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Dawn DiSimone/Herale

#### Becoming best buds with a very large reptile

Usually children learn about snakes in books, and that can be fun, but handling a real snake? That just doesn't happen too often. The Glen Cove Library gave children a treat when it invited the Petland Discounts' Traveling Pets program to its summer reading program party. More photos, Page 4.

## Planning board doesn't approve of current project

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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The Glen Cove City Council's June 27 vote to refer a zoning change at 115 Glen St. to the city planning board was tied.

Even so, Kathleen Deegan Dickson, the developer's attorney, gave a presentation at the pre-council meeting on Aug. 15, at which three members of the planning board weighed in.

The proposed workforce housing development is targeted at young professionals returning home from college and couples and single adults looking for downtown living. Deegan Dickson said it is intended to clean up underutilized property that doesn't fit in the downtown anymore.

The initial proposal included six two-bedroom apartments, 18

rom a planning perspective, to ask for a change of zone in the downtown after doing that study, to me, just throws everything out the window.

#### **THOMAS SCOTT**

Planning board chairman

one-bedrooms and 15 studios.

"As a council ... we wanted to hear what the planning board had to say, and we didn't get a chance to," Mayor Reggie Spinello said.

Deegan Dickson said that her clients, Alec Ornstein, Cliff Fet-

ner and investment group G4 Capital Bridge, were requesting multiple variances. The half-acre property is in a section of downtown Glen Cove referred to as the B1 zoning area, which allows for 29 apartment units per acre and a minimum of one acre for residential development.

The zoning change being requested by the developer is for 72 units per acre, or about 36 units on the property. To fit them all in, the developer is requesting a height variance, from three stories to four.

The city's zoning law requires 54 parking spots for 36 units. The developer is asking to create just 39 spaces.

Spinello said he believed it was important to hear from the planning board. "We don't want CONTINUED ON PAGE 7

## Redemption fees raised at shelter

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

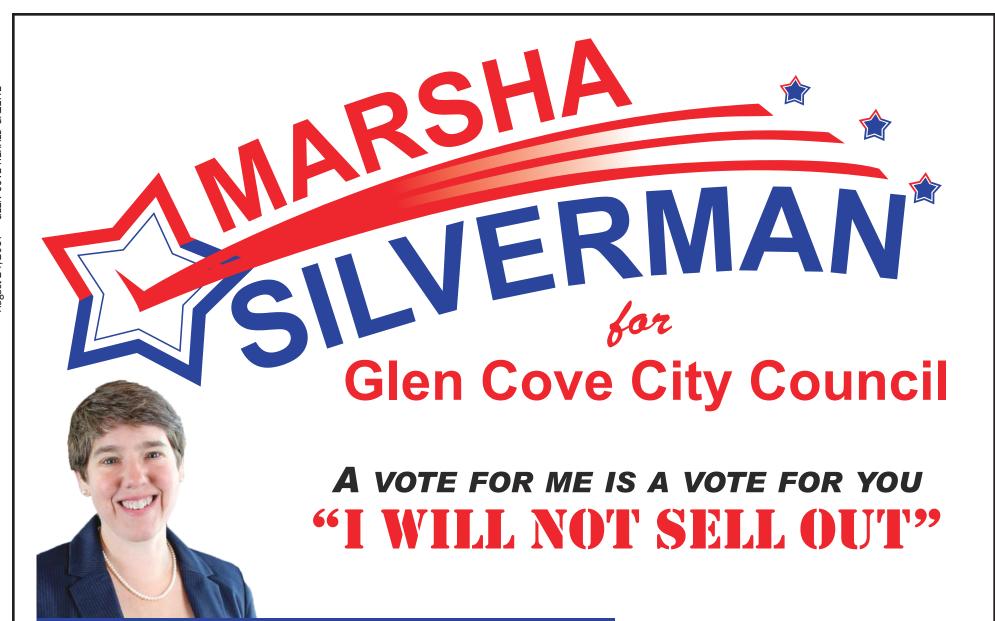
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The City of Glen Cove approved an increase in redemption and impoundment fees for dogs picked up and boarded at Cove Animal Rescue at the City Council meeting on July 26.

"What's happening, anecdotally, is that people know the shelter is run so well, so full of tender love and care, that some people are literally letting their dogs go loose," said Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles. "They're not

picking them up until the weekend is over, because they're paying \$15 a day and not picking their dog up until Monday. To take care of a dog for 24 hours, feed them, they have to have them in isolation sometimes — labor around taking care of a dog that's a stray is intensive."

Peebles mentioned that after doing some research, she determined that the fee increase isn't unusual, and the fees would still be less than other municipalities, including the towns of CONTINUED ON PAGE 24



#### **Background:**

- •Over 25 years of experience in finance and data analytics at fortune 100 companies
- •Holds an MBA in Finance from Stern Business School at NYU
- •BS in econmics from Haverford College

#### Top Issues

- Fiscal responsibility
- •Foster partnering and interaction between City and School System
- Provide a voice for community, taxpayers and business owners

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MANY SHOWED THEIR support at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Meritage Wine Bar in Glen Cove on Aug. 4.

## Variety of wines and great food at Meritage

### Eatery offers Mediterranean fare and ambiance of Manhattan

By LAURA LANE

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It all began with a dream. Well, actually several dreams, that may have been so powerful that they kept Alex Fiorentino up at night. But once he opened Meritage Wine Bar in Glen Cove the sleepless nights were soon forgotten. The wine connoisseur who went to college to become an English teacher, had done a career-360. "I didn't like teaching," he explained looking around at the restaurant that he spent nearly four months renovating. Then he smiled. "This is where I belong."

Fiorentino, 37, of Syosset, celebrated the grand opening of Meritage on Aug.4. A crowd of people joined him, there to enjoy an early evening of wine and complimentary food, and to share in the excitement of a premiere wine bar coming to the city.

But some people had been there already. When the wine bar had a soft opening weeks before Deborah Orgel Gordon, the president of the Glen Cove Business Association, had dinner there. "The food was very good," she said, sipping a glass of rosé. "He uses different local farms and there are a lot of vegetarian dishes. There aren't a lot of places around here that offer that."

Steve Warshaw, of Glen Head, agreed. "The food was so good I didn't want to leave"

And Glen Cove Mayor Reggie Spinello had already been to Meritage too. "I came here the other night and was sniffing around everyone's food and the reviews were excellent," he said. "Alex told me that he went all over the island and decided to come to Glen Cove because he liked what he saw and had read about our city. Everyone is excited about what's going on here"



**ALEX FIORENTINO, OWNER** of the Meritage Wine Bar, is happy to be operating in Glen Cove.

Fiorentino described the fare as a blend of Mediterranean offerings, with Italian and Spanish influences utilizing locally sourced farm fresh food — everything from salads to meats. And customers can see their meal being prepared in the open kitchen.

"I was very lucky to work for amazing hospitality companies in Manhattan," he said. "I know what I like and wanted to pass that along to everyone else."

Before the wine bar took residence at 90 School Street, Page One, an Italian restaurant operated there for many years. The ambiance included an old-world feel, with carpeting, dark wood paneling and dim lighting.

The renovations performed by Fiorentino has changed the look of the space entirely. The main dining room, which includes a veranda, has booths, and the room is very bright. In the rear private dining room a variety of artwork is on



**ASHLEY CASTILLO, FAR** left, Jose Bernal, Jessica llardi and Maryann Duila, offered guests samples of the many wines offered at Meritage at the grand opening.

view on the walls, which are painted a light grey and lavender. The bar even includes a very large booth that seats 10.

Blending casual and formal dining was purposeful on Fiorentino's part. He chose everything, from the light fixtures to the paint. For him, Meritage is a true work of love that he'd like everyone to enjoy. "I wanted to create a place where people could have dinner but also a place where you can stay for two hours and have a bottle of wine," he said. "It's more casual here."

Patricia Holman, the president of the Glen Cove Downtown BID, said she is

happy that Fiorentino brought Meritage to Glen Cove. "I definitely think there is a touch of New York City here," she said. "And the décor is very nice with a look that is both contemporary and industrial."

Now flourishing, Meritage is a go-to establishment for residents in a city that does not offer any place like it. "This is the first wine bar I know of," said Kelly Michaels, from the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce. She was holding a pair of gigantic scissors for use at the official ribbon cutting just moments away. "I hope Meritage benefits the community."



Photos by Dawn DiSimone/Herald

**JESSIE HELPED FOUR** little ladies hold a snake while also balancing a chameleon on her shoulder.

### **Animal fun at the Glen Cove Library Summer Reading finale**

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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To wrap up the Summer Reading Program "Build a Better World," the Glen Cove Library hosted the Petland Discounts' "Traveling Pets" program, an exciting ending to a summer filled with reading. Almost 50 children and their chaperones attended the event, which was

entertaining for all ages. The hands-on and educational show allowed for children to connect to another living creature choosing from approximately 14 different pets. They learned what they might have in common with the animals they encounter on a daily basis and were able to see a variety of animals up close, pet them and even hold them.



**TRAVELING PETS ASSISTANT** Ali held a bearded dragon to allow for the children to pet it, while lead presenter Jessie talked to the audience about turtles.

#### **CRIME WATCH**

#### **Glen Cove Arrests**

- Male, 28, from Glen Cove, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and other vehicle traffic law violations on McLoughlin Street on Aug. 19.
- Male, 19, from Westbury, was arrested for criminal contempt in the second degree and vehicle traffic law violations on Crescent Beach Road on Aug. 17.
- Male, 23, from Glen Cove, was arrested for criminal sale of a controlled substance in the third degree and criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree on Glen Street on Aug. 17.
- Male, 22, from Glen Head, was arrested

for criminal possession of a controlled substance in the seventh degree on Glen Street on Aug. 17.

- Male, 39, from Glen Cove, was arrested for trespassing and an open container of alcohol on Glen Street on Aug. 17.
- Male, 28, from Glen Cove, was arrested for trespassing on Glen Street on Aug. 17.
- Two males, 25 and 28, from Glen Cove, were arrested on one count each of disorderly conduct on Glen Street on Aug. 17.
- Male, 34, from Glen Cove, was arrested for menacing in the third degree and harassment in the second degree on Cedar Swamp Road on Aug. 16.

## Man sentenced to nine years for selling heroin in Glen Cove

Jeffrey Ventura, 30, of Corona, Queens, has been sentenced to nine years in prison for selling hundreds of bags of heroin and multiple bags of cocaine in Glen Cove in 2016.

On Oct. 25, 2016, Ventura was found during a traffic stop in Glen Cove with roughly 600 bags of heroin, 19 bags of cocaine and packaging material. The drugs were located inside a trap in a Nissan Maxima when the entire center console was lifted up.

The pre-planned traffic stop was the result of a three-month-long joint investigation by the Nassau County District Attorney, federal Drug Enforcement Agency and Glen Cove Police Department. Ventura and two co-conspirators were on the way to sell the heroin to an undercover detective.

During the investigation, Ventura also sold 30 bags of heroin to an undercover detective.

Corona was convicted by a jury on June 29 of second-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, two counts of third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance, five counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree conspiracy, two counts of fourth-degree conspiracy, and two counts of second-degree criminal use of drug paraphernalia.

The Nassau County District Attorney's office recommended a sentence of 16 years in prison.

The trial before Judge Meryl Berkowitz lasted almost two weeks, and the jury deliberated for two days.

