years. "I would like to see Penn Station taken from Amtrak," he added.

"It's totally unsafe," Veronica Treston, of Long Beach, said. It took her almost three hours to get home from Penn Station last Wednesday. "People are standing in bathrooms, pushing and shoving. It's not just once a week, or once every two weeks — it's every single day there's an issue."



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# SPOTLIGHT ON GLEN COVE

#### Leaving a home and memories behind

By Karen Bloom kbloom@liherald.com

he corner property at 7
Jefferson Street in Glen
Cove has been a comfortable home for its longtime homeowner since the early
'60s. The Cape Cod, with its four
spacious bedrooms and two bathrooms, with a living room with
fireplace, is filled with cherished
memories of a life well lived.

Now, the 90-year-old owner, is finally ready for downsizing and happily relocating to South Carolina to be with her sisters there.

The process of selling a beloved home, sorting through possessions collected through decades and moving out of state might be daunting — but not for this homeowner.

Fortunately for her she has the support and assistance of her sales agents, the sister team of Giselle DiMasi and Janine Fakiris, who are

with Daniel Gale Sotheby's Glen Head office.

DiMasi, who lives nearby in Sea Cliff, and Fakiris, a Glen Cove resident, are both well-respected agents servicing the North Shore, who exemplify Daniel Gale Sotheby's philosophy of caring service.

The Cold Spring Harbor-based firm was recently named one of the nation's leading realtors, according to Real Trends magazine. It placed 43rd on the list and was the only Long Island-based company to earn a spot among the top 50 residential real estate companies within "The 500" in the United States for sales volume.

"Long Island is a supremely competitive real estate market, and to see our organization do so well in a national survey is extremely gratifying and indicative of the level of hard work, professionalism and overall team work at play," Patricia Petersen, the firm's president and CEO, told the Herald Gazette.

It is in that spirit that DiMasi and her team, which includes their mother Carolina Boucos — are guiding their client through this major life transition. They are expertly assisting her with the sale of her home, packing up her belongings and disposing of uneeded items, even relocating her to her new home — to make the transition to her new life as seamless as possible.

Their devotion to this client reflects Daniel Gale's unwavering commitment to customer service.

"This is part of what we do," says DiMasi. "We want to help every homeowner sell their home and do the best that we can for them. We help to declutter and make each client's home appear less lived in and more saleable. Usually people have a lot of things they've accumulated. We'll help them go through them and advise them, including giving them resources if they need to make repairs. We'll do everything we can to help a client get the most for their home."

In the case of this particular client, DiMasi, her mother and sister immediately recognized that she would benefit from a helping hand and have been there for her every step of the way.

"As soon as we met her we realized she needed assistance and we wanted to help her," DiMasi explains. We've organized her home, and helped her decide what to take with her and what to sell."

Those efforts even included organizing two recent tag sales to dispose of some of her many possessions, with Fakiris there for support.

"She's very sweet and likes the idea of working with two sisters



since she's going to live with her two sisters," says DiMasi.

As for the home, DiMasis describes it as a "terrific starter home" in need of some TLC. The charming four bedroom, two bathroom cape "is in a great part of Glen Cove, the President's section."

"It's a very family oriented, friendly neighborhood," she says, "where everyone knows each other, with many longtime homeowners. It's not far from the golf course and beaches."

Fakiris further describes the home as "a house full of history." The homeowner had collected a wealth of memorabilia throughout her decades there, that she has been sharing with DiMasi and Fakiris.

"She's very special to us," says DiMasi. "We have spent hours with her. She tells

us stories and has so many photos of Glen Cove. She has such good memories of buying the house and living in it."

Adds Fakiris: "The house has so much wonderful memorabilia of old Glen Cove and Sea Cliff. We donated many items to the new Garvies Point project, to be used in the welcome center there. And we donated yearbooks and sketches of Victorian homes that she had collected to the Sea Cliff Museum."

The sister team cherishes their special bond with their client. So much so that Fakiris is personally escorting their client to her new life in South Carolina, traveling with her to bring her to her sisters.

"We've never done anything quite like that before," says DiMasi, "but want to support her in every way possible."

<sup>1 –</sup> This appealing Cape Cod, located in the President's section of Glen Cove, features spacious bedrooms, a comfortable living room with fireplace and a full basement with an outside entrance. Elisa Dragotto/Herald

<sup>2 –</sup> Sisters Janine Fakiris (left) and Giselle DiMasi are a dynamic team, recognized for the commitment and devotion shown to their clients. Photo courtesy Daniel Gale



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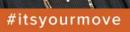
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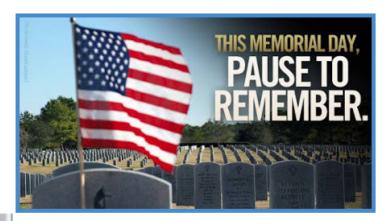


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#### The Garden Voice

ow does one begin to develop their landscape vision from the front to backyard, from patio to driveway, right to those pretty container plantings seen in the best of photos? There actually is a process to be utilized, to achieve your desired results! So let's contemplate your LIVING SPACE OUTDOORS!

First, have a seat and grab a pen and paper and make a garden plan — your wish list. Simply begin to write down everything you would like to visualize in your space, from colors to seating areas, the BBQ to the fire pit perhaps and to that cool summer beverage! Got the picture?

Step 2: Note the sun exposure during the daytime in blocks of two to four hours and also note areas of shade.

results!

- Step 3: Take into consideration the style of your home to the rooftops. In order to select the appropriate materials to complement your entire picture, colors, size scale and shape play into the success of the end
- Step 4: After a summary of the above is taken, browse through your magazines, your favorite garden centers and the many parks to develop your sense of likes and dislikes. Establishing your personal style becomes extremely important in this process. Regardless of the size, shape, budget, sun or shade in your garden, one can achieve a desirable extension of their living space outdoors! At this point you are well on your way or you're calling your favorite landscape professional.
- Step 5: An easy way to plot your various areas for your back or front yard, is to outline a patio using a hose or cord. You can also purchase a spray paint specifically for marking landscape details outdoors! It will wash away or be cut down with your next mowing. Once you have done this, you can easily visualize and even place outdoor accessories like seating arrangements within the markings. As far as planting beds, they can also be marked out, which will avoid unnecessary digging.
- Step 6: A few simple rules apply when it comes to smaller scale plantings such as a container planting or an existing bed. You can use graph or plain paper and reduce the scale to make a simple drawing but, also keep in mind that in planting this time of year, you must allow for future growth. With the growing season ahead of us, your selection should follow a few simple rules. For annuals 3x the space should be allowed for growth and for perennials, 2-3x the space could be adequate. Remember, there are no mistakes in caring and nurturing the garden! It's a beautiful way to find moments of peace and serenity. The results are truly the reward!
- Step 7: Remember in the beginning when we noted sun and shade? Once you've plotted on paper or land is done, make a list of your appropriate plant material needed.
- Step 8: Explore the area of hard-scape. These would be your patios, drives, steps, walls and walkways. If that is your desire, then select a color and pattern that you would like to see to enhance your home. Hard-scaped areas create a defined clean designated space offering pleasing visual composition and
- Step 9: Time to plant! Time to buy soil! Time to fertilize! Enjoy the process! Step 10: Explore the dreams and possibilities in your garden now and in its future. Remember, no mistakes here!

