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**MARGE SUOZZI PASSED** the baton given to her by Laura Pratt 56 years ago, when Suozzi agreed to chair the Morgan Park Summer Festival, to her son Tom.

# Marge Suozzi dies at 93, after a life of giving

By LAURA LANE

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Marguerite Holmes Suozzi, who was related in one way or another to several of Glen Cove's most powerful elected leaders but refused to get involved in politics, died at age 93 on Sept. 2, of natural causes. Although she was unfailingly committed to Glen Cove, her family members

always came first. They were at her bedside when she died.

Suozzi was the wife of the late Joseph Suozzi, who was the youngest city judge ever elected in the U.S., a state Supreme Court justice, an Appellate Division justice and one of Glen Cove's most powerful mayors.

She was the mother of U.S. Rep. Thomas Suozzi, who also served as the city's mayor, as did two other Suozzis — Marguerite's brother-in-law Jimmy, and his son, Ralph.

Marge, as she was known, campaigned hard for every office-seeking Suozzi, going door to door to collect signatures or manning a phone to get out the vote.

"But Mom wasn't political, like me or Dad," Tom recalled. "She'd talk to people CONTINUED ON PAGE 17

# Teaching teens to tackle hate

### Adolescent Advocates program preparing future L.I. activists

By NAKEEM GRANT

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To combat the rise of hate crimes on Long Island, the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center is offering Adolescent

Advocates: Making Change Happen, a student and adult mentor training program. HMTC officials say, they hope to bring different age groups together to address the issue.

"The idea of the program is that while we love seeing students in the building, we only get to have one day with them," said Helen Turner, the program's manager. "We wanted to extend that experi-

ence to something much more lasting, and something where the students can be in constant communication with different adults and members of the Holocaust center when situations occur."

HMTC applied for a grant from Open Society Foundations, an international organization that financially supports civil society groups, last year. Along with help from the activist group Communities Against Hate, the center launched A. A. in March. Through it, Turner explained, students learn to make their voices heard.

"When children

see something in their communities his is an when they see things on a nationimportant al or worldwide issue that you level, they want to do something need to tackle about it," Turner said. "But I think with two hands. we've all had that We need to experience that as teenagers, not bring everybody evervone wants to together. listen to our voice. We wanted the adult mentor to **HELEN TURNER** buy into the pro-HMTC youth educator gram to facilitate

> On Aug. 17 — just days after the protest marches in Charlottesville, Va. — HMTC held its first training session for adults, featuring local teachers and parents.

> "I think [Charlottesville] was on a lot of people's minds that day," Turner said. "Learning how to respond to words and acts

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ing their voice.'



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"Un voto para Marsha es un VOTO PARA LA GENTE!"



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## Democratic Primary Tuesday, Sept.12, 2017

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"Cerca il nome Marsha lungo tutto il lato destro del ballot!"

"Buscan al nombre de Marsha a la derecha de el ballot!"

Annie

**Age:** 46

**Business** 

**Cove:** 38

**Profession:** 

management

Years in Glen

Single with two children

**Phillips** 

### Glen Cove primary is right around the corner

**BY DANIELLE AGOGLIA** 

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The Glen Cove Democratic Party will be holding a primary for City Council on Sept. 12 from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. Seven candidates are running for six slots to be included in the general election on Nov. 7. Six of the candidates are running on the Democratic line and one, Marsha Silverman, is running as an Independent.

To assist voters in making their choices next Tuesday, we have provided information on all of the candidates. A postcard was mailed to all registered Glen Cove Democrats indicating where they can vote, but if anyone is unsure they can contact the Board of Elections at (516) 571-2411 or voterlookup.elections.state.ny.us/ VoterSearch.aspx.

### **Andrew Bennett - Challenger**

Andrew Bennett has had over 10 years of experience in education. Born in Italy, he came to Glen Cove as a child with his family who had lived to Italy for six years. After residing in Bayville for many years, Bennett returned to Glen Cove in 2010 to set down roots with his wife and three children. With taxpayers preparing to foot the bill on numerous development projects and what he believes to be a lack of leadership from City Hall, Bennett is seeking to change the relationship the city has with its residents through increased communication and transpar-