"We have treatment resources available to addicts and educational programs to prevent drug abuse, but we have no tolerance for the dealers like this defendant who profit from selling this deadly poison in our communities," District Attorney Madeline Singas said. "Our law enforcement partners at every level are committed to ending this epidemic, and drug dealers should be on notice that if they sell heroin in our communities that we will find them, prosecute them, and send them to prison."

Assistant District Attorney Lee Genser of Singas's Special Operations Narcotics and Gangs Bureau prosecuted this case. Ventura was represented by attorney Joseph LoPiccolo.

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



#### Those dancin' feet

Get into the swing of things, at Cinema Arts Centre, on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. Screen the documentary "Alive and Kicking," an intimate insider's view into the culture of the current swing dance scene, followed by Q&A with featured dancer Evita Arce and swing dance reception. Info: (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.



#### **Decorative clay pots**

End your day with the Gold Coast Public Library as they host an evening of painting on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 7 p.m. Paint and decorate clay pots to house a succulent plant! Start to build a better world with this adorable addition to your garden! Info: (516) 759-8300



## **Story time** at the beach

For the last 25 years, the Sea Cliff Children's Library has presented a summer of storytelling at Sea Cliff Beach. Enjoy the outdoors and a good read in this year's finale on Wednesday, Aug. 30, at 10:30 a.m. Info: (516) 671-0420.

## Summertime stargazing

Explore the cosmos at Old Westbury Gardens, Thursday, Aug. 31, at 8:30 p.m. Join members of the Astronomical Society of Long Island for some skywatching and check out the late summer sky. See how many constellations you can find. Info: Info: (516) 333-0048 or www.oldwestburygardens.org.





#### **Concert in the park**

Bring a chair, blanket, and an outdoor picnic to enjoy beautiful music at Planting Fields Arboretum on Friday, Aug. 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There will be snacks, sandwiches, desserts and drinks. Coe Hall is closed during the concert. Info: (516) 922-8678 or jlavella@planting-fields.org.



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## HERALD SPORTS

## Hofstra strives for postseason return

By ANDREW COEN

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On heels of missing out on postseason play for the time in a decade, Hofstra women's soccer is kicking into high gear for the 2017 season.

The Pride fell one win short of qualifying for the Colonial Athletic Association tournament despite winning five of their last five matches, Hofstra was playing in peak form by the end of October capturing four of its last five games, but a 0-4 CAA start doomed the Pride in the end.

"The seniors have been fantastic preparing for the new season," said 12thyear head coach Simon Riddiough, who led the Pride to four NCAA Tournament

The seniors have been fantastic preparing for the new season.

#### SIMON RIDDIOUGH

Head Coach

appearances in 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2015. "They really want to get back to where we have been in the past."

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will have to adjust to life this fall without last year's leading scorer, Jill Mullholland, who tallied 34 points includ-

ing 13 goals. In Mullholland's absence, Riddiough is hoping for more of an offensive spark from senior forward Kristin Desmond, who was second on the 2016 team in points with 14.

"She is going to be a key component of our offense," said Riddiough of Desmond, a former Long Island player of the Year out of Northport High School. "I think she has the ability to score quite a few more goals."

Junior midfielder Noriana Radwan had a breakout 2016 season with six goals after transferring from Connecticut. Junior defender Madeline Anderson, a Clarke High School product, also proved to be an offensive threat from the backline with two goals and an assist.

"She is fearless," said Riddiough of Anderson, who was named to the 2017 Preseason All-Colonial Athletic Association Team. "She is coming into her own."

Twin sisters Katie and Kelly Gerdes stepped up into integral roles last year and will both be counted on to lead the Pride's defensive effort this fall. Kelly Gerdes started every game last year in the backline after two injury-plagued seasons while Katie started 12 matches at midfield. The Wantagh natives and former MacArthur High School standouts will operate in the defensive zone.

"It is going to be great seeing the two



**SENIOR KRISTIN DESMOND,** who had six goals last season, enters 2017 with 52 career games under her belt and experience at both ends of the field.

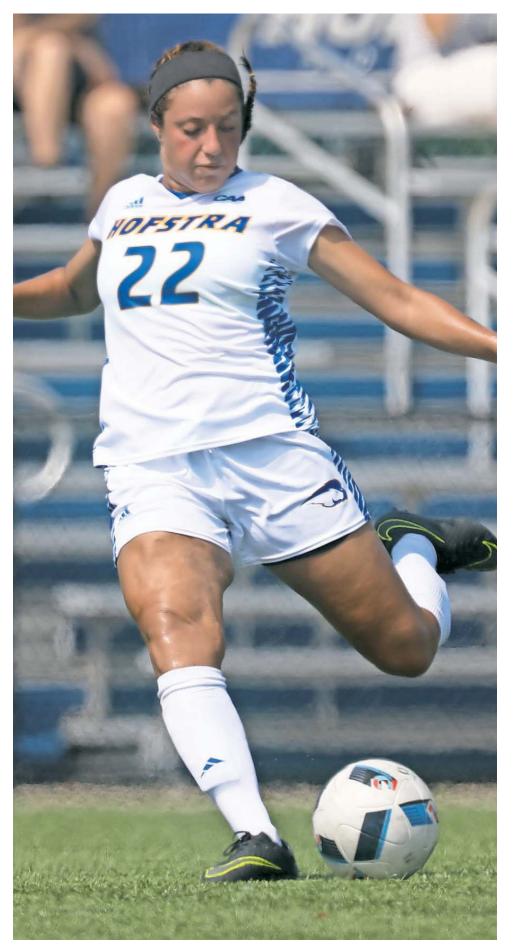
of them back there together," said Riddiough of the Gerdes sisters.

Red-shirt junior goalie Ashley Wilson returns for her senior season in after splitting duties last year with Friederike Mehring. Senior Jenna Borresen, an East Meadow High School graduate, and Coastal Carolina transfer Sabrina Painter are capable backup options in net.

Riddiough pieced together a challenging non-conference schedule to position Hofstra for a possible at-large NCAA Tournament berth should it not win the CAA title. The Pride opened with four straight road tilts starting at Pittsburgh and Penn State. The non-conference home schedule is highlighted by a Sept. 4 meeting with Yale before hosting Fordham on Sept. 8 and Monmouth on Sept. 10.

"We always like to compete against the best," Riddiough said. "Hopefully if we can excel in the non-conference schedule it will prepare us for CAA play."

Hofstra hosts UNC-Wilmington and Drexel in its first two CAA home games on Sept. 24 and 28, respectively. The home league schedule also features rival James Madison on Oct. 8 and Elon for senior day on Oct. 15. The Pride were picked to finish fifth in the CAA pre-



Photos courtesy Hofstra Athletic Communications

**SENIOR NORIANA RADWAN** is a key cog in the midfield for the Pride and comes off a six-goal campaign.

season poll giving the team extra motivation to push for the program's first conference crown since 2012.

"It's our job to prove people wrong," Riddiough said. "I think this team has the chance to do that."

Redemption Fees		
Redemption of seized dog	Current fee	Proposed fee
First offense	\$15	\$30
Boarding	\$5 per day	\$20 per day
Second offense	\$30	\$50
Boarding	\$10 per day	\$20 per day
Third offense	\$45	\$70
Boarding	\$20 per day	\$20 per day

## **City raises Cove Animal** Shelter redemption fees

#### **CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**

Oyster Bay and Hempstead.

If a dog has been picked up and is being held at the shelter, the owner must first pay the redemption fee at City Hall. If the dog isn't licensed, the owner must also pay a licensing fee. And the dog is not returned until the payment slip is presented to Cove Animal Rescue.

"I'm glad that the fees became an issue ... because it raises awareness," said Cove board member Betty Geiger. "Most people don't even know they have to license their

dog. It's the poor little dog that has no tag and no license that ends up with us.'

Geiger added that, in general, lost dogs are picked up within 24 to 36 hours.

Since Cove Animal Rescue opened, Peebles said, 51 dogs were impounded in 2015, 59 in 2016 and 27 in the first six months of this year.

Cove Animal Rescue is subsidized by the city, so the fees go directly back to the city. The money is then used to help defray the cost of taking care of impounded dogs.

## **Electronic eavesdropping** for animal fighting inquiries

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine and Senator Phil Boyle that allows for law enforcement to utilize wiretapping and surveillance video in animal fighting investigations.

The law adds animal fighting to a list of crimes that will allow for law enforcement to seek warrants to conduct electronic eavesdropping.

"Animal fighting has no place in our neighborhoods or within society," said Lavine. "Those who participate in this activity should be punished to the furthest extent of the law, and by giving law enforcement the option of using sophisticated technology to prosecute offenders will put an end to this barbaric practice once and for all."

Not only is there a link between violence against animals and violence against people, but the investigation and prosecution of animal fighting has been proven to expose gang networks, narcotics rings, weapons trafficking activity, and other sophisticated and violent criminal enterprises.

As law enforcement has grown more attuned to its detection, fighting rings have been targeted and brought down. Additionally, guns and heroin have been

seized, domestic and child abuse has been uncovered and countless dogs are rescued from a lifetime of torture

"Animal fighting is actually a felony under the Agricultural and Marketing Law of New York," explained Lavine. "It was not included as a qualifier for wiretaps because no one anticipated at the time the wiretap laws were enacted that animal fighting would become the multibillion dollar enterprise it is today."

Glen Cove Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles said the city has "zero tolerance" for animal fighting or cruelty of any kind. "The shelter is extremely attuned and sensitive; they have a great relationship with the police department, so if it suspects anything the police are contacted," she added.

"I'm glad they will have another tool with which to eliminate dog fighting," said Cove Animal Rescue Board Member Betty Geiger.

Lieutenant John Nagle, Glen Cove Public Information Officer, said there has been two cases of animal cruelty in Glen Cove in the last five years, but no cases of animal fighting in his 30-plus years in the city.

"Any type of added police investigatory powers that are bestowed on us by the Albany Lawmakers concerning animal cruelty, specifically animal fighting, is a move in a positive direction," Nagle said. "Having animals pitted against each other so gamblers can wager on the outcome is abhorrent."