A good plan is important and if you need help...just call! Here's to all you gar-

deners, past present and future! Find your serenity!

#### Victorians of Sea Cliff

ack in the day, I am talking about the late 1970s, my generation rushed to Sea Cliff to buy the old Victorians in their original condition. Most of them had dirt basements, no closets, and certainly no updated kitchens or baths. We thought we had won the jackpot when we went to the closing, picked up the keys, and walked into our very, very old home. I remember my fatherin-law shedding tears over our purchase. How could we be moving into a home that he worked his lifetime to avoid? So with all that said, let me tell you about a few of our favorite Victorians in Sea Cliff.



#### Sea Cliff Victorians 1865-1880:

Queen Annes came down the pike in 1870. Exteriors were combined of wood, stone and brick, but combinations of clapboard and shingles were popular too. Towers, wraparound porches and other decorative details were also very prominent.

Then there is the second Empire style of 1880, which we have a few examples of in Sea Cliff. Traced back to France and scattered throughout the Northeast, this style is inspired by decorative details including iron cresting on roofs, cornices and

balustrades. Roofs were usually slate shingles mixed into patterns, and towers were very common. Actually, in the older days, a man's wealth was determined by the size and height of his tower.

And finally, there is the everpopular Carpenter Gothic Home. Gothic design





features included painted arches, gables, and yet again more towers. Also known as Folk Victorians — they were light on embellishments, returning only to the basic elements of tall, narrow windows and a steep gable. The siding was usually clapboard or board and batten (a style of simple wainscoting).

A large part of Sea Cliff's charm today are these Victorians, still standing tall, many refurbished or in the process. I'd like to think even my father-in-law would appreciate their endurance and beauty.

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## STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Fire up the grill

Warmer days mean it's time to get some 'cue going

ummertime is soon headed our way, when the grillin' is easy.

If the idea of longer, warmer days has you reaching for the tongs, it's time to get your grilling game on before the season is in full

With Memorial Day weekend around the corner or whether you just want to enjoy being outdoors with family and friends, forgo the oven and step on outside to the grill.

Serving your gang the most mouth-watering grilled entrees with ease requires a little know-how and some crowd-pleasing recipes. From versatile chicken to hearty ribs to tender seafood, get creative and incorporate new flavors into your grilled cuisine.

For the best results on the grill, keep these tips in mind:

Get ready before you light up: Even more than with indoor cooking, grilling requires you to be prepared. Mise en place is everything. Have your tools, meat, vegetables, brushes, platter, cutting boards, utensils, sauces, sides, and condiments, ready before you light up. Make sure you are ready when it is.

Clean those grates: A hot grill is easier to clean. Once its up to temp, use a wire brush on the grates. Finish it with a wipe of oil and you are all set.

Vary the heat: Not all heat is created equal. Keep one part of the grill hot, another cooler. This way, nothing gets overcooked.

Know when it's done: For non-stick grilling, let your food get good and hot (and get those enticing grill marks) before you try to flip it over.

Pause for flavor: Don't press or poke the food. You're just squeezing out the all the juices and flavor the marinade was supposed to provide.

Give it a rest: Don't eat right away. For maximum flavor and juiciness, give meats at least a 10 minute rest, so the heat and juices equalize.

Find some inspiration with these recipes.

and head outside to the grill. As the temperatures rise this season. focus on flavor to take your backyard barbecue to a whole new level. Sweet and tangy, fall-off-thebone ribs are sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

**Grab those tongs** 

#### **Sweet Chili Ribs**

2 full racks spareribs, trimmed (about 6 pounds) 2 tablespoons fresh ginger, minced

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 bottle (12 ounces) Frank's RedHot Sweet Chili Sauce,

Heat grill to 250° F and prepare for indirect cooking. Spread ribs with ginger and garlic. Place ribs on rib rack or in foil pan. Cook on covered grill for 2 hours.

Spread 6 ounces sweet chili sauce evenly over ribs then cook another hour, until tender.

Baste ribs with remaining sweet chili sauce during last 15 minutes of cooking. If desired, at end of cooking time grill ribs over direct heat to char slightly.

#### Sweet 'n Savory Teriyaki Kabobs

3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast, cut into 1-1/2 to 2-inch cubes

18 medium shrimp, shelled and deveined (1/2 to 3/4

1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup prepared mango chutney, chopped if coarse

1/2 cup bottled teriyaki sauce

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

18 large bamboo or metal skewers (about 12 inches long)

1 medium vellow onion, cut into 1/2-inch wedges

1 medium red onion, cut into 1/2-inch wedges

2 firm, ripe mangos, peeled, pitted and cut into large cubes 1 large green bell pepper, halved, trimmed, seeded and

Nonstick cooking spray, as needed

Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce (recipe follows)

Place chicken and shrimp in shallow glass pan or large re-sealable plastic bag. For marinade, combine oil, chutney, teriyaki sauce and vinegar in small bowl with lid. Pour half of marinade mixture over chicken and shrimp. Cover or seal and marinate in refrigerator at least 3 hours, preferably overnight. Cover and refrigerate remaining marinade for basting.

If using bamboo skewers, soak in water at least l hour

To prepare kabobs: Drain and discard marinade from meat. Thread chicken, yellow and red onion, mango, green pepper and shrimp alternately onto skewers. Be sure to keep enough room at one end of each skewer for a "handle."

Coat grill grate with nonstick cooking spray. Place skewers over medium coals, and grill for 12 to 15 minutes or until meat is done and vegetables are tender. Brush often with reserved marinade and turn skewers until cooked through. If needed, use spatula to gently loosen skewers before turning as they may stick. Arrange skewers on a platter and serve with Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

#### **Ginger Mango Dipping Sauce**

1 mango, halved, pitted and scooped out of skin (about 1

1/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate

2 teaspoons grated fresh ginger root (or 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger)

Combine ingredients in electric blender and puree until smooth. Makes about 1 cup.