### Annie Phillips - Challenger

Annie Phillips was born and raised in Glen Cove. Her two children attend Glen Cove public schools. She is an active

member of the PTA, is committed to the community and concerned for the city's future. She has over 20 years of management experience ranging from small startups to large corporations. After Superstorm Sandy, she was a part of the management team that built the NY Rising Housing Recovery Intake Program. She believes the city government should represent everyone, including women and minorities, and should operate openly with the best interests of the community

### Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews - Challenger

Proud to call Glen Cove home, Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews has worked as a vocalist and acting/speech coach, and for many years was the producing director of a theater company. He also worked for more than 20 years as a professional actor. He is involved in the community and church where he serves as an Elder. Married, he lives in the Landing area of Glen Cove. He is looking forward to putting his communication, administrative, and community-building skills to work for the people of Glen Cove.

#### Marcela De La Fuente - Challenger

Marcela De La Fuente, originally from Chile, moved to Glen Cove when she was 18. After closing her business two years ago, she is committed to helping the city in any way she can. Married to Jose Maldonado, they have five children, who she says have been her biggest accomplishment in life. She believes she is qualified for City Council because she is a diligent and motivated worker. Being a member of this community for most of her life has allowed her to see the city develop, giving

### **Age:** 42 **Profession:** Middle school principal Years in Glen

**Cove: 17** 

Andrew

**Bennett** 

Married with three children



### Gaitley **Stevenson Mathews**

**Age:** 56 **Profession:** Entrepreneur **Years in Glen Cove: 10** 

Married



### Marcela De La **Fuente**

**Age:** 58 **Profession:** Entrepreneur **Years in Glen Cove:** 40

Married with five children



**Age:** 46 **Profession: Financial** analytics Years in Glen Cove: 6

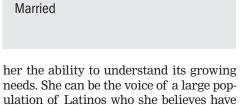


### Roger Williams

**Age:** 48 **Profession:** Senior Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Glen Cove

**Years in Glen Cove: 18** 

Single with one child



not been fairly represented in Glen Cove.

### Marsha Silverman — Challenger

Marsha Silverman holds an M.B.A. in Finance from the Stern Business School at New York University. She has a high level of expertise in budgeting, planning and financial analysis, working for Fortune 100 companies including Citigroup, American Express and Experian for over 25 years. She has been highly involved in Glen Cove issues for many years, attending city council, planning board, CDA and IDA meetings, and speaking out on behalf of the public. Silverman is beholden to no special interests.

### Roger C. Williams - Challenger

Roger C. Williams believes he is qualified to run because he is equipped with a passion to serve people. He's committed to providing a quality of life for residents that is inclusive and void of glass ceilings when it comes to opportunities. His goal is to ensure that all residents will be proud to live in Glen Cove, so much so that they will not want to live anywhere else. He believes he possesses the moral imagination to serve the city, one that was

### Roderick Watson

**Age:** 42 **Profession:** Medical social worker

**Years in Glen Cove:** 42 Single



ingrained into him by the love of his parents and the tenets of his faith.

### **Roderick Watson — Incumbent**

Roderick Watson is seeking reelection because he believes Glen Cove residents deserve elected leaders who vote for what is in the public's best interest, which includes voting against bad development agreements, corporate tax breaks and high density housing proposals that will not benefit those living in Glen Cove. He believes that government needs to go back to the basics and put people over politics. He is committed to continuing the fight to keep Glen Cove a city that everyone can enjoy.



Christina Daly/Herald

**DEMOCRATS WILL VOTE** in the primary next Tuesday in Glen Cove schools.

### Combating religious and cultural bigotry

### Conference aims to attack growing anti-Semitism

**By JEFFREY BESSEN** 

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After a confrontational verbal exchange, two Egyptian men assaulted Israeli Jew Eli Cohen in Lithuania on Aug. 22. Cohen posted his story on Facebook two days later.

"Well Jew hatred is alive and well in the world, as I learned the other night when I was targeted for being an Israeli Jew," he wrote. "I never imagined something like this could happen to me but here I am, the victim of a hate crime because of two guys that decided to target me for committing the offense of being an Israeli Jew."

Cut and bleeding, Cohen was treated at a hospital for his injuries.

Cedarhurst resident Jeff Leb reposted Cohen's story. "Reading Eli's story just reinforced the sentiments that I've had for quite a while," said Leb, an Orthodox Jew. "Anti-Semitism is alive and well, and the vast majority of those who support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement are attempting to camouflage their feelings toward Jews by replacing it with the word Israel." The BDS movement is pushing colleges, companies and governments to stop doing business with Israel and curtail the importing of Israeli products.