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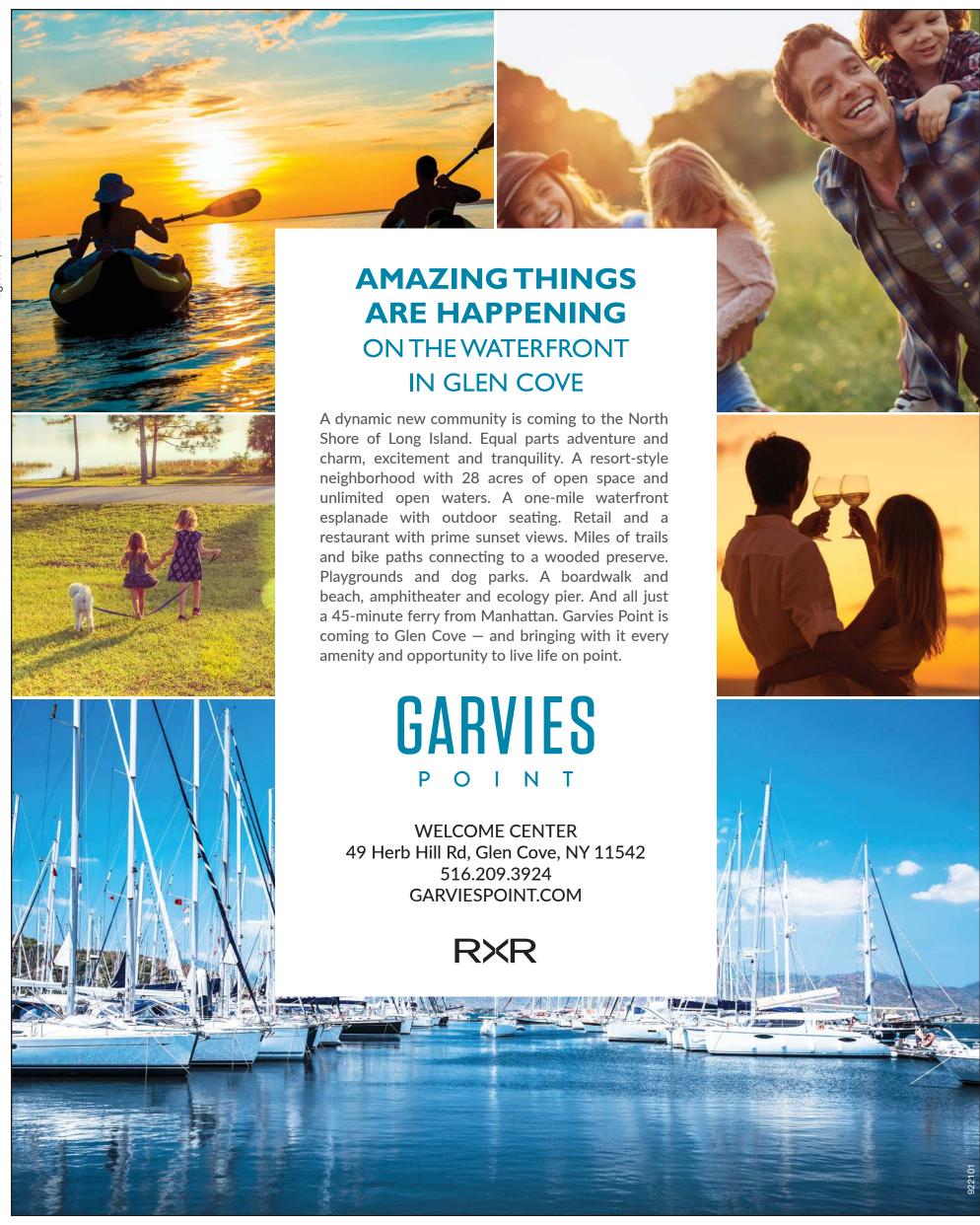
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## **HERALD NEIGHBORS**



CHARLIE GUASTELLA, 10, cast his line out at the derby.

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## Mayor's Snapper Derby a fin-tastic event











Clockwise from top left:

**FIRST PLACE WINNER** Isis Makin showed off one of her catches with Glen Cove Anglers Club Chairman, Tom Manzione.

**JOHN CALAMUSA HELPS** his son Logan, 8, with one of his catches.

**BRETT MILLER AND** his daughter Maya, 6, fished together at Pryibil Beach Pier.

**JACK SPOTO 11,** unhooked a fish he caught during the Snapper Derby.

**SEBASTIAN FIGUEROA, 10,** fished from a corner at the pier.

Over 115 children came out to Prybil Beach on August 19 for the 39th Annual Glen Cove Mayor's Snapper Derby, hosted by the Anglers Club.

"The snappers were biting and it was wonderful to see so many children baiting hooks and casting for victory," said Mayor Reggie Spinello.

"This was a great year for the Snapper Derby with sunny skies, talented young girls and boys and a group of volunteers and sponsors whose generosity was appreciated by all families," said Tom Manzione of the Glen Cove Anglers Club.

Every child was a winner as they each received a free tee-shirt, hot dog, soft drink and a fishing accessory. "Watching the pride in the eyes of a child who just caught their first fish of the day is a special moment, "added Manzione.

Pride was on full display as Issis Makin took home the trophy and prize for "Top Catch of the Day" with 18 snappers.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Thursday, Aug. 24

#### **Ladies Round Robin & Doubles Clinic**

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 10 to 12 p.m. Join us for our Ladies Round Robin and Doubles Clinic with Tennis Pro, Steve Abbondondelo. Refreshments and prizes provided. Registration and \$15 fee required for each session. Register online or at the Adult Circulation desk. Registration fee must be paid at the Adult Circulation desk. (516) 671-1837.

#### **Sunset Serenade**

Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave, Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Hosted by the Sea Civic Association featuring RIDE.

#### **Author visit**

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St. Bayville, 7p.m. Valerie Clayman Pye, Assistant Professor of Theatre in the School of Performing Arts at LIU Post will be discussing her new book, "Unearthing Shakespeare: Embodied Performance and the Globe." Walk ins welcome! (516) 628-2765 or bayvlib@optonline.net.

#### Windchime workshop

The Whaling Museum, 279 Main Street (Rte. 25A), Cold Spring Harbor. 4 to 5 p.m. Catch the last summer breeze as you design an ocean-inspired wind chime using shells and beads. All materials included. Ages 10 through 16, \$10 for children, \$6 for adults. (631) 367-3418.

#### Friday, Aug. 25

#### Living with wildlife on Long Island

Glen Cove Public Library 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Members of Volunteers for Wildlife will teach you about the many ways people can help mitigate our impact on wildlife. Enjoy close up views of live turtles, owls, ducks, shorebirds and more. All ages are welcome. (516) 676-2130.

#### Make your own floral wreath

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. "Bad Day at Back Rock." Spencer Tracy stars as a World War II veteran trying to find the father of the man who saved his life. With Robert Ryan and Lee Marvin. 81 min. (516) 759-8300.

#### Friday Night Music at the beach

The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 7 to 10 p.m. Live music performance by the Rusty String Band. (516) 671-0080.

#### **Downtown Sounds**

Intersection of Glen, School, and Bridge Streets, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. The last Downtown Sounds of the season will feature Richie Cannata. Cannata has worked with Billy Joel, Celine Dion, Jennifer Lopez, the Beach Boys, Bernie Williams and more. He plays the piano, clarinet, flute, keyboards, and saxophone with the tenor saxophone being his forte. Free admission. Bring seating. Free parking in nearby municipal garage. Visit www. downtownsoundslive.org for artist listings and full details. (516) 759-6970.

#### Saturday, Aug. 26

Tomato and pepper tasting

Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 to 12:30 p.m.



#### **Morgan Park Summer Festival finale**

Don't miss out on Morgan Park's Summer Music Festival finale on Sunday, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m. Ted Vigil, who bears an amazingly strong resemblance to legend John Denver, is a singer, songwriter and tribute artist. Winner of the National Traditional Country Music Association's Rising Legend award, Vigil performs nationwide in all types of venues, including twice for John Denver's own Windstar Foundation in Aspen. C.O.

Even those who have performed with Denver are astounded at Vigil's ability to evoke the look and sound of a John Denver show. Steve Wiesberg, Denver's lead guitarist, calls Vigil's recreation "uncanny." For more information, call (516) 759-6970.

A rose is a rose and all that jazz, but the tomato is as varied as a snowflake in its flavor profile, color, shape and size. If you've been laboring under the false impression that every tomato is the same, think again! In celebration of the season's most anticipated garden treat, the Seed Library at Glen Cove Public Library is hosting a tasting of tomatoes of every type: Heirloom, Hybrid, Cherry and Plum. Learn why those commercially-grown, seemingly picture-perfect orbs found in grocery stores pale in comparison to the humble and delicious 'garden variety' tomato. We will also be sampling an assortment of peppers, and doing a quick demonstration on how to save seeds from both. Registration encouraged! (516) 676-2130.

#### Cinema in the streets

School Street, Glen Cove, 8:30 p.m. Bring a chair and a blanket down for the last Cinema in the Streets of the season. Enjoy free popcorn and cotton candy and enter a raffle during this week's movie, "Beauty and the Beast." (516) 676-

#### Sunday, Aug. 27

#### **Morgan Park Summer Music Festival**

Intersection of Glen, School, and Bridge Streets, Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Ultimate John Denver. Ted Vigil, who bears an amazingly strong resemblance to legend John Denver, is a singer, songwriter and tribute artist. Winner of the National Traditional Country Music Association's Rising Legend award. (516) 759-6970.

#### Monday, Aug. 28

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 11 to 1 p.m. Tables will be set up in the Community Room where children can build whatwith! All Lego creations will remain in the Library. No registration. Children under 9 years of age must be accompanied by an

#### Home makeover tips

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Does your home need a makeover? Do you need to know what is popular? Then this is the program

for you! Interior Designer Jacaui Palatnik brings all the latest trends. Learn what is hot and what is not for your home. Through Power Point and visual samples see what are the latest trends! (516) 759-8300.

#### Tuesday, Aug. 29

#### Movie at the library

Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. "Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer." Richard Gere portrays a small time operator who befriends a young politician at a low point in his life. Three years later, when the politician becomes an influential world leader, Nor-

#### all while having fun. For ages two to five. (516) 759-8300. Wednesday, Aug. 30

**Curious George Storytime** 

Shake 'N Make Music Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. A high-energy, fun-filled music and movement session incorporating instruments, bean bags, bubbles and much more. (516) 922-1212.

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Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad

Ave., Glen Head, 6 p.m. Come to the sto-

rytime steps and hear the man in the yel-

low hat tell some Curious George stories

759-8300.

#### Thursday, Aug. 31

#### Movie at the library

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#### Glen Cove Youth Bureau Fill-a-Book-Bag

Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton helped the Glen Cove Youth Bureau organize their collected back to school supplies for children in grades K through 12 during the Youth Bureau's annual Fill-a-Book Bag drive on Friday, Aug. 18. For more information about the Youth Bureau visit www.glencoveyouthbureau.com or call (516) 671-4600.

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, left, helped Glory Mayreis, Glen Cove Youth Bureau Executive Director Spiro Tsirkas and Jesse Mayreis pack up collected items from the annual Fill-a-Book Bag drive.



Courtesy Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton's office









Courtesy Angelo Grande

LEFT TO RIGHT: Ilda Gale, far right, was recently named as the newest member to Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016. With membership chairperson Angelo Grande, far left, and president Portia Ryder.

#### Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016 initiates a new member

Loggia Glen Cove No.1016, Inc., Order Sons of Italy in America recently added Ilda Gale as the newest member to their lodge. Formed in 1920, Loggia 1016 is the oldest lodge on Long Island. If anyone is interested in joining this fraternal organization, you can call membership chairperson Angelo Grande at (516) 922-6747. The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 69 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y. at 8 p.m.