#### Kitchen tips:

Onions can be easy to work with, if you follow these tips courtesy of the National Onion Association.

1. Chill onions at least 30 minutes before cutting, and use a sharp knife to reduce tearing.

2. Soak onions in ice water overnight to dampen their flavor, yet keep their crisp, juicy texture.

3. Cut onions can be refrigerated up to 7 days in sealed

### **ON STAGE** 'The Godfather'

Francis Ford Coppola's masterpiece returns to the big screen in a special concert event, accompanied the Long Island Concert Orchestra in its debut performance. The Oscar-winning 1972 classic takes on a new appeal, as Nina Rota's iconic score becomes a focal point when performed live. Rota's soundtrack, along with the film's traditional Italian folk music and jazz, comes to life anew in this blend of film and concert. There is little film music as instantly recognizable as the opening trumpet sounds that set the tone for what is to come. For the Long Island Concert Orchestra,



#### WEEKEND Out and About

the new collaboration between between David Winkler, director of Chamber Players International, and former Long Island Music Director David Stuart Wiley and his fellow musicians, this is an important step in the young orchestra's development. Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. (with VIP event at 5:45 p.m.) \$55-\$200. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster. com or www.tillescenter.org.

#### **DOGS IN ACTION Best of the Breeds**

Long Island dog owners and their owners will get a chance to strut their stuff when they meet up at Oyster Bay's Planting Fields Arboretum for Gold Coast Cluster, three days of dog shows presented by the Ladies Kennel Association of America and the

Long Island Kennel Club. In addition to watching more than 800 dogs entered to compete in a variety of dog sports, visitors and their purebred or all-American dogs can get in on the action at AKC's My Dog Can Do That, where participants try out Agility, a fast-paced obstacle course. Dogs, assisted by their human companions. can also test their water skills at Dock Diving in the 25,000-gallon tank, as part of event. The program also includes specialty shows for individual



breends and a Breeders' showcase, where visitors can learn more about their favorite breeds, including some of the newer breeds.

Friday through Sunday, May 19-21. \$10 per person, \$20 per carload each day. For information and schedule, visit www.infodog.com (click on New York). Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay

# **ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**Coming Attractions** 

#### Performances/ On Stage

#### **David Bromberg Quintet**

The renowned folk-blues guitarist in concert with his dynamic band, Thurday, May 18, 8 p.m. \$59.50, \$49.50, \$29.50, \$19.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### **David Crosby**

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer in concert, with his friends, Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m. \$96, \$76 and \$51. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. thespaceatwestbury.com.

#### Oklahoma!

The classical musical set in Oklahoma at the turn of the 20th century, Thursday, May 18, 2 and 8 p.m.; Friday, May 19, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 20, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, May 24, 8 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900

#### R. Kelly

The R&B sensation in concert, Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m. \$249.50, \$199.50, \$129.50, \$89.50. \$79.50, \$6.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.tickemaster.com.

#### **Fat Pig**

Neil Labute's award-winning provocative comedy about body image and the effect it has on us, Friday and Saturday, May 19-20, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m. \$15-\$25. Arena Players, Vanderbilt Carriage House Theater, Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or www.arenaplayers.org.

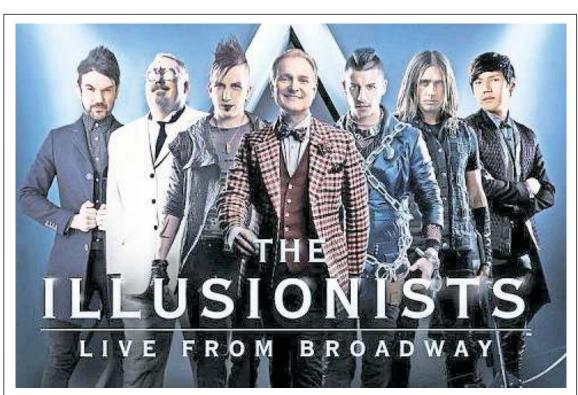


#### Meshuggah-Nuns

A "Nunsense" musical, in which the Sisters take an all-expense paid trip on the "Faith of All Nations Cruise," presented by Township Theatre Group, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. \$25, \$22 students. With cabaret-style seating. Temple Beth-El, 660 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 213-9832 or www.townshiptheatregroup.org.

#### **Streelight Manifesto**

The ska punk band in concert, Saturday, May 20, 8 p.m. \$40, \$26, \$23, \$20. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



#### The Illusionists

Seven renowned illusionsts bring their spectacular tricks to life when the touring magic show visits Tilles Center, Thursday, June 1, at 7:30 pm. Witness thrilling acts of grand illusion, levitation, mind-reading, disappearance, and even a full view water torture escape. Performed by the acclaimed escapologist Andrew Basso, he will hold his breath for over four minutes while attempting to escape from his underwater cell. This group of world-class performers — that also includes anti-conjuror Dan Sperry, trickster Jeff Hobson, inventor Kevin James, deductionist Colin Cloud, weapon master Ben Blaque, and manipulator An Ha Lim — take their cue from the showmanship of the great illusionists of the past (such as Harry Houdini) updated with a contemporary aesthetic.

\$99, \$89, \$69, and \$39; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville.



#### The Young Novelists

The husband-wife folk duo shares the stage with another husband-wife duo, The Whispering Tree, Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. \$15. Hard Luck Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 432 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 425-2925 or www.fmsh.org.

#### Dick Fox's Spring Doo Wop Extravaganza

Classic doo wop groups in concert, Sunday, May 21, 6 p.m. The lineup includes the Duprees, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Vogues, Brian Hyland, the Toys, and the Eternals. \$99.50, \$69.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.tickemaster.com.

#### **Stan Edwards**

The vocalist presents "The One Man Rat Pack Show," a tribute to Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr., Sunday, May 21, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www. glencovelibrary.org.

#### Lois Morton

Singer-songwiter Lois Morton performs "20th Century Girl," a selection of songs that capture the essence of modern liv-

ing, Wednesday, May 24, 2 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or

www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

#### **Barry Manilow**

The pop legend in concert, Thursday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale, (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. nassaucoliseum.com.

#### For the Kids

#### **Predator Portrayals**

Unearth your inner artist on a guided walk, Saturday, May 20, 12 p.m. Gather natural inspiration to form a seasonally inspired take home craft. For ages 6 and up. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

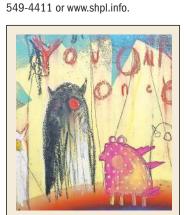
#### **Spring Wind Chimes**

Get creative and make colorful windchimes, Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. For grades K-2. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www. goldcoastlibrary.org.