Even before a white nationalist protest turned violent in Charlottesville, Va., last month, prejudice against Jewish people was on the rise. Anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. jumped by 86 percent in the first three months of this year, compared with the same time period in 2016, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

In an effort to combat the trend, the Global Institute at Long Island University is hosting a conference called "The State of Anti-Semitism: Local and Global" on Sept. 13, from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., at LIU Post's Tilles Center, at 720 Northern Blvd. in Brookville.

"At a time when anti-Semitism is rising at home and abroad, it is critical to come together and work together for the common good," said former U.S. Rep. Steve Israel, who chairs the Global Institute. "This conference will help bring our community together to have an open dialogue, share ideas and educate ourselves on the history of religious violence and global trends, so we can stand vigilant against anti-Semitism."

Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, the Dorot Professor of modern Jewish history at Emory University, will be the keynote speaker. Lipstadt, a Far Rockaway native who attended the Hebrew Institute of Long Island, which merged with Lawrence's Hillel School in 1978 to form the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway, is one of the world's most respected Holocaust historians and anti-Semitism experts. The 2016 film "Denial" is based on her work.

In an October 2016 interview on National Public Radio, Lipstadt explained when



AN HOUR AFTER being attacked for being an Israeli Jew, Eli Cohen was in a hospital in Lithuania.

Holocaust denial began and how it is manifested today. "In truth, there was denial very soon after the Holocaust through the '50s into the '60s," she said. "But most of it was primarily far-right, extremist neo-Nazis, and it took a shift in the mid-'70s. They got rid of the neo-Nazi uniforms, and they got rid of meetings where they siegheiled and things like that. And instead they began to present themselves as out to revise mistakes in history and present themselves as academics, and they produced academic-looking journals. So it was an attempt to take the same hatred but dress it up in a more presentable veneer."

The conference was planned before the events in Charlottesville, said LIU spokeswoman Jaime Franchi, adding that the demonstration at the University of Virginia highlighted a problem that has been "festering for many years," which shows the need for such a forum. The hope is to bring key groups together and attack the problem head on, she said.

"The goal of the conference," Franchi said, "is not only to shine a light on anti-Semitism in this region, but to utilize the reach of the Global Institute at LIU to bring partners together and build a strong coalition to put plans of action into place that can help to combat religious and cultural intolerance, and prevent violence going forward."

Dani Dayan, the consul general of Israel in New York, will lead off the conference. Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas, Suffolk County Police Commissioner Tim Sini and Taryn Merkl, assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, will speak about protecting communities, and Anti-Defamation League officials will present updated information on anti-Semitism.

The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. Contact Harrison Feuer at (516) 299-2560 or harrison.feuer@liu.edu.

### **CRIME WATCH**

### **GCPD** Arrests

- Male, 51, from Glen Cove, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an auto accident on Glen Cove Avenue on Aug. 31.
- Male, 49, from Glen Cove, was arrested for assault in the third degree on Dosoris Lane on Aug. 30.

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.

### School bus safety tips

It's back to school time, and Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and Police Commissioner Patrick J. Ryder are recommending school bus safety tips for motorists and students.

- Be aware it is illegal in every state to pass a school bus stopped to load/unload students.
- Know and understand laws governing motorist's driving behavior near a school
- Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists if they are going to stop to load/ unload students.
- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children.
- Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars.
- Begin moving only when the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins to move.

If convicted of failing to stop for a school bus, the following penalties may be issued: Five points on your license; fine of up to \$400; surcharge of \$80 to \$85; up to 30 days in jail.

### Make sure when driving you:

■ Watch out for young people.

- Slow down and be alert.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

#### Facts about school bus safety:

- The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the school bus.
- Pedestrian fatalities (while loading and unloading school buses) account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities.
- The loading and unloading area is called the "danger zone," the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver (10 feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child, 10 feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot and the area behind the school bus).
- More than half of the pedestrian fatalities in school bus-related crashes are children between 5 and 7.
- Young children are most likely to be struck because they:
  - Hurry to get on and off the bus.
- Act before they think and have little experience with traffic.
- Assume motorists will see them and will wait for them to cross the street.
- Don't always stay within the bus driver's sight.