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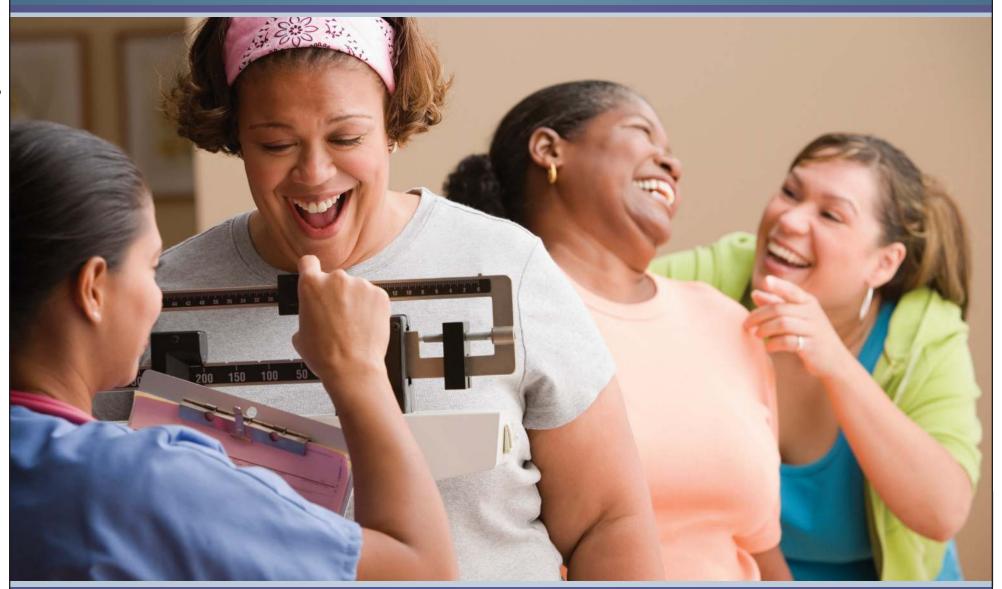
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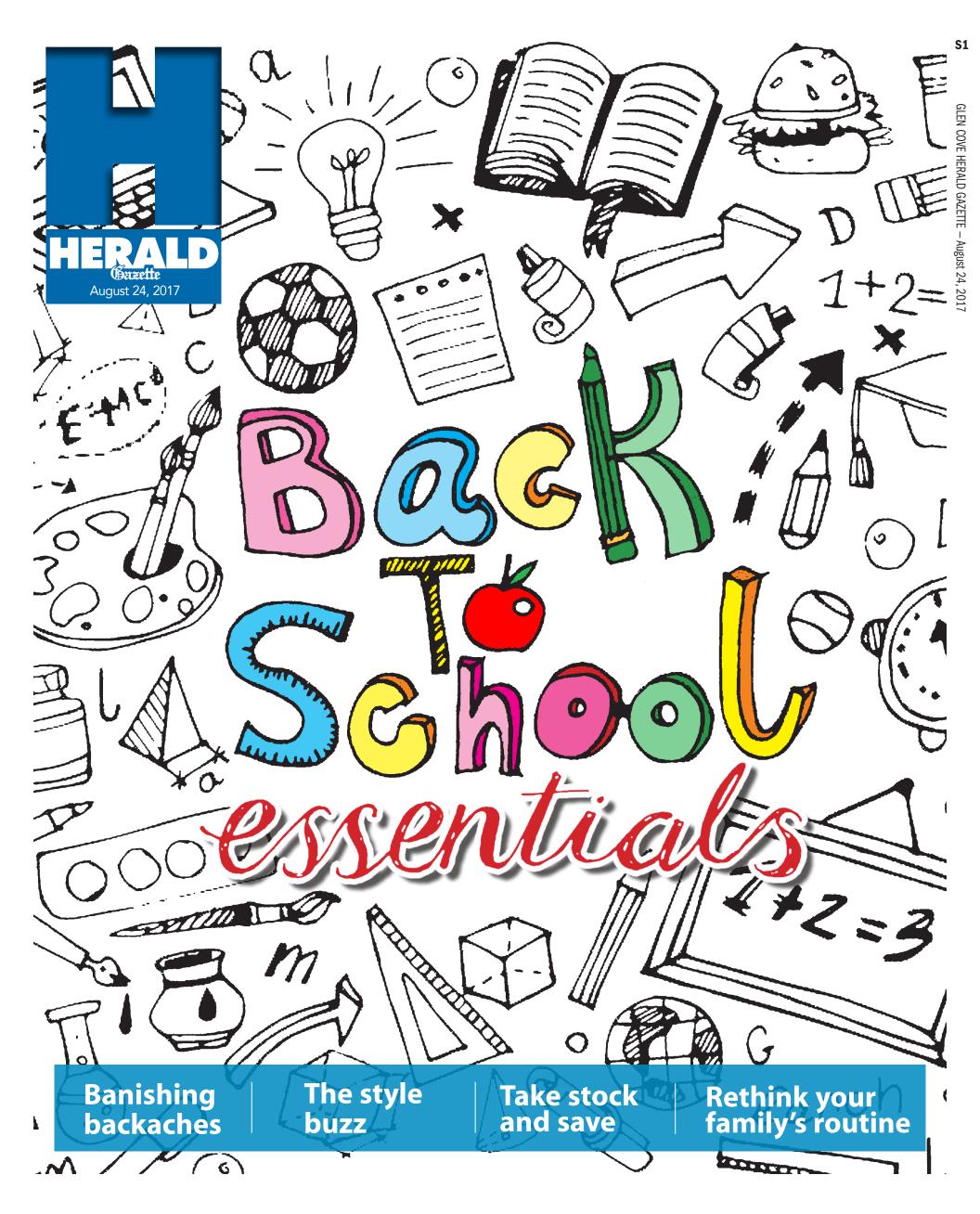
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Thin straps and low-hanging backpacks can be causes of shoulder and back pain.

## **Banishing backaches**

## Back- and posture-saving tips for using backpacks

By Simone Slykhous

Hauling full backpacks to and from school each day can be a real pain in the neck — and back and shoulders. Yet backpacks are a school staple — and a \$2.7 billion industry — for a reason. Toting books and notepads and folders and other supplies is necessary to excel in school. So how can parents and students balance the need for backpacks with the potential for injury?

Step one is to stop over-worrying about long-term damage." A lot of parents come in to my office thinking that their child might have scoliosis because of a heavy backpack," says Dr. Lori Karol, a spokesperson for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Though back, shoulder and neck pain are all possible results from using a too-heavy or poorly worn backpack, scoliosis and other back deformities aren't a danger.

Learning how backpacks affect our bodies helps explain why parents worry. According to registered nurse Anja Hammega, "when a heavy weight, such as a backpack filled with books, is incorrectly placed on the shoulders, the weight's force can pull a child backward. To compensate for this unnatural posture, he or she may bend forward at the hips or arch the back." Similarly, kids who sling their backpacks only on one shoulder might lean to one side to balance the weight, compressing the spine or putting unnatural stress on the shoulders. The effect of this unbalanced stance can be mistaken for scoliosis.

Beyond back pain, kids are also at risk of falling from the weight of their packs. Keep your kid's load light by making sure his or her backpack weighs between 10 and 15 percent of his or her body weight. For example, if your son weighs 80 pounds, his backpack should only be 8 to 12 pounds. Younger children and girls are at even greater risk of toppling over

because their packs can be heavier in proportion to their body weight. When carrying too-heavy backpacks, students can accidentally hit other kids with their sizable bags, causing injury or loss of balance in tight spaces such as hallways or bus aisles, too.

Start the year off right by purchasing a backpack that fits your child well and by teaching him or her the right way to wear it. According to Consumer Reports' Backpack Buying Guide from May 2016, buyers should avoid backpacks with careless stitching, fraying fabric edges and exposed zippers without fabric flaps. These are signs of poor manufacturing, and no kid wants to be dealing with a stuck zipper or a broken bag in the middle of the school hallway.

Instead, find a lightweight backpack with two padded shoulder straps. If the straps are too narrow, they can cut into your child's shoulders, potentially interfering with circulation and causing pain or numbness. A padded back can provide comfort and protect your kid from sharp edges of textbooks, rulers, notebooks and more. The backpack should rest evenly in the middle of the back, close to the body. And those wide shoulder straps should allow your child to freely move his or her arms to easily take the backpack off.

Pockets on backpacks are both fun and functional. Having multiple compartments will better distribute the weight of the school supplies, and they can help your son or daughter stay organized. Bigger books should always be placed in the center of the back, and items such as cellphones, calculators and handheld gaming consoles can be easily moved from smaller pockets to lockers during breaks.

Backpacks are here to stay, so make sure your kid knows how to stay organized and safe.

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### The Back to School buzz

#### Make the grade in style

By Sharon Mosley

From toddlers to teens, it's a yearly rite of passage ... heading back to school and hitting the books after summer vacation. It's time to get back to those ABCs with an alphabetized checklist of fashion favorites for the year ahead.

A for ankle boots. Cowboy chic or sophisticated suede, the ankle boot is one of the fastest ways for kids of all ages to slip back into the school year with a little bit of attitude.

**B for ballet.** From little girls who like to twirl in their frilly tutu skirts to bigger girls who love to dance down the halls in comfy ballet slippers, this trend is set to take centerstage.

**C for camo.** In jackets and shirts, the camouflage print is meant to be seen and lining up to be one of the most popular ways to get some attention this fall for both guys and girls.

**D for dip-dye.** The latest trend to dye for is the dip-dye pattern, which is just what it sounds like: taking a T-shirt and dipping it into one color at a time for a wavy layering effect.

**E for embroidery.** Distressed denim may still be ripping up and down the hallways, but this fall, the latest denim duds will be embellished with colorful embroidery.

**F for floral dresses.** Long or short, maxi or mini, the flowers will have all the power this year. For the season ahead, the darker floral prints will be big bloomers.

**G for graphic.** Pull on a pair of jeans and blast your favorite superhero or super slogan on a T-shirt and you've got the quintessential back-to-school "uniform"

**H for hoodies.** They're a wardrobe basic now, and in all colors and designs, zip-front fleece hoodies are perfect partners for T-shirts during the chilly days to come.

I for individuality. Expressing your-self with clothing is important. Put these ABCs together in your own unique way.

**J for jumpsuits.** Originally designed for paratroopers jumping from airplanes, these one-piece suits get the highest style grade for all ages.

**K for kimonos.** A teen favorite, the breezy bell-sleeve kimono jackets for summer will still be a hit for cooler weather layered over sweaters and leggings or jeans.

**L for leather.** The moto jacket is the leather must-have that has all the cool factors in just one step. Throw this motorcycle-inspired bomber jacket over anything and rev up the fashion fun.

**M for mesh.** The open-weave netting that may have shown up in a cover-up on the beach goes back to class in T-shirts, tanks and tunics. Teamed with other lay-





Camo is one of fall's hottest fashion trends for the back-to-school crowd.

ers, mesh adds a creative base for mixand-match separates.

**N for nightgowns.** Sleepwear has rolled out of bed and will be showing up at school. Think oversized cotton night-shirts, pajama pants and slip dresses.

O for ombre. This subtle gradation of color tones on fabric is a favorite on T-shirts and tops for girls and guys. Look for reds, purples and blues to be getting the shady treatment this fall.

**P for peasant.** The off-the-shoulder peasant tops and dresses have been a summer fashion staple, and promise to be heading BTS in colorful floral prints adorned with romantic ruffles and ribbons.

**Q for quirky.** Probably one of the best ways a parent can "help" kids develop their own sense of style is to let them experiment with their own "quirky" fashion favorites.

R for red. Reds from blush to burgundy are blazing their way into THE color palette for fall whether it's just a splash in a logo on a T-shirt or a red-hot romper. Get ready to fire up those wardrobes.

**S for skinny jeans.** Jeans top the list of favorites, and this year the skinny jean still gets the highest marks. The cropped jean promises to lead the way paired with ankle boots

**T for tights.** Leggings may get most of the attention, but tights are fall favorites with skirts and dresses, and a great complement to boots.

**U** for unicorns. Look for these mythical creatures to be galloping onto the

scene on knit shirts and dresses for the younger set. Rainbows, anyone?

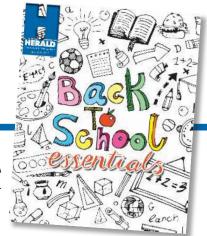
**V for varsity jackets.** Of course, the varsity jacket is an old-school favorite, this year updated in fancy fabrics like satin and detailed with colorful embroidery.

W for wide legs. Flared jeans and wideleg pajama pants are making more and more of a statement. After all, you may want a change from all those skinny jeans, right?