#### Museums/ Galleries and more...

#### **India: Reflections of Four Artists**

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



#### **Creative Crossroads**

Works by Adam Handler and Luis Zimad Lamboy are on view in this two-person exhibition of color and shape. Through Sept. 15. Gold Coast Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck. 829-2570 or www. goldcoastarts.org.

#### **Movie Showing**

See "Patriots Day," an account of the Boston Marathon bombing, Thursday, May 18, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Friday Flick

See the classic romantic drama, "Woman of the Year," starring Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn, Friday, May 19, 2 p.m.; also "La La Land," the acclaimed musical drama about a musician and an aspiring actress who meet and fall in love, Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.



#### Film Time

See "Moonlight," a coming of age drama, chronicling a young man growing up in Miami, Tuesday, May 23, 1:15 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

#### **Open Mic Poetry Night**

Read an original work or a favorite poem, Thursday, May 25, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.



#### **Halston Style**

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

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#### **VIEWFINDER**

**Bv SUSAN GRIECO** 

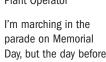
#### THE OUESTION:

How do you commemorate Memorial Day?



I feel that it's a solemn day, so I go to the cemetery in the morning to visit my father and uncle, I set up my flags and I surround myself with other vets.





Day, but the day before, we put flags on the graves at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church.

FRANK SANTORA, Vet Retired



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and Drum Corps, I participate in local parades and ceremonies, and later, if there's time, maybe a family Barbecue.

FERALDINE GIGLIANO, Vet

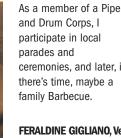


For those of us at the American Legion, it's all about those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. By means of a parade and ceremony, we ensure that they are not forgotten.

SYD MANDELBAUM, Vet

I pay honor to veterans by marching in a parade or going to a ceremony. It's important that we don't forget our veteransl







THE TOTAL BUDGET for the Glen Cove City School District for the 2017-18 year will be

# **Glen Cove City School** District budget passes

BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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On May 16, the Glen Cove City School District 2017-18 budget passed 590 to 172. The budget was just over \$85.9 million, a \$2.2 million increase over the current year's spending

In the approved budget, the district will collect \$66.8 million in property taxes, an increase of \$912,338 from the current year.

A total of 728 residents came out to vote this year for the budget and new Board of

Education Trustees, compared to last vear's 1.044.

The two new Board of Education trustees are for Monica Alexandris-Miller and Robert Field, whose children attend district schools. Both ran for the first time this year in an unopposed election to replace Maureen Pappachristou and Barrie Dratch, who chose not to

run for reelection. Alexandris-Miller was voted in with 588 votes, and Field with 521.

extend my gratitude to the community for its continued support.

DR. MARIA **RIANNA** 

Superintendent

The budget will allow for new course offerings at Glen Cove High School, the preservation of all current programs and a continuation of security upgrades. The district will also improve facilities and upgrade the middle school's gas line.

Cuts have been made in administrative costs and where the district will not hire new employees to fill several positions from which staff members have retired.

"Our community has once again demonstrated its commitment to our students, as well as support for the academic and extracurricular opportunities we provide for our students," said district Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna. "I extend my gratitude to the community for its continued support.'







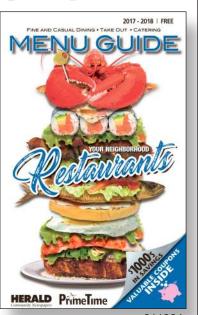
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# Glen Cove to honor Vietnam veteran

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1980s, Nielsen decided to take the effort to the next level.

"We'll make it a program," he decided, naming it the Homeless Support Initiative.

With help from the Department of Health and Human Services, Nielsen went into his computer database, found the supplies and reserved them. Then the Department of Health and Human Services would have truckers in the area pick up the supplies for delivery. Nielsen coordinated the deliveries to shelters across the nation for free.

Thank-you letters poured in from across the country. "I sent their thank-yous back," Nielsen said. He told the writers to send them to Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, who had no idea what Nielsen was doing.

Nielsen appeared before Congress to request that the program be allowed to continue legally. In 1985, the Homeless Support Initiative bill became law, and it stayed on the books for the next decade.

Nielsen's story is unlikely because he came from meager beginnings.

"Always barefoot" was how he described his childhood in the late 1940s through the early 1960s in Vero Beach, Fla., where his father worked hard to provide for his family but could never quite make ends meet.

Nielsen wanted to attend college, but he knew he couldn't ask his parents to pay for it. He joined the military in 1965 as a way out.

"The Marine Corps was the way for me to break that bubble," Nielsen said.

At 6-foot-5, he was tall — but very thin, so he found it hard to meet the physical requirements of boot camp. Still, he



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**FRED NIELSEN, RETIRED** U.S. Marine Corps Major is the Glen Cove 2017 Memorial Day Parade Honoree.

When he had enlisted, he knew he would likely be sent to war in Vietnam, and he was. He became an electrician.

He served in Danang, a coastal city in central Vietnam known for its sandy beaches. One time he was disappointed when he had to miss a celebrity performance put on by the United Service Organizations (USO). He had been ordered to go fix a lamp. When he arrived at the room with the broken lamp, a small woman greeted him at the door. He was there, he said, on a work order. She directed him to the lamp, while speaking in

French.

After Nielsen repaired the lamp, he heard the woman knock on a door. She spoke to another woman in French, presumably to tell her that the lamp was fixed

When the other woman came out to thank Nielsen, he realized that it was famed actress Ann Margaret. She was the celebrity who would perform for the troops later that evening.

"Instead of sitting in a group of 250 troops, I was standing eyeball to eyeball with her," Nielsen recalled.

They spoke briefly. Margaret said her father was also an electrician, and she gave him an autographed photo.

Along with his military ribbons, Nielsen has several medals from his time as a Marine, including the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

But he said he doesn't believe he did anything special to deserve most of them.
"Our unit got some recognition, so I got some recognition," said Nielsen, shrugging. "It doesn't mean that I did a heroic thing."

Before Weinberger retired, he awarded Nielsen the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. It was two decades after his Vietnam service. The moment brought meaning to Nielsen's life. "It was evidence to me," he said, "I was reclaiming myself."

About 20 years ago, Nielsen moved to Glen Cove. Today he is the father of five and the grandfather of 11.

One of his passions is making sure that his fellow veterans and friends are recognized for their service. He created an award named after his friend, Willibe Wilson Jr., who is co-chairman of the children and youth committee and current director of the Glen Cove Veteran Affairs Department. The honor recognizes counselors who work with special-needs children

It was Nielsen's friends and fellow legion members, including Wilson, who selected him to be Glen Cove's Memorial Day parade honoree. He will be recognized at a ceremony at Monument Park on Monday, May 29, before the community's Memorial Day parade.