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### THE WEEK AHEAD

### Nearby things to do this week

### Fifth Annual Nicholas Pedone 5K Run

The City of Glen Cove is set to host the Fifth Annual Nicholas Pedone 5K Run on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 9 a.m. The



event begins in front of Glen Cove High School and proceeds throughout the roads in the city. This charity event benefits the Nicholas Pedone Foundation's mission of "delivering smiles" to courageous kids fighting cancer. An award ceremony will take place on the high school football field along with music, refreshments, snacks and more. Info: (516) 676-2000.



### Walk through Garvies Point Museum

Get your outdoor gear ready for a morning walk at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 9:30 to 12 p.m. Wear waterresistant footwear, bring binoculars and drinking water. Wear long pants and socks so you do not touch poison ivy. Info: (516) 628-1315.

### **Family Book Night**

Sea Cliff Library wants families to read together. When Family Book Night resumes on Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. they can do just that. Stop by the Children's Library to pick up a copy of the book and then join the group for dinner, dessert and discussion. Info: (516) 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.





### Test-taking tips for teens

Adolescent psychologist Barbara Becker will explain the different formats and scoring systems for the ACTs and the SATs with for high school students on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gold Coast Public Library. Becker will also share different strategies and skill sets necessary to master in order to optimize one's score. A schedule of when the

exams are given and the best time to take them will be discussed. Q & A session to follow. Bring paper because you'll want to take a lot of notes! Info: (516) 759-8300.

### **Sessions in Hempstead House**

Sands Point's historic Hempstead House opens its doors to a fall concert series, starting Thursday, Sept. 14, at 8 p.m. Solomon Hoffman leads off with an evening of compositions for strings, winds, brass and piano. His eclectic style blends classi-



cal, jazz, contemporary, funk, and folk music. The concert features the world premiere of "Elul," a site-specific piece composed for Hempstead House. Info: (516) 571-7901 or www.sandspointpreserveconservancy.org.

### Remembering the Fallen: Sept. 11, 2001

Edward J. Lehman Matthew T. McDermott John F. Puckett Joseph J. Zuccala

In recognition of the 16th anniversary of a day that changed the lives of each and every American, a special ceremony will be held on Monday, September 11 at 8:40 a.m. at Glen Cove's 9/11 Memorial in Pratt Park, 10 Glen Cove Avenue.

Mayor Reggie Spinello will be joined by local dignitaries, clergy, guest speakers, musicians, veterans, the Glen Cove Police Department, Fire Department, Auxiliary Police, Harbor Patrol, Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and members of the Glen Cove community who had their loved ones lost on that fateful day.

All Glen Cove residents are invited to attend the ceremony which will include a Color Guard presentation, prayer service, the sounding of the fire horn to acknowledge when the planes hit the World Trade Center towers, a poem reading by Victoria Crosby, musical performances by Ritchie Cannata, Robert Lynch and Matt Grabowski, as well as remarks from Spinello and guests.

"It is important for our community to come together and remember those who tragically lost their lives on that morning 16 years ago along with the fearless first responders who put their lives on the line to save others," Spinello said. "We will never forget the 2,997 people whose lives were taken on that tragic day, and with each passing year we continue to honor and remember the four Glen Cove residents . . . whose lives were stolen from their family and friends."

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### **HERALD SPORTS** Molloy's offense could remain potent

By TONY BELLISSIMO

Last season was a special one for Molloy College's men's soccer team, which barely missed qualifying for the NCAA's after going 7-2 against East Coast Conference rivals and reaching the tournament title game.

The Lions (11-5-1 overall) outscored opponents by a 40-19 margin, thanks in large part to First Team All-ECC selections Kyle Poetzsch (13 goals, 5 assists) and Mosiah Whyte (9 goals, 6 assists), and will aim for a third straight double-digit win season despite their departures.

"We lost some great weapons, but our rebuilt attack has a lot of potential," coach Danny Longo said. "Our goal is to make the NCAAs and we'll be tested early because three of our first four games are against teams that made it last year."

Though Poetzsch and Whyte moved on, Longo isn't too concerned where the offense will come from. Massapequa product Anthony Cestaro enjoyed a stellar freshman campaign and earned ECC Rookie of the Year honors after totaling 10 points, including 4 goals. "He's fast and does great things in the air," Longo said. "He also causes turnovers and gets us going with counter-attacks."