X for x-ray vision. Forget the sheer fabric trend for back-to-school. If you can see through it, don't wear it. You'll flunk the fashion test, and may wind up in the principal's office

Y for yokes. Not a joke, yokes (a fitted panel of fabric often in a contrasting material) are the newest detailing on shirts, blouses and dresses. And no, yolks, as in yellow was so last year.

**Z for zoom.** There's always a must-have sneaker that hits the market right around the time school starts. And this year, thanks to Nike, the Zoom Flight 95 is the "it" shoe set to debut on September 9. Start saving for this "bug-eye" shoe now.





Not everything about back-to-school shopping has to be stressful.

#### Take stock and save

## Dressing your growing kids on a budget

By Chelle Cordero

The older we get the faster each year seems to fly by, especially when raising children. They grow up faster than we can keep up. And clothing trends are moving faster than ever, too, so kids want to have the hip, happening duds and kicks. It's enough to break the bank!

By approaching back-to-school clothing shopping with some thought and planning, you can minimize the stress on yourself and your wallet and still afford your kids some fun, fashionable options.

First, take an inventory of your kids' closets. Separate all clothing and shoes into piles: clothes that still fit, clothes to be donated (or passed down) and clothes to be discarded. That way you know exactly what you're working with. Have them try on any items you're unsure about. There's no sense in buying multiples of pieces that still fit, and there's no sense in buying something your child dislikes and won't wear.

Next, make a complete list of items you need to purchase. Include organizational details in the list, such as item of clothing, size(s) needed and even a few wish list items. If your children are growing fast and you are unsure how much they will have grown by the middle or end of the school year, you may want to hold off on buying certain items. Your budget will inform the stores in which you'll shop.

When it comes to the actual shopping day there are a few things to keep in mind. Clothing is an important part of self-expression for teens, so bring them along on the shopping trip (if they desire) so they have input. They may want to buy the name-brand version of the must-have trends. But more generic brands often have very similar styles for less.

The key to maximizing a wardrobe while minimizing spending is buying pieces that you can mix and match. Items that can be used year-round for all seasons are even better. Concentrate on tops and bottoms in more basic colors (less graphic tees), and let your child pick out a few inexpensive but trendy accessories to spice up any outfit and add versatility.

If your child seems to be between two sizes buy the larger size. It's easier and more cost-effective to make a temporary hem or sew a dart into a waistband than to replace the item. Plus, comfort goes a long way during the school day. Squeezing into tight jeans won't help.

In fact, if you and your children are interested in arts and crafts or sewing, enjoy some bonding time by doing sewing projects together. Repurpose a few prized pieces of clothing from last year's wardrobe, or add a fun embellishment to a hand-me-down.

Don't dismiss ways to engage with other families in your community. If there are a lot of growing families in your neighborhood, perhaps arrange a meet-and-swap. Who knows, you and your kids may make new friends in the process.

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## Too much to do and not enough time

#### Rethink your family's routine

By Harry Kimball

he school year brings hectic mornings, piles of homework, endless events, practices, games and school conferences. When you're a busy parent, day-to-day tasks can consume your thoughts and energy. Stay sane and keep those stress levels down by organizing your household to handle the crush of the school year.

#### **Centralize communication**

Communication is key when it comes to organization. Stay in sync with your family by using a digital calendar. Smartphone apps such as Hub allow multiple users to share to-do and shopping lists, appointments, commitments and more. In addition, many apps have messaging capabilities to ensure users can share specific details and instructions ("Bring treats for the holiday party Tuesday") and last-minute changes ("Grandma is picking up the kids today") with one or more family members.

#### Create an organization station

If your family prefers a physical calendar, incorporate it into a complete "home command station" in an area everyone passes, like a nook in the kitchen or a corner in the family room. Build out the space as the central location for organization. Use chalkboard paint to create a reusable messaging wall for daily assignments and appointments. Include a



Staying organized is not easy. There might be occasional disarray, but making just a few small changes will help you reap the benefits of a more balanced life this back-to-school season.

shelf or cubby with an inbox and outbox so permission slips, bills and important documents don't get lost.

Make this station even more useful by adding a dedicated space for children to do homework. Include a desk, computer, school supplies and a bright desk lamp. Encourage success by posting recent "wins" nearby, like that aced spelling test or impressionist masterpiece. Utilize file cabinets, labeled folders or pouches to separate print materials and USB flash drives by subject, so homework can be handled with less stress.

#### **Modify meal prep**

Before heading to the market, map out

meals for the week that share common ingredients, to increase efficiency and reduce waste; then create a shopping list packed with fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Maintain a consistent supply of fresh, delicious produce with subscription boxes or community-supported agriculture membership.

Prep breakfasts and lunches the night before to save time in the morning and ensure your family consumes healthy, whole foods, versus pre-packaged convenience foods.

Smoothies provide a nutritious breakfast or snack at home or on-the-go. Prepare and freeze individual servings of chopped fruits and vegetables in resealable bags. When you're ready to use, place the frozen produce into a high-powered blender, add almond milk, soy milk or water and blend on high until the desired consistency is reached.

For lunch, prep power-packed meals with items like almond and seed butters to provide protein, healthy fats, vitamins and minerals. Mix unsalted, roasted almonds and canola oil in a high-powered blender to create homemade almond butter; or blend sunflower seeds, flaxseed, sesame seeds and sunflower oil for an allergy-friendly no-nut butter. Pair these delicious spreads with jam on whole-wheat bread for a twist on a traditional lunchbox favorite.







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### New athletic director wants to emphasize the 'culture of positivity'

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**PETER CARDONE** 

**GCCSD** 

Putting his focus on the community, one of Glen Cove School District's new faculty members hopes to promote positive values. The district named Peter Cardone as the new director of health, physical education and athletics at the Board of Education's meeting on July 13.

Cardone, of Massapequa, grew up in a "sports-oriented" family with five brothers and sisters. He played football in high school and college, and academically, he has an Advanced Graduate Certificate in educational leadership from the College of Saint Rose, a Master of Science in physical education from Hofstra University and a Bachelor of Arts in business management from Long Island University. Additionally, he holds New York state certifications for kindergarten through twelfth grade in educational leadership, physical education, special education, business education, and coaching.

"Sports has always been in my blood," Cardone said. "I've always had a great support system that really showed me the value of providing a quality education for the future leaders of America."

Cardone added that having family members with a background in education have helped him grow over the years. "Without them, I wouldn't be here today," he said.

Before coming to Glen Cove, Cardone was the athletic director and a physical education teacher for the William Cullen Bryant High School in Long Island City. He then served as head wrestling coach for the William Cullen Bryant High School for two years and was named New

York City Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2016. Cardone turned the program around in one year, which he attributes to optimism. "It's all about promoting the culture of positivity and showing people that if you put your mind to it, you can do it," he said.

One of Cardone's favorite quotes is, "if you can believe it, you can achieve it." He hopes to spread that feeling among kids and his coaching staff in Glen Cove.

"It's more important to provide a great experience for the kids for something that they'll love to do," he said. "When they go to practice knowing that someone cares about them, there's no obstacle they can't overcome."

To start out, Cardone wants to be an "immediate member" of the community. "It's very important to be a part of the community because at the end of the day, you want to make sure you embrace the

community's culture and become one with it "

Cardone explained that transparency, visibility, availability, and being an effec-

tive communicator would also help with making an immediate impact. "The only way you can truly be respected is if you're willing to acknowledge other people's views," Cardone said. "You want to create a shared vision."

Cardone is currently visiting different schools in the district and introducing himself to faculty and staff members. He plans on attending games when the fall season begins to along with participating in community events.

"This will be a learning experience for me to understand how to connect with youth sports programs and help kids make a smooth transition from the elementary

school to the middle school, and eventually the high school," Cardone said.

With the 2017-2018 school year fast approaching, Cardone cannot wait to begin the next chapter of his career.



Courtesy Glen Cove School District

**PETER CARDONE WAS** named as the new director of health, physical education and athletics at the Board of Education's meeting on July 13.

"Glen Cove's a great city, they have a great school district and athletic program so I'm really excited to become a part of it and learn more each day," Cardone said.

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## Glen Cove parents will be able to 'opt out' of certain robocalls

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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Gone are the days of waking up to a phone call at 5 a.m. to find out that school was canceled.

These days, parents in the Glen Cove City School District receive robocalls for all events, from Board of Education meetings to sports events and musicals. However, it turns out, sending out that many calls may become a compliance issue for the district.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said that across the state there has been complaints regarding the number of messages school districts leave for parents, but none

in Glen Cove, at least to her knowledge.

"We send out a robocall right before a board meeting, and what will be on the agenda," said Rianna. "Some people just don't seem to listen at all."

To address the issue, starting in September the district will give parents the option to opt out of certain types of calls, except for emergency messages.

She added that besides the calls, the district has other forms of communication including the website, app, and Twitter.

The district plans to send out more information about their communication channels at the start of the 2017 school year.



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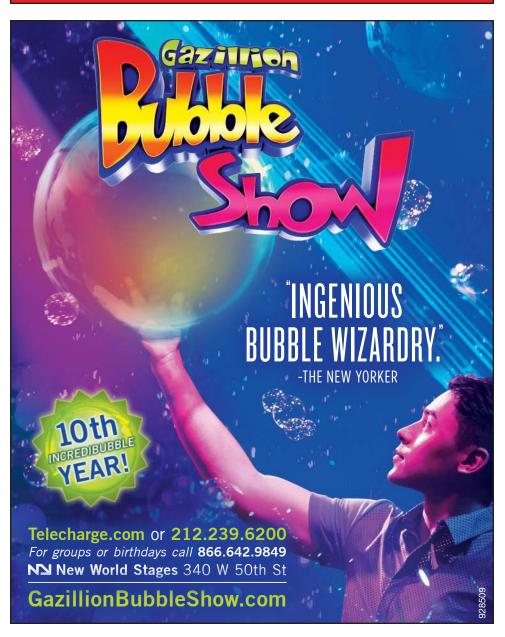
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## A hearty summer food extravaganza in Glen Cove

It was that time of year again and the members of the Calvary A.M.E. Church couldn't be happier. The fish fry is a favorite event during the summer because it offers fellowship and an opportunity to enjoy an excellent meal. And what's better than being together!

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**ARIEL CARTER, 4,** with Stephanie Frazier, left, and Kim Rollins, members of Calvary A.M.E.'s Missionary Society were joined by City Councilman Roderick Watson at the welcome desk.

## **STEPPING OUT**

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## There's much more than just kilts at the L.I. Scottish Festival

ome end-of-summer revelry awaits — Scottish style — as Old Westbury Gardens opens its lush grounds to the Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Scots and non-Scots alike eagerly welcome the annual spectacle, on Saturday, Aug. 26, as the landmark estate fills with the sounds of piping and related action, co-hosted by the Long Island Clan MacDuff.

With those bagpipes, caber tossing and highland dancing — along with plenty of entertainment and assorted activities for lads and lasses — there's much to see and do. It is believed that the games were begun by ancient highland chieftains to help them select the strongest men for their armies. Those traditions continue today in the form of caber tossing, Putting the Stone, Tossing the Sheaf, and arm wrestling competitions, piping and drumming.

Long Island had once been home to six Scottish clans. Today only Clan MacDuff remains.

"We consider this to be like a gathering of the clans," says Clan MacDuff's Andrew McInnes, the festival's committee chairman. "This is what they used to do in Scotland all those years ago. Groups of families would come together for games such as Putting the Stone and other various competitions and share food and companionship. We're replicating that. People come from all over to meet their families here, bring a picnic

and stay for the day. Many come for a family reunion. It's the end of summer, a good time for everyone to gather."