# Stephen Csoka 'Anniversary Art' on display

By GEORGE WALLACE

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Ever wondered about the intimacies and private lives of the artists? There are plenty of places to turn. You can read Van Gogh's letters to his brother Theo or Diego Rivera's autobiography. You can take a walk through Frida Kahlo's diary, or read about Titian, da Vinci or Botticelli in Vasari's "Lives of the Artists."

And now you can see the "Anniversary Art" of the late 20th century artist Stephen Csoka at a small gallery in the Unitarian Church on Shelter Rock Road, thanks to the careful curating of his son Frank Csoka, of Sea Cliff.

While Stephen Csoka doesn't share the limelight with the world's most famous painters, he's well known in art circles, with work in the permanent collections of more than 30 museum in the United States and abroad, including the Brooklyn Museum, the Met, the Whitney and the Library of Congress.

Moreover, a visit to the Shelter Rock Art Gallery is sufficient to come away with the belief that the Hungarian-born, New York-based artist's personal life is at least as accessible and intimate a vehicle for retelling his story as are those of the pantheon of greats.

The exhibit, which includes some of Csoka's arresting works of art, highlights 22 of the "Marital Milestones" he created for his wife and family between 1935 and his death at 92 in Kings Park in 1989.

The works are so named because each has a "road marker." Infused with humor, they provide a record of a family moving through the important events in members' lives.

"My father had a good sense of humor, but times were hard," said Frank Csoka, who organized the exhibition.

The concerns revealed in the drawings range from financial pressures to

career challenges, from adjustments in the husband-wife relationship to the changes in their children's lives. And while the Marital Milestone series is decidedly anecdotal and casual, it's also unflinching.

The very first Anniversary Art piece, an endearing and signature piece for the exhibit, shows the artist's wife, Margaret, cuddling Stephen on his side of the bed. with a "space to let" sign on her abandoned side of the bed. Milestone 7, dated 1941, illustrates the big moment when Stephen and Margaret bought a home in Brooklyn. Milestone 27, from 1960, depicts Csoka struggling to meet a deadline for a book he wrote on pastel art.

Other drawings show Csoka transporting his young bride on a WPA steed-drawn chariot; Csoka interrupting his painting of a nude to mix house paints for his side job as a house painter; and one of

Margaret pregnant, with hospital bills in hand. Milestone 14, from 1948, depicts Stephen winning a \$1,000 prize for his paint-

ing — and Margaret winning \$5,000 for writing a ditty for a national laundromat contest that took first prize. "My dad was knocked off his cloud by that," said Frank.

According to Frank, this is not the first time that his father's work has been shown locally, In fact, there was a 100-year retrospective in 1997 at the Hofstra Museum of Art. But the Anniversary Art series has not often been available to the public, so Frank was particularly happy with the arrangements at Shelter Rock, and was gratified by the response to the opening on April 30.

And if the intimacy and accessibility of the Shelter Rock exhibition isn't sufficient reason for art lovers to drop by, there is another important reason, according to Frank: This may be the last show of his father's work that he ever mounts. "These shows take two to three years to put together," he said. "At my age, [75] it's tough."

"Marital Milestones: Anniversary Art of Stephen Csoka" continues through June 6. The Shelter Rock Art Gallery is located at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, 48 Shelter Rock Road in Manhasset.



FRANK CSOKA, SON of artist Stephen Csoka, and his wife, Wendy, arrranged

for the exhibit.



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Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

A BOMB THREAT was found in a desk at Finley Middle School on Wednesday.

# No bomb found at Finley

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wrote the note," Nagle said.

Over the past four years, since Rianna became the superintendent, the district has upgraded its security in several ways. More cameras have been installed in all buildings, staff access is now granted by swipe cards, and high school students now have ID cards. Next. year's budget has earmarked funding for the installation of lockout buttons. which will not allow swipe cards to be used when a lockout is activated.

Each building stages about 12 emergency simulations per year, which include fire, lockdown, evacuation and lockout drills. The last time a Glen Cove school was evacuated was September 2015, when there was a gas leak at Deasy School.

#### 'Shed the Meds' has another successful year

Glen Cove SAFE, EMS and the police department recently partnered together to host the annual "Shed the Meds" program. Over 125 lbs. of unwanted and expired medicine and medical sharps were collected through resident drop-offs.

"We greatly appreciate the efforts of SAFE, our police and EMS departments to provide this service to our residents," said Mayor Reggie Spinello.

"This is the frontline on the war against prescription drug abuse and addiction," said SAFE Executive Director Dr. Sharon Harris. "The more unwanted meds we can remove from our communitv's medicine cabinets through programs like this, the less likely they are to fall into the hands of a child, curious teenager or addict."

For Glen Cove residents who were unable to attend the event, any expired or unwanted medicine and medical sharps can be dropped off throughout the year at the Glen Cove Police Department for safe disposal.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

COUNCILMAN EFRAIM SPAGNOLETTI, Councilman Roderick Watson, Dr. Sharon Harris, Georgie Connett, Mayor Reggie Spinello, Anthony Jimenez, Rebecca Omaggio, Stephanie Nassani, Officer Edward Loeffler, and Michael Zangari attended the event.

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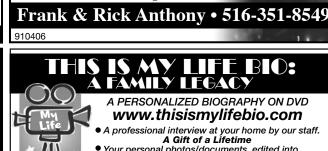
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All events are at Pryibil Beach, East-

"Kids Play Day is such a fabulous event for families in Glen Cove," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I'm honored to host the car seat and bicycle safety check events to keep families safe while having fun."

To book your appointment for any of these safety checks call DeRiggi-Whitton's office at (516) 571-6211. Note that these safety checks are available to Glen Cove residents only. For details on Glen Cove Kids Play Day visit glencove-li.us.

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on the Nassau County Tax Map (the "Acquisition") in connection with a project commonly known as Village Square (the "Project"). This Hearing is to inform the public of the Project and the proposed Acquisition. consider the need of the Acquisition, review the public use to be served, assess the impact of the Acquisition on the environment and residents of the locality where the Project is proposed to be constructed, and to solicit public comments on the Project and proposed Acquisition. Copies of conceptual plans showing the Project and the proposed Acquisition are available for public inspection at the IDA Office

interest in the proposed Acquisition are invited to attend the Public Hearing, and present oral or written statements concerning the Project and proposed Acquisition. Written Acquisition. Written statements will continue to be accepted by the IDA until 5:00 pm on Friday, June 2, 2017, and may be submitted by email to the IDA Executive Assistant, Camille

Byrne, at cbyrne@glencovecda.org.
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By Order of the Glen Cove

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### Mayhem and mystery on Long Island

ear Great Book Guru, We are going to a beautiful wedding in a small village two hours outside of Barcelona,

and I would like to have a good book for the plane ride. I have a few novels on my Kindle but I would like a thought-provoking piece of non-fiction. Any thoughts?

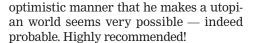
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Dear Very Excited....

Last night I finished a wonderfully challenging book that will make your plane ride fly: "Utopia For Realists" by Rutger Bregman. Bregman is a young

Dutch philosopher/economist with startling ideas about reconstructing society. He recounts the history of utopia going back to the 13th century where "The Land of Plenty" was described in exquisite detail — plentiful meats and sweets and peace enjoyed by all. He offers an interesting, albeit controversial, take on how modern society can create a utopian society in three steps — by instituting a universal basic income, a 15-hour work week,

and opening borders around the world. The United States during the presidency of Richard Nixon came days away from offering a basic \$10,000 universal income only to be defeated by spurious data, but probably the most difficult piece to implement would be the opening of all territorial borders, which Bregman sees as the simplest way to equalize income. While many may think his ideas quixotic, he presents them in such a forthright and



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



#### **ANN DIPIETRO**

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Maureen Ann Harris-Kenary

Maureen Ann Harris-Kenary, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on May 11, 2017. She was the beloved wife of Norman; loving sister of David Harris (Molly) and the late Kathie Selman (the late Peter). She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove. Interment was at Gethsemene Cemetery, Reading, P.A. Contributions may be made to National Stroke Association, http://www.stroke. org/. Funeral was held at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, N.Y.

#### Carlos A. Moron

Carlos A. Moron, 33, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on May 9, 2017. He was the beloved son of Maria and Carlos; loving brother of Michael, Angela and Lucy.

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He is survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and loving friends. Moron enjoyed playing golf and dancing. Funeral services were held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove, N.Y. Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church. Interment was at Locust Valley Cemetery.

#### Amy D. Abbondondolo

Amy D. Abbondondolo, 44, of Locust Valley, N.Y., died on May 11, 2017. She was the wife of the late Neal Jr.: loving daughter of the late Alan Raskin and Elaine and Ed Olsen; daughter-in-law of Neal and Angela; sister of Eric (Jana); aunt of Morgan, Jake, Nico, Jaxson, Luca, Alivia and Cole. She is survived by David, Michael (Andrea) and Rocco (Elizabeth). Service was held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove, N.Y. Interment was at Locust Valley Cemetery. Funeral at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Donations may be made to babylonbreastcancer.org, rockingtheroadforacure.org, pinkshoesinc.org, donate3.cancer. org, divaforaday.org, and racinespa.com.

#### **Leopold Tazreiter**

Leopold Tazreiter, 79, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on May 1, 2017. He was the beloved brother of Theodora Bramreiter; dear uncle of Erika Bramreiter; and loving partner of Arin Toksoy. Tazreiter worked for many years as a waiter for several restaurants in Glen Cove. Reposed at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, in Glen Cove, N.Y. Interment private.

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#### **OPINIONS**

# Let's get the FBI back to work fighting crime

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resident Trump has both a challenge and an opportunity with his search for a new FBI director.

The challenge is to find someone who inspires confidence and who will be an independent voice of national law enforcement. The opportunity is to put



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behind him the contentiousness of James Comey, the previous director, restore the credibility and effectiveness of the FBI, and return it to its primary mission of fighting domestic crime as well as international terrorism.

If the president wants to set the FBI on a new course, he should look beyond the current controversy swirling around his decision to fire Comey and set the FBI firmly on a course that will have a real impact on the lives of the vast majority of Americans.

Today we are in the midst of a national epidemic of drug abuse and gang violence that is claiming the lives of thousands of Americans every year. Here on Long Island, this scourge is tak-

ing the form of particularly violent gang warfare being waged by vicious gangs like M13. This crisis knows no geographic bounds. Murders, assaults and overdoses are piling up in cities like Chicago and St. Louis, in small towns from Appalachia to New England, and in suburban communities everywhere.

Gang violence is being fueled by an unprecedented level of drug trafficking and abuse that should be the focus of a nationally directed effort to root it out. The FBI can and should be at the center of this battle. And we should

not just accept that this campaign will fall short like other earlier "wars" on

This time, the full law-enforcement resources at all levels of government should be brought to the fight. It's a fight that should start at our borders, with an all-out effort to stem the massive flow of narcotics into the country. It's a fight that must address the insatiable demand for these drugs, which grew with the over-prescription of painkill-

ers like OxyContin, from which many users graduated to heroin. And it's a fight against the vicious gang members who are pushing drugs and terrorizing once peaceful communities.

Elected leaders must mount a concerted battle to take back our streets and neighborhoods from these young thugs. That should start with the president filling the FBI director's position with someone who has led difficult fights against crime: who understands law enforcement from the ground up; and who has a proven public

safety management record. I believe that no one being considered for the position better fits this bill than former New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, a decorated former Marine with a proven track record of success fully fighting crime.

In two separate tours directing the nation's largest police force — including during the dark days after the 9/11

attacks — Kelly distinguished himself with leadership skills that dramatically reduced crime in some of New York's most troubled neighborhoods. This set the stage for an unprecedented and lasting overall reduction in violent crime that directly contributed to New York City's current resurgence. As a senator, I was proud to introduce Kelly to the Senate committee that unanimously approved his nomination as commissioner of Customs, a position in which he led the fight to secure our borders and stem the flow of drugs.

It's time for the FBI to refocus on the real threats to our domestic peace and tranquility. Frankly, those threats are not coming from foreign intelligence agencies, or from any state actors. They come from dangerous enemies within gangs and drugs — that threaten Americans where it matters most, right here at home.

Ray Kelly is the kind of leader this country needs running the FBI: above reproach and political partisanship.

Al D'Amato, a former U.S. senator from New York, is the founder of Park Strategies LLC, a public policy and business development firm. Comments about this column? ADAmato@liherald.com.

# Come along with me, from China to Japan

ometimes the traveling shoes The most unsettling experience in these last two weeks has been our visit to the Kamikaze "Peace Museum" in Chiran, Japan. In one exhibition room, men and women too young to remember World War II wiped away tears as they read the last letters the suicide pilots wrote home to their parents "Think of me as a falling cherry blossom," one 18-year-old pilot wrote. A photo



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of him showed a bright-eyed boy who looked too young to die.