Now in its 57th year, the event has evolved into a family festival as much as a cultural event. "There really is something for everyone," says McInnes. "It's a nice day out. I always say 'bring a blanket and a folding chair and find a shady tree. That's how you start your day. Consider this to be your home for the day'."

While it has become a broad-based family festival, with birds of prey, an antique car parade and even dog agility demonstrations, those traditional elements continue to be a main



A competitor tosses a caber into the air.

attraction, especially the caber toss and pipe bands.

The caber is a long, tapered pine pole or log. The "tosser" balances it vertically by holding the smaller end and then runs forward and tosses it so that it turns in the air with the larger end striking the ground first. Ideally, the pole strikes in a strictly vertical position, and the athletes are scored based on how closely the throw lands at a 12 o'clock position.

"The caber toss is always a big draw," McInnes says. "We usually have 30 to 40 people involved, starting in the preliminary rounds and moving into the competition.

He notes that in recent years "lassies" have made their way into the competitiom. "It's not that it was never allowed, it's just that there was never significant interest before. Last year we had four women compete and we'd like to get even more."

Competitors also can try their skills with Tossing the Sheaf, and Putting the Stone. Tossing the Sheaf involves flinging a bale of hay over a horizontal



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Colorful pipers and drummers step proudly around the grounds of Old Westbury Gardens honoring a cherished heritage.

pole with a large pitchfork. Putting the Stone, is similar to the traditional Olympic style shot put, but uses a large stone in which the weight varies.

While the games are going on, a lively lineup of bands and dance ensembles, including those assorted bagpipers, provide a musical backdrop throughout the day. "We have five pipe bands this year, four Scottish and one Irish, the most we've ever had," says McInnes. "They add so much flavor to the festival. The opening ceremony at 12:30 is quite special [with a grand march down the North Lawn]. The marching of the pipe bands is quite a sight to see."

Other perfformer's add to the festivities, including the Celtic band The Brigadoons, East Meadow's Meadowgrass Band, with their bluegrass tunes; the Cameron Scottish Music Ensemble, as well as traditional highland dancers.

There is also plenty to keep the kids occupied throughout the day. They can try their skill at their own version of a caber toss, with light cabers (actually tubes), enjoy relay races and an old-fashioned tug of war. Other activities include pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo, a giant slide and moon bounce, along with puppetry and storytelling in the children's tent.

When it's time for a break, check out the many Scottish products available for purchase. Feast on classic Scottish or perhaps take home a piece of the Highlands.

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- Karen Bloom

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#### WEEKEND

**Out and About** 

"Hot" — sometimes associated with the Swing Revival of the same period. Squirrel Nut Zippers' visionary creator Jimbo Mathus, along with founding member and partner Chris Phillips (drums), have crafted a new stage show, including several leading musicians from New Orleans to serve up the band's unique musical flavor, which owes its roots to that city. They are now touring for the first time in over seven years, with plans underway for the Zippers to record a new album, which would be their first new studio album in 17 years.

Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. \$35. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A. Brookville (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

## STEPPING BACK IN TIME Old Time Festival

As summer winds down, enjoy those waning days the old-fashioned way, in the spirit



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Squirrel Nut Zippers
The eclectic fusion band stops in the area on its latest tour celebrating the release of its acclaimed album "Hot." It was about 20 years ag,o when NPR's Morning Edition said: "It's not easy to categorize the must of the Squirrel Nut Zippers, except that it's but "The album addition to the squirrel Nut Zippers, except that

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The kids from Rydell High are back on stage, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 24-25, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 26, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 27, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900.

#### **Mid-Summer Night Dance**

Step lively with Donna DeSimone, Thursday, Aug 24, 6:30 p.m. \$22, \$30 at door. Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport, (631) 854-5562 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

#### Ride

The popular local band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade summer concert series, Thursday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

Comedy Cellar regular Emma Willmann and Mike Cross share some laughs, Friday, Aug. 25, 9:30 p.m. \$10 (\$9 members). Sky Room Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinememaartscentre.org

#### **Elvis Tribute Artist Spectacular**

An all-star concert celebrating Elvis' musical legacy, Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. With impersonators Shawn Klush and Cody Ray Slaughter, and special guests Steve Mitchell and the Sweet Inspirations. \$99.50, \$65, \$50, \$40, \$30, \$19,77, NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

#### **Jimmy Kenny & The Pirate Beach Band**

A beach party tribute to Jimmy Buffett, Kenny Chesney and Zac Brown, Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. \$35, \$30, \$25, \$15. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### **Much Ado About Nothing**

Shakespeare's witty romantic comedy, Friday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m. \$15. Arena Players, Vanderbilt Museum Carriage House Theater, Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 293-0674 or www.arenaplay-

#### **Mod Society**

The jazz collective in concert, Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. \$30 (\$20 members). Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-9210 or www.plantingfields.org.

#### **Richie Cannata**

The acclaimed sax player and former Billy Joel bandmate in concert, as part of Downtown Sounds summer concert series, Friday, Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m. Village Square Plaza at Glen, School



Ramsey Lewis and John Pizzarelli
The two powerhouse jazz greats visit the Tilles Center stage with an endearing tribute to Nat King Cole, "Straighten Up and Fly Right," on Friday, Sept. 15, at 8 p.m.

Nat King Cole broke the pop barrier with his smoky, smooth vocals, stringing along a huge number of solid hits right after his "Straighten Up and Fly Right" soared up the charts in 1943. As a singer, he was called "the best friend a song ever had," but he was essentially a jazz performer at heart. Ramsey Lewis and John Pizzarelli have crafted a tribute to the titan of '50s pop, highlighting his hits along with those singular tracks of sophisticated cool jazz that have influenced their own careers. They'll perform "Route 66," "Sentimental Reasons" and "Unforgettable," among other iconic tunes, plus Ramsey Lewis classics.

Tickets are \$65, \$55, \$45; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville.

and Bridge St., Glen Cove. Visit www.downtownsoundsalive.org for more information.

#### **Rusty String Band**

The bluegrass-rock-folk band in concert, as part of the Summer Music Series, Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff.



**Stephen Stills and Judy Collins** 

The iconic singer-songwriters team up together, in a celebration of 50 years of friendship, Saturday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www. livenation.com.

#### **Ted Vigil**

The singer-songwriter in concert, with a John Denver tribute, Sunday, Aug. 27, 7:30 p.m. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017 or www.morganparkmusic.org.

#### Cirque du Soleil

The theatrical circus troupe performs "Ovo," a simple story of love in a colony of bugs, Wednesday through Friday, Aug. 30-Sept.1, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 2, 4 and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 3, 1:30 and 5 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Toke... Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.nassaucoliseum.com.

#### **Rascal Flatts**

The dynamic country trio in concert, beneftting Long Island Cares, Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. \$200.50, \$150.50, \$130, \$100. \$80, \$60. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 7453000 or www livenation com

#### For the Kids

#### **Keva Plank Building**

Build structures by simply stacking the planks, Friday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Free Play Imagination Day

Drop in to Old Westbury Gardens rotating discovery space, Sunday, Aug. 27, 12-4 p.m. Build, observe, ponder, and explore your creativity. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

#### **Build-a-Boat Workshop**

Create a wooden model boat, Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 29 and 31, 2-4 p.m. \$8 per hull. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.



#### Dreamcatcher Workshop

Learn about the legends of Native American dreamcatchers, at a craft workshop, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 1 p.m. Then create one to take home. \$12. Registration required. Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site, 246 Walt Whitman Rd., Huntington Station. (631) 427-5240.

#### Victorian Tea Party

Bring a friend or favorite doll and share in a tea party, Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2:30 p.m. Do some role playing and learn etiquette and tablesetting. \$12. Registration required.

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



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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.

#### The Art of Narrative: Timeless Tales and Visual Vignettes

An exhibition that explores storytelling in art from the 16th through 20th centuries. Illustrations by early American modernist Arthur Dove and others, a genre group by John Rogers, experimental photography by Martina Lopez, and abstract work by James Rosenquist are included, as well as works by Alonzo Chappel, François Girardon, George Grosz, Daniel Ridgeway Knight, Henry Varnum Poor, Adolf Schreyer, and many others. Through April 15. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

#### **Ebb and Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views**

An exhibition of works of artists inspired by the sea. Over four dozen paintings

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#### Paperworks 2017

A showcase of works by the winners of the national juried competition Paperworks 2017. Artists created works on. with or about paper. Through Aug. 27. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www. bjspokegallery.org.

#### **Movie Time**

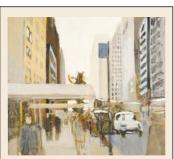
See "Norman," an Israeli screwball comedy about a New York wheeler-dealer who befriends a young Israeli politician at a low point in his life, Thursday, Aug, 24, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212

#### On Screen

See the classic thriller "Bad Day at Black Roc," starring Spencer Tracy as a World War II veteran trying to find the father of the man who saved his life, Friday, Aug. 25. 2 p.m.; also "Norman," an Israeli screwball comedy about a New York wheeler-dealer who befriends a young Israeli politician, Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

#### **Literary Walk**

Explore Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve on a leisurely ramble, interspersed with readings selected to enhance appreciation of the wonders of nature, Saturday, Aug. 26, 9:45-11:30 a.m. \$4. Registration required. Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Rd., Huntington. (631) 423-1770.



#### New York, New York

The exhibition, guest curated by Director Emerita Constance Schwartz, portrays the city's grit and glamour, its excitement and bustle as interpreted through more than 140 artworks. Artists on view include John Sloan, Reginald Marsh, Childe Hassam, Red Grooms, Robert Henri, Fairfield Porter, Berenice Abbott, Milton Avery and Georgia O'Keeffe, among others. Through Nov. 5. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

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CHRIS MOSCATIELLO College Student



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TOPRAK CETINKAYA Age 6



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CONRAD KRAMFR Age 9



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-Seeker of Knowledge

Dear Seeker of Knowledge,

I read a book recently that I think you will find interesting and horrifying: "The Color of Law," by Richard Rothstein. Rothstein, a housing policy

expert, overturns many of the myths surrounding segregation. He rejects the common belief that our cities and suburbs are racially divided because of personal prejudices, income disparities, callous bankers, and unscrupulous real estate brokers. Instead he places the blame almost entirely on our federal, state, and local governments. By passing malicious zoning laws and supporting restrictive covenants, the government denied African- Americans

> the opportunity to live in safe neighborhoods with access to good jobs, good schools, and good homes. Going back to the racist policies of Woodrow racist policies of Woodrow & Wilson and following the trail of local and federal court decisions that separated once vibrant, integrated communities, Rothstein presents a compelling reassessment of American history. In many ways, this book is a more powerful indictment of flawed and

craven government policy than the monumental "Evicted," by Matthew Desmond. Highly recommended!

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



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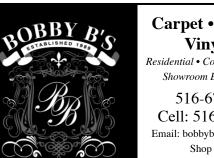
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## Local Glen Cove legends celebrate 60 years of marriage

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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If you live in Glen Cove, odds are you know Sal and Marcia Travatello. Maybe you had Sal as your Driver's Ed instructor, gym teacher or baseball coach, or remember Marcia as the secretary who greeted you when you were sent to the principal's office in high school. Or maybe you remember them as the parents of your or your children's elementary school friends.

And if you do remember them, you probably know that they were (and still are) well-loved by the community.

On August 31, Sal, 83, and Marcia, 78, will celebrate a heartwarming milestone: 60 years of marriage, most of which were in Glen Cove.