We walked through the bunks where they slept the night before their final flights. Photos showed some of them playing with stuffies they brought from home. Next morning they flew out

and dived their planes into American ships loaded with our fathers and grandfathers, who were also too young to die.

Isn't that what travel offers? Views from the other side of the bridge, the ocean, the cultural and political divide? For many of us, the goal isn't R&R. It's risking the discomfort of seeing the world from another, very different, point of view.

We started out in Hong Kong and moved on to some small towns in China before spending a few days in Shanghai. There we took a tour of the former Jewish ghetto, where some 20,000 refugees from Hitler's Europe lived through the war. Many of them were ultimately saved by a Japanese official who wrote documents for them so they could escape to other countries.

Tombstones from the ghetto cemetery, which no longer exists, were used as building materials during the Cultural Revolution. There is an ongoing effort to find these stones and create a memorial in Shanghai, but Chinese officials are not enthusiastic.

China rules the former ghetto area, and today, working people, teachers and shopkeepers share the tiny, dark apartments where multiple Jewish families once lived in crushingly small spaces. Living conditions, by our standards, are appalling — no toilets; one hanging light bulb; dark, greasy walls.

Of course, in the dazzling high-end districts of Shanghai and other big cities, there's no sense that most Chinese live in a country with little functioning infrastructure, crowded together in beehive units shared with other families or on communal land out in the rural areas. The Chinese people have traded having just enough for personal freedom. Food and shelter trump democracy, for now, One guide actually said. "We have a good life, but of course we can't choose our leaders."

We visited a Buddhist temple park, and

the line for the ferry to the site was four hours long. Thousands of people were lined up. We had tickets in advance and were on a tour, but Chinese citizens routinely accept endless waits, the subjugation of individuality and the anonymity of huge crowds in every aspect of their lives. The generation we encountered are all products of the onechild policy. One guide argued that "onlies"

are much luckier because there's no one to fight with over their parents' money.

On to Japan. We visited Okinawa, Naha, Kagoshima, Shimizu, Yokohama and Kobe. We drove through tiny villages and big towns. We were always greeted with kindness and care, even though few speak English, and communication was pantomime. I kept thinking that it's only been 70 years since America dropped two atomic bombs on Japan, wreaking

devastation and death, mostly on civilians. Yet the people we met welcome Americans; we had meaningful encounters with everyday people. The Japanese are exceedingly polite. There's much bowing.

The food is exquisite. Trains and taxis are immaculate. No one eats or drinks on shorter queues for the elderly. Every sidewalk is scored with raised bumps for the visually impaired. In one restaurant in a

small town, we took off shoes, put on "eating slippers" and then, when necessary, put on "bathroom slippers." Of course, the Toto toilets are legendary, with buttons for music, small fountains of water, drying elements and even seats that move up to

One of our guides on an island near Mt. Fuji, a 33-year-old woman, said she was

from the Samurai class, and that her life was still determined by the wishes of her father. She said she would never be "free" until she married a Samurai, and then her husband would be in charge. This is different from the modern young Japanese in Tokyo. But she added that suicide is epidemic because of the extreme academic and social pressures. We heard the same thing from our young guides in China.

Now we're heading to

Kyoto, and today our ship is less than 700 miles from North Korea. Walking the streets these last weeks, greeting the Chinese and Japanese, recalling the history, I can only wish, as never before, that we find wise leaders who will in turn find paths to peace. Recalling the history is edifying; reliving it would be horrific.

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## **HERALD EDITORIAL**

# State should upgrade texting-and-driving laws

wenty and 30 years ago, we worried about drunken drivers plowing their vehicles into other cars or trucks and killing innocent men, women and children. Then along came the cell phone. and suddenly we had a new worry: distracted driving.

Back in the 1990s, we only needed to worry about people talking on their cellphones while driving. Enter phones that could also text, in the 2000s, and a clear and present danger to drivers suddenly appeared on the roads. Texting, which requires one's total attention, is distracted driving on steroids — or, should we say, overdrive?

There is little doubt that our highways are getting more dangerous. According to the nonprofit National Safety Council, 4.6 million drivers were injured seriously enough to require medical attention last year. Of those, 40,000 were killed, which represents a 6 percent rise in roadway fatalities over 2015 and a 14 percent increase over

2014. That was the largest two-year jump in driving deaths in 53 years, the NSC says.

In a recent NSC survey, 47 percent of respondents — 47 percent! — said they

felt comfortable texting and driving. Ugh!

The New York State Legislature is looking at any and all possible ways to curb texting and driving, which is, in fact, illegal. State Sens. Terrence Murphy and Michael Ranzenhofer, both Republicans, and Sen. Tony Avella, a Democrat, have co-sponsored legislation to require field testing of cellphones in crashes to see whether drivers were tapping away at them when they should have had both hands on the wheel.

If passed and signed into law, the measure would make New York the first state in the nation to require such field testing, done with a "textalyzer," similar in concept to the breathalyzer used in drunkendriving cases.

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There are understandable concerns about

the legislation. What if, for example, someone else in the car was texting while the driver was obeying the law? Or what if the driver was texting hands-free, with voice-recognition software, which is allowed under current law?

Such questions should rightly be raised. Still, we encourage lawmakers to pursue legislation to halt texting and driving, knowing the grave dangers that it presents. And if you're one of those who do it, we say this: Cut it out! You're not only

endangering yourself, but also everyone around you on the road.

# Ignoring climate change won't make it disappear

he end of the century is a long time away, and it's doubtful anyone reading this will be around to celebrate the arrival of 2100. But if you are that fortunate person 83 years from now, don't expect to watch the ball drop in Times Square. Not unless you have a boat.

In November, America decided to make itself "great" again by electing a climate change denier to the White House. Sure, President Trump is welcome to his opinion like anyone else, but his scientifically contrarian beliefs come with the power of the federal government.

That means the future of not just our country, but also our world, lies in the hands of a president who may watch the ocean envelop his precious Trump Tower in Manhattan and still call climate change nothing but a hoax perpetrated by the Chinese.

Yes, 2100 is a long way off, and there's plenty of time to fix anything we're doing wrong now. Or is there? At some point very soon we have to reverse the global warming ship or we'll never have enough fuel to return to safe harbor. Although we're not experiencing the drama of many dystopian disaster films that fill our cinemas, global warming isn't just a future problem — it's a now problem.

Sure, farms are having longer growing seasons, but precipitation has increased significantly since the Industrial Revolution. creating massive flooding problems in many parts of the world, along with more intense heat waves and storms that are becoming far more intense. Hurricane Sandy, in 2012, most likely wasn't a fluke, and in many ways Long Island is still recovering from that storm.

The recent climate march in Washington, New York City, Long Island and elsewhere was desperately needed. Citizens need to send a clear signal to our lawmakers that we care about this issue — now and in future elections.

Climate change is real, Mr. Trump. It's impossible to consider any country great that would allow its largest city and surrounding municipalities to drown in the ocean.

#### **LETTERS**

#### There's nothing good about the bridge

To the Editor:

Bayville Mayor Paul Rupp and village trustees recently reminded the taxpayers on Long Island of Governor Cuomo's multi-million-dollar study on the Cross-Sound Bridge. This project has been continuously blocked year after year for decades, with opposition from elected officials, Long Island families, small businesses, and environmental groups.

This is another example of petty partisan politics the governor is using to advance his run for the White House, and the taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill. The governor is catering to special interests, rather than our families on Long Island.

The most recent study, conducted in 2007, estimated that the construction alone would cost taxpayers over \$100 million dollars. This does



#### **OPINIONS**

# Our most important tool in Trump's America

his is a column about politics, and my role as the columnist is to promote an agenda that readers will either agree with or oppose.

But I don't want it to be a political column. I want to set a different stage.

Imagine that we're in a bar — not to get drunk, but because of how useful



BRIAN STIEGLITZ

the setting has been in literature (James Joyce's "Ulysses," Conor McPherson's "The Weir," Ernest Hemingway's "A Moveable Feast") and cinema ("The Big Lebowski," "Goodfellas") as a place for people to relax, socialize and loosen, if not

let go of, their convictions.

Last month, Heineken released an ad on YouTube in which three pairings of two people holding opposing views on climate change, transgender equality and feminism were given a task: construct a bar out of large building blocks, describe themselves to each other and either discuss their differences over a beer or walk away from each other. All of the participants chose the former.

In 1950, philosopher and logician Bertrand Russell wrote an essay called "Ideas that Have Harmed Mankind." At the time, the glory Americans felt after World War II was beginning to fade, communism was raging in Russia and paranoia was spreading like a plague. Russell advocated for skepticism as a means of uniting opposing sides. He argued that we must break away from the tunnel vision through which we see the world so we can support our neighbors and, perhaps, discuss our differences over a beer.

That is our most important tool right now. "In order to be happy we require all kinds of supports to our self-esteem," Russell wrote. "We are human beings, therefore human beings are the purpose of creation. We are Americans, therefore America is God's own country. We are white, and therefore God cursed Ham and his descendants who were black. We are Protestant or Catholic, as the case may be, therefore Catholics or Protestants, as the case may be, are an abomination."

I am a homosexual male who was raised in an interfaith household against the backdrop of a predominantly conservative Long Island suburb. You may be a Catholic man who has been taught that God would not accept me, or a Protestant man who has been struggling with his own sexual identity his entire life. You may be a white mother

of a police officer who fears for her child each day when he puts on his uniform and badge, or a black mother who doesn't want to lose her child because of the perceived prejudice of a police officer. You may be an immigrant who feels he worked hard to earn his citizenship, or one who feels she is not being afforded the same opportunities as others because she came from a different country.

To Russell, the most harmful idea was excessive pride. We only hurt others when we lift ourselves above them, he argued, instead of realizing that we are equals, working together toward common goal. In the Heineken ad, participants had to work together to build a bar before they even began to reveal personal information to each other.

"We are all one family...," Russell wrote, "and the happiness of no one branch of this family can be built securely upon the ruin of another."

When we read a news story, its con-

tent refracts off our individual outlooks like light off a prism — only we don't get the rainbow, we get black and white. We immediately choose a hero and a vil-

lain and, albeit unconsciously, reinforce the way in which we interact with one another. The most powerful thing we can do when we process the news is to ask questions, doubt what we read before we confirm it through other sources, talk about it with those with whom we disagree, demand to have our voices heard and listen to those with different voices. We need to stop looking for heroes and villains in the

news and instead look for people.

This may appear idealistic or naïve, coming from a 22-year-old with a background of relative privilege. But the will to communicate is antithetical to naivety, as it promotes growth, and arguing can be productive when both sides are honestly listening. These are just ideas, but, as Russell would argue, ideas can greatly impact humankind.

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#### **LETTERS**

not include the ecological damage that would disrupt and cripple the ecosystem and wetlands, our pristine shoreline, and the historic North Shore of Long Island.

Countless properties would be bought up by eminent domain, driving property taxes up even more. Our property taxes are too high as it is without adding this undertaking.

This is not a sound project and I simply will not support it. I've been in Albany fighting to end these pointless studies which never bear fruit. All the Cross-Sound Bridge studies over the last decade say the same thing, it's bad for the environment, bad for business, and bad for the taxpayer, yet here we are digging into it again. This is a waste of time and money.

MICHAEL MONTESANO
15th Assembly District

# Protecting N.Y.'s water resources

To the Editor:

To protect water quality this spring, the state Department of Environmental Conservation is urging New Yorkers to practice sustainable lawn care by going phosphorus-free, using native plants and grasses, and reducing fertilizer use. The DEC has launched a Look for the Zero campaign to encourage New Yorkers to purchase phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer.

More than 100 water bodies across the state cannot be used or enjoyed for drinking, swimming or fishing as a result of too much phosphorus.

The actions that New Yorkers take in their backyards can have a big impact on the environment. By choosing sustainable lawn care, homeowners help protect water quality and public health.

The state's nutrient runoff law prohibits the use of phosphorus lawn fertilizers unless a new lawn is being established or a soil test shows that the lawn does not have enough phosphorus. Generally, only new lawns, or those with poor soil, need phosphorus. Phosphorus applied to lawns that don't need it will not be used and can cause water pollution. Regardless of location, excess phosphorus from lawns can wash away and pollute lakes and streams.

Consumers should check bag labels for phosphorus content when shopping for fertilizer. Fertilizer labels have three bold numbers. The number in the middle is the percentage of phosphorus in the product, such as 22-0-15. The state law requires retailers to display phosphorus fertilizer separately from the phosphorus-free varieties and post signs notifying customers about the law.

Homeowners have several options when it comes to more sustainable lawn care. The DEC encourages homeowners to choose native plants and grasses, which are adapted to the local climate and soil. These plant species provide nectar, pollen and seeds that serve as food for native butterflies, insects, birds and other creatures.

#### FRAMEWORK courtesy Joe and Joyce Kane

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Visiting a granddaughter studying abroad — Barcelona, Spain

It's easy to convert to organic lawn care. There are safe and effective alternatives to most chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Organic lawn care treatments promote deep root systems, natural photosynthesis and longer grass growth. Visit the DEC's

sustainable landscaping page to learn more: www.dec.ny.gov/public/44290.html.

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