While they both lived in Astoria, Queens, and attended William Cullen Bryant High School, they didn't meet until May of 1955, when Marcia was getting ready to graduate and Sal had just returned from the service.

They were both at Bob and Ann's Candy store; Sal was visiting old high school coaches and friends, and Marcia was with a few girlfriends. Their first date was for hot chocolate at an ice cream parlor called Jacobi's.

Two years later, they got married.

After student teaching in the Glen Cove City School District, the athletic director asked Sal to stay on as a high school phys. ed. teacher in 1960.



**SAL AND MARCIA** Travatello will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on August 31, 2017—50 of which were in Glen Cove.

They moved out to Glen Cove from Astoria in 1963, when Sal got his tenure, where they would raise their two children: Lisa and Bobby.

Marcia worked at Little Folks Nursery on Sea Cliff Avenue where she also enrolled Bobby. As soon as he went to Kindergarten, she got a job in the attendance office at Glen cove High School.

"School was really so much a part of our lives," said Marcia. "We ran to work everyday, we just loved it."

"It was more like a family," added Sal. "It was never a job."

The Travatellos also lived close to the high school. At their first house on Sherwood Road, Sal would come home after school, grab dinner, and go back for games.

Their daughter played softball, field hockey and was a cheerleader, and the



Photos courtesy Sal and Marcia Travatello

**THE TRAVATELLO'S ARE** like local legends. Both Marcia and Sal worked in the school district for over 30 years, and they are well-loved by the community.

girls would always be on the front lawn doing gymnastics. Sal would bring home a basketball hoop from the school for the boys, and the losing team would jump in the real

Sal taught driver's ed, and went on to become the athletic director of the district. Marcia became the secretary to the dean, the assistant principal, and then the principal. They both worked full time in the district for over 30 years.

Fifteen years later, and the district still won't let them go. Sal administers the AP and Regents exams, and Marcia fills in for secretaries, sometimes for months at a time.

One of the special things about working in the community for so long is being able to watch younger generations start their own families.

Now, the Travatellos live on Branding Iron Lane, still right around the corner from the high school.

The family that moved in across the street, Sal taught the wife how to drive. The family that moved in next door, Sal had their three children in school.

"It really is nice to see all of them," said Sal. "It's been a good experience."

Sal and Marcia will be celebrating their anniversary with a big party at their daughter's house on the beach.

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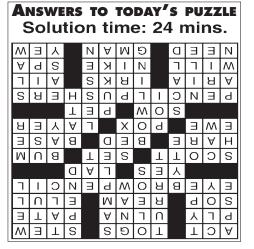
## Some on board ask who will benefit from project

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to turn the zoning upside down in the downtown and open up a can of worms that we can't shut," he said.

Deegan Dickson said her clients were open to more suggestions. "If there are things that are too aggressive, we'd like to hear what you think they are, and we can see what we can do in this proposal to soften it," she said.

Three planning board members offered their opinions. "This would be a classic example of spot zoning," said Chairman Thomas Scott. In 2010, he said, the city completed a review of its master plan. "From a planning perspective, to ask for a change of zone in the downtown after doing that study, to me, just throws everything out the window," he said.





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**THE PROPOSED WORKFORCE** housing project would be directly across the street from the senior center.

Deegan Dickson countered that she believed that approving the requested variances would not amount to spot zoning, because the changes would be available to other parcels in the district with special permits from the planning board.

Scott also had an issue with calling the project workforce housing, because rent was proposed using Nassau County's Area Median Household Income, which is \$110,800, not necessarily an accurate figure for Glen Cove.

"My biggest concern is the precedent that we're setting and what it can do to the downtown," said Michael Bellissimo, another planning board member. "At what point does [RXR]" —the developer for the Garvies Point Waterfront Project— "come back to the mayor and decide, 'Let's tear up what we got planned for the plaza,' because 72 units an acre gets them a hell of a lot more density."

Board member Andrew Kaufman also asked Deegan Dickson whether her client would consider a less dense project for such a small area.

"Maybe there's another site in Glen Cove, because again [the developer] seems to be a very credible applicant," Bellissimo said. "But turning the downtown upside down, I don't know if that's the right thing to do."

Deegan Dickson seemed to want to know if her client should pursue *any* development on the property, based on the critique from the planning board. "What we need to know is, is this half-acre parcel a non-starter?" she asked.

After further discussion, and with no final decision made, she said that the feedback was appreciated.



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#### **OPINIONS**

## Our economy: If it's gonna break, don't wait to fix it

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t's easy to get complacent about our nation's economy right now. We're in the longest modern-day recovery from a recession. The stock market has soared past 22,000. Unemployment is low. Inflation is at bay, held down largely by low energy prices. Nothing to worry about,



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right? Wrong.

Underlying these rosy economic numbers are ominous signs that our leaders in Washington better take note of now, before the country slips into a recession that could be even worse than the last one. Let's start with the stock market. Maybe, like

me, you've watched your retirement accounts puff up with comfortable gains, riding the crest of the market upsurge. But dig deeper and the bull market looks like the bears are in hot pursuit.

Let's take just one example. The Tesla electric-car company is a darling of American investors. On paper, according to its stock, it is the richest car company in America. It briefly surpassed General Motors this year with over \$50 billion in stock value despite the fact that Tesla lost \$674 million last year on the 76,000 vehicles it turned out,

while GM made a profit of \$9.4 billion on the 10 million vehicles it sold in 2016.

Tesla is placing all bets on a midsized,

\$35,000 electric car that is just now limping into production. But it will compete with GM's electric Chevy (the Bolt), which will cost less and go farther on a single charge.

How gullible can investors be? Pretty gullible, it turns out. The supposed whiz behind Tesla, Elon Musk, is stretched to the breaking point with debt, not just with his car business, but with his SolarCity solar-panel business, which is also bleeding cash. There's a nearly \$1 billion SolarCity plant sitting practically idle in Buffalo,

waiting for a rush of orders to help create a promised 1,400 permanent manufacturing

The problem is, much cheaper, heavily subsidized, foreign-made solar panels are flooding the U.S. market, and U.S. manufacturers are struggling to compete with the unfair advantage of artificially cheaper imports. Unless the Trump administration can make good on its pledge to level the playing field of such foreign subsidy-distorted import markets. SolarCity could face almost impossible odds of success.

So when supposed gold-plated invest-

ments like Tesla and SolarCity start to sound too good to be true, you really have to wonder if we aren't caught up in a market

> bubble fueled by what Alan Greenspan once called "irrational exuberance." Or maybe suicidal exuberance.

> In addition, despite the overheated stock market, our economy simply isn't growing fast enough to lift the prospects of hard-working middleclass Americans, many of whom are struggling at the economic margins with two jobs, heavy loads of credit card debt, crushing student loan payments, soaring health insurance premiums, and few opportunities for better jobs.

So what's the best prescrip-

tion for anticipating and dealing with the approaching "market correction" and the suffering it could pile on American workers and their families? Maybe it's time for our leaders to think ahead for a change, and not wait for the roof to fall in before they act to shore up the economy.

Some very targeted tax reductions and reforms could be just the shot of adrenaline the economy needs to dodge dangerous cardiac arrest. These tax cuts should not be aimed at the wealthiest Americans, I say that as a proudly conservative Republican. Instead, we should laser-focus tax relief on

job creation, lowering the business tax load, encouraging repatriation of \$1 trillion in potential corporate taxes stranded overseas, to be used for much-needed, labor-intensive infrastructure improvements. And if there are to be any income tax cuts, let's aim them at working middle-class families who would spend the money to put other Americans back to work.

Congress has a very narrow window to do anything meaningful on these measures to pump life into our economy before it runs out of breath. There are signs of hope, with my old friend and former colleague Orin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, reaching out to senators on both sides of the aisle to try to reach a consensus on tax reforms and reductions.

He needs President Trump to step up to the plate, too. Finger-pointing over health care, hand-wringing over far-off Korea, and knee-jerking over everything that comes up in the news should give way to some spinestiffening, some nose-to-the-grindstone, maybe even some arm-twisting, to get something done. Because when it comes to the economy, as Yogi Berra might have said, "If it's gonna break, don't wait to fix it."

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## Treat Trump like a hostile foreign power

conomic sanctions have worked to varying degrees against bad actors around the world, including Iran, China, Russia and North Korea. At various points in time, our leaders realized that some nation-states don't respond to moral imperatives, human rights issues or the ideal of peace among nations. So we starved those countries into



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compliance, holding back food or fuel or trading rights.

The time has come to do the same to Donald Trump and his cohorts in the White House.

We have survived enough of the Trump presidency to know that he cares only about

himself, his kids and his financial empire. It took a while to realize that he has no higher calling, no ideals and absolutely no core morality. As the weeks and months have rolled by, we've seen a man who sits in the Oval Office and denigrates his staff, Congress, government officials and even the very roof over his head. As the prospect of political successes erodes, he increasingly brags about his money, boasts about his hotels and businesses around the world and

clearly derives the most satisfaction from that financial high ground.

That is his Achilles' heel.

All the time, I hear people lamenting, "But what can we do? He's the president." The answer is, we the people can impose economic sanctions on the Trump business empire until he considers stepping down. And not just as individuals: We need to lobby our friends, business associates, clubs and philanthropies, demanding that they stop doing business with Trump.

Since his failure last week to clearly and flatly condemn the neo-Nazis and nationalists who marched in Charlottesville, Va., the political blowback has been fierce. But that may not bother him. Perhaps more threat ening to his outsized ego is that financial consequences have been piling up.

On Friday, several mega-charities, including the American Cancer Society and the American Friends of Magen David Adom, announced that they would not go forward with plans to host events at Mar-a-Lago, Trump's club in Palm Beach. They cited their support for "diversity" and their opposition to racism. As I write this, nine groups have canceled such plans.

As The New York Times reported, "The rapid rejections of one of the president's signature businesses revealed a possible financial vulnerability for Trump, who has been fiercely criticized this week for equating the actions of white supremacists and neo-Nazis with counter-protesters during a

violent weekend in Charlottesville."

Earlier in the week, shortly after Trump went off script with his rogue remarks about Charlottesville, several high-profile CEOs on his Business Advisory Council quit, again citing his offen-

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sive comments. In response, the toddler in chief dissolved the council.

We need to learn from past presidents and secretaries of state who successfully imposed sanctions on hostile nations when they could push no further for reasonable compliance.

We have a president who is raving and behaving in ways that are damaging to

our country's standing in the world. Here at home, his mindless tweets and tacit empowering of American Nazis, militias and nationalist groups have revealed him as a man who is all sound and fury and truly signifies nothing. He is indifferent to the damage he is doing to our country. One tiny part of me actually feels sorry for him, a man who has over-reached to the point of self-destruction. He probably can't do better than he does. Therefore, he needs to step down.

But he won't. So here's where the sanctions come in.

He himself is giving us the means to encourage his retirement from political life. He is the president on the gilded throne. He worships money and buildings featuring his name emblazoned in gold. If businesses and charities and citizens of America and leaders from

around the world start boycotting the Trump brand, it would get his attention. He has been called a "transactional" figure who operates on a pragmatic axiom: If I can make money from it, it is good. That reveals his weakness, and those who do have a moral compass can take advantage of his vulnerability.

Boycott his hotels and his golf courses here and around

the world. Urge your clubs and civic groups and philanthropies to do no harm by avoiding Trump Inc. If the foreign governments who have sent staff to stay in his hotels are starting to get nervous about the erratic and unstable man in the Oval Office, they should start looking elsewhere for accommodations when they come to D.C.

We can only hope that a boycott would start pushing him out the White House door. He could then give up this day job, which surely brings him little joy, and go back to his life's work: making himself richer.

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## **HERALD EDITORIAL**

## After Charlottesville, #LIstandsuptohate

32-year-old paralegal named Heather Hyer died Aug. 12 in Charlottesville, Va., after neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen descended on her hometown. They were there, they claimed, to protest the removal of a Confederate statue. That was certainly their right, but that was only partly true. Mostly, they were there to spew hate. Hyer was marching amid a crowd of counter-protesters, calling for peace and justice, when a white nation-

alist plowed his car into a crowd, killing her.

Message to President Trump: There is no moral equivalency between good people and neo-Nazis and Ku Klux Klansmen, many of whom "protested" in military fatigues and brandished semi-automatic weapons in Charlottesville.

Both sides were not equally to blame for the violence that broke out. Only one side

was: the white nationalists who came to instill fear in people who don't look like them and who don't follow their bitterly angry ideology.

In the U.S., we purport to be a melting pot, a country of immigrants and freed slaves where all voices and all cultures can be accepted and integrated, to the betterment of us all. While we have long struggled to live up to this ideal, there is no better time than now to show we believe in it by standing up to those who claim that America is a country for white people only.

Let the beautiful life and tragic murder of Hyer serve as reminders that we have a long way to go before we achieve true racial and social harmony. Her

brave sacrifice must be remembered.

Now, as a toxic set of principles that we believed was long ago vanquished explodes back into the nation's social consciousness, we cannot condone it through silence. We must stand up to evil, and we expect our president to lead us in that effort. The trouble is, last week Trump equivocated. He appeared to take a stand against white nationalism only when forced to do so by advisers, and then, in tweets and remarks to

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the press, he drew little to no distinction between fascist wannabes and anti-fascist protesters.

Now it's time for all of us to let Trump know that's not OK. We suggest you take to Twitter to send that message loud and clear. If Trump speaks to us 140 characters at a time, then we must respond in language that he understands. So, here are tweets you might send him

with the hashtag #LIstandsuptohate. Some have already been sent to him by Twitter users, while we have come up with others.

No matter what, don't be silent. Keep speaking up — now and in the future.

- @realDonaldTrump I thought the U.S. learned from Nazi Germany, but I guess not. As a Jew, I'm afraid.
- White supremacists bristle at the idea that people of color should have their voices heard the same way white people have.
  - No race is superior to another.
- Confederate figures fought for the right to own other human beings.
- Never thought we'd need to confront a rising neo-Nazi threat in the

21st century. Last week left me bewildered, nauseated.

- There is no such thing as "very fine people" who march with Nazis.
- Whether Muslim, Christian, Jew or otherwise, people should not be afraid to practice the religion of their choice.
- Removing Confederate monuments is not erasing culture. It's reversing over a century of white resistance to black rights.
- There is no similarity between Nazis and those who oppose them.
- Your equivalency is a tacit endorsement of white power ideology.
- "Why is equality so assiduously avoided? Why does white America delude itself, and how does it rationalize the evil it retains?"— The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- White supremacy is an inherently violent set of ideals.
- Millions died from the scourge of Nazism. It must never happen again.
- In America, everyone should receive the same level of respect, regardless of color or religion.
- Justice and liberty for all is a concept that should never be compromised.
- Fascists cannot be ignored when they march in the streets with rifles.
- The term alt-right only obscures what it truly is: racism.
- No race is superior to another. To claim otherwise constitutes hate.
- Charlottesville reminds us that racism and bigotry are still American prob-
- Heather Heyer died protesting racism. We must follow her example and raise our voices.
- "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor." — Bishop Desmond Tutu

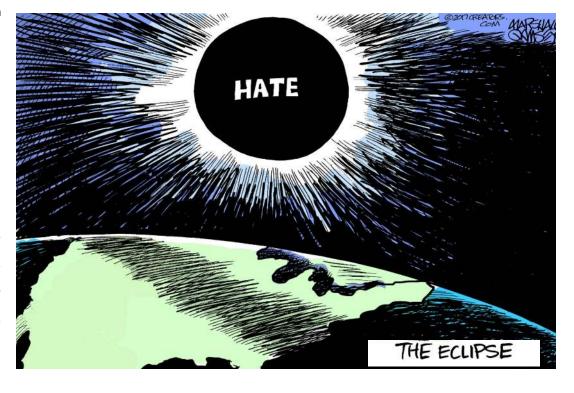
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#### Vote in the primary for Silverman

To the Editor:

Glen Cove Democrats have the rare responsibility of choosing the six most qualified Democratic candidates for City Council, out of a field of seven, to be on the ballot in Novem-

Only one has spent the last four years regularly attending City Council, pre-council, and planning board meetings, educating herself on the issues impacting our city. Only one has an MBA from NYU's prestigious Stern School of Business and works in financial analytics for the largest global information services company. Only one has the knowledge and experience to comb through the city's budget reports, follow the money trail, and explain it all in terms



#### **OPINIONS**

## 'An Inconvenient Sequel' strains to find hope – but there is

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l Gore appears angrier than he did 11 years ago. He grimaces and yells more. He is less personal. He seems to strain to convey a hopeful message.

That was my first — and most striking — reaction to his latest documentary, "An



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Inconvenient
Sequel: Truth to
Power," the fastmoving followup to his 2006
Academy
Award-winning
"An Inconvenient Truth." It
deals with —
what else? — climate change.

"An Inconvenient Sequel," it appeared to me, was hardly

noticed by the public in recent weeks. The acclaim (or attention, at least) that it should have received was muted by the daily torrent of insanity flowing from the White House.

Yes, the Trump presidency has consumed us all, swallowing up issues, ideas and people. As a nation, we must turn our floundering ship away from this maelstrom, or else. The dangers we face are too great to ignore.

But I digress.

"An Inconvenient Sequel" picks up where "An Inconvenient Truth" left off. Essentially, the world is going to hell in a handbasket because of global warming. Gore explains less in Part Two. He appears to assume people know what global warming is by now. Many still do not, though.

It's not that people are incapable of understanding, and it's not that they don't care. They're confused. The ultra-conservatives, á la Trump & Co., have so sowed

the seeds of doubt and misunderstanding about climate change that many people have no idea what to really think. And so they tune out. Gore speaks about the phenomenon at length in "An Inconvenient Sequel."

So here's a climate-change primer, based on 121 years of real science. (The first scientist to identify global warming as a phenomenon was the Swede Svante Arrhenius, a Nobel Prize-winning chemist, in 1896.)

We burn fossil fuels — coal, oil, natural gas. In doing so, we release carbon dioxide and, to a lesser extent, methane into the atmosphere. These "heat-trapping" gases allow ultraviolet light from the sun to pass through the atmosphere, but when that light is re-radiated back into space as infrared heat, the gases trap it, warming the earth.

That should be a good thing. Without heat-trapping gases, our planet would be a frozen wasteland. As is so often the case, however, there is such a thing as too much of a good thing.

As carbon dioxide and methane build

up in the atmosphere, they trap increasingly greater amounts of heat. When Gore produced "An Inconvenient Truth" in 2006, the earth's average temperature was about 57.5 degrees Fahrenheit. In 2016 (the hottest year on record), it was 58.69, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

You might ask, so what? What's a one-degree difference in temperature over a decade?

The trouble is this: The difference in mean temperature tells us what's happening across the entirety of the planet, but not what is taking place in specific locales. The greatest warming, NASA scientists tell us, has occurred at the north and south poles, so the mountains of ice there — as well as in Greenland — have been melting and breaking

apart at an increasingly alarming rate.

Arctic ice surrounding the North Pole is sea-based, so it doesn't raise the level of the oceans when it melts. But Greenland and Antarctic ice is land-based. So, as it melts and streams into the oceans, it raises sea level.

Therein lies the problem for Long Island. Tens of thousands of homes along our coastline could be vulnerable to flooding sometime between 2050 and 2100 — perhaps sooner, at the rate we're going.

I watched "An Inconvenient Sequel" on Aug. 4 at the Huntington Cinema Arts Centre because there was a panel discussion afterward, featuring Dr. William Spencer, a Suffolk County legislator, and Marisol Maddox, a climate security research fellow at Wright Thomas International, a Washington think tank.

The film brings us to that fateful moment on June 1 when Trump announced his intention to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement, a nonbinding accord signed by 195 nations in April 2016 to limit greenhouse gas emissions worldwide and stave off the worst long-term effects of climate change. The only outliers were Nicaragua and Syria – until, that is, the U.S. pulled out.

Here's what I learned at the Cinema Arts talk: The U.S. cannot actually pull out of the Paris Agreement until Nov. 4, 2020 — the day after our next presidential election

If Trump were to win a second term, forget about it: We would be out of the accord for good. According to The New York Times, however, "If a new president enters the White House on Jan. 20, 2021, he or she could easily submit a written notice to the United Nations that the U.S. would like to rejoin the Paris accord."

I might be getting ahead of myself here, but our next presidential election could very well be among the most consequential in our nation's history.

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#### **LETTERS**

her fellow Glen Covers can understand.

Marsha Silverman has the courage to run a campaign on her own initiative — build a team, garner bipartisan support, meet Glen Cove residents by walking door to door, and raise money to fund the effort — all to earn the privilege of serving the people.

Marsha is the most serious of the candidates because of the personal time and energy she has devoted to understanding how our city government works and how elections are run. I met her when I ran for a council seat in 2014. Believe me, the process is not for the faint of heart. Marsha is well prepared with the facts when debating an issue. She does her homework, and doesn't shy away from speaking truth to the power that be.

She believes very strongly that our city deserves independent voices on the council, and so do I. I want to elect representatives who want to *do* something, not *be* something. We need a financial watchdog on our City Council, and Marsha is the only one who can fill that critical role.

Join me in voting for Marsha Silverman on Primary

Day, Tuesday, Sept. 12. Glen Cove will be well served by

this honest, hardworking individual who never gives up.

THERESA MOSCHETTA

## Marsha has what is needed to lead

To the Editor:

It is my pleasure to support the candidacy of Marsha Silverman in the Democratic Party primary on Sept. 12. Those who regularly attend City Council meetings and other community forums will immediately understand this recommendation.

Simply put, Marsha is always the best-prepared person in the room. She is dedicated to keeping on top of all matters related to the governance of Glen Cove. That, combined with her professional background as a financial analyst, means she has the knowledge and acumen to evaluate budgets, proposals and other matters to the benefit of Glen Cove's taxpayers.

For reasons known only to the leadership of the Glen Cove Democratic Committee, this highly qualified and knowledgeable candidate, so passionate about serving our community, was not selected for the Democratic slate. It's likely that each of the candidates they selected is sincerely interested in serving the community. But with the notable exceptions of Annie Phillips and Rod Watson, I've not heard the others speak at City Council or other community meetings, nor have I seen comments from them in the several Glen Cove community-interest pages on Facebook. And they haven't sent letters to the editor on topics that concern our community to local newspapers. So I don't know why these others are run-

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Eclipse watching at Teddy Roosevelt's Sagamore Hill - Oyster Bay

ning or what special talents they may have to offer us.

But I do know why Marsha is running, and how having her on the City Council will benefit us. Marsha wants to bring her financial expertise, her analytical skills and her dedication to the service of our community to the table. Let's help her do this. If you are a registered Democrat in Glen Cove, please join me on Sept. 12 in casting a vote for Marsha Silverman so that she earns a place on the ballot come Election Day.

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