Cestaro will play on the right side and is joined at forward by transfer Dan Massey, a junior who previously played at Hofstra, and freshman Conor Rowbottom, a native of England. "Dan's probably the best pure-scoring forward I've coached," Longo said of Massey, who scored five times in three preseason games. "He's lethal around the cage. If he gets a scoring chance, he's going to put it away." Rowbottom will work left side and like Cestaro, brings plenty of speed to the attack.

In the midfield, Longo is counting on senior captain Adam Carnwath (5 goals, 3 assists), a First Team All-ECC selection, and senior Jason Alvarez, who brings lots of experience and plays strong on the ball.

In the back row, the Lions return junior goalkeeper Raul Bonilla, the reigning ECC Goalkeeper of the Year (10 wins, .802 save percentage, 7 shutouts) and bolstered their defense with the addition of junior Andy Boyland, a JUCO All-American at Nassau Community College. Senior Chris Moschella is a reliable and tough veteran defender, while sophomore Michael Jiminez is steady and versatile.

Molloy is ranked third in the ECC behind LIU-Post and New York Tech. The Lions will prepare for conference play with matchups against Merrimack, Adelphi and Southern New Hampshire. The ECC opener is Sept. 16 at Queens College.

#### Lady Lions seek playoff spot

Steve Price, who served as Longo's assistant coach on the women's side for seven seasons, takes over a hard-working team with positive chemistry, he said.

"I'm loving it," said Price, who has seven freshmen and three transfers in the fold.



Courtesy Molloy College Athletics

ANTHONY CESTANO CAPTURED ECC Rookie of the Year honors in 2016 after registering six goals and five assists.

"Our goal is to make the conference playoffs. The ECC seems to get stronger every year."

Molloy, in search of its first overall winning campaign since 2008, finished 7-8-1 overall in 2016, including a solid 4-3-1 in ECC action. It opens the conference slate at Queens College on Sept. 16.

Nearly 50 percent of last year's scoring was provided by Danielle Valente, who recorded 12 goals as a senior, but the Lady Lions do return 8-goal scorer Katlyn Merino who'll be paired up front with newcomer

Dana Poetzsch.

"Katlyn is strong on the ball and has the type of craftiness every team needs," Price said of Merino, a junior who added three assists last season. "She's going to get plenty of opportunities.'

Poetzsch, a former standout at Hicksville High School, brings a combination of speed and strength. She scored six goals in three preseason games and Price is hopeful it's a sign of things to come.

In the midfield, seniors Kristen Cum-

mings (3 goals in 2016) and Samantha Mendes lead the way in the center. "They're going to put out fires and get us going in transition," said Price, who also expects big contributions from senior Kayla Roundsman and freshman Lauren Marinello, a Calhoun High School product.

Senior Felicia LaPera and junior Amanda Milazzo anchor the defense in the center. In goal, freshmen Jackie Carty and Sara Palmeri provide the Lady Lions with a pair of talented options.

### Glen Cove students ready to tackle the new school year

The Glen Cove City School District welcomed new and returning students to school on Tuesday, Sept. 5, for another academic year filled with exceptional learning opportunities.

Throughout the district children were excited, especially at Connolly School, where new principal Julie Mullan greeted them.

After students located their classrooms, Mullan and two fifth-grade students provided the morning announcements for the student body. The new principal then visited each classroom, introduced herself to students, and answered all questions.

Meanwhile, at Gribbin School, students were happy to meet their new classmates and teachers. Then it was time to sing songs, recite poems and listen to stories. First-graders in Farrah Vaughan's class also received a "First-Grade Survival Kit," that included rainbow stickers, an eraser and some delicious treats.





Photos courtesy Glen Cove City School District

Clockwise from top:

### GRIBBIN SCHOOL KINDERGAR-

**TEN** teacher Irena Kamola read "All About You" to students when they arrived in class.

### **CONNOLLY THIRD-GRADERS**

**ANDREA** Vasquez and Victoria Marotta sat together as they waited to head to their first class.

**CONNOLLY SCHOOL'S NEW** Principal Julie Mullan assisted students Cole Trotto and Luke Gotterbarn with finding their teachers.



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### Nicholas Pedone, a reminder to 'fight hard and smile big'

### September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

By DANIELLE AGOGLIA

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On Sunday, Sept. 10, Glen Cove will host the fifth annual Nicholas Pedone 5k to benefit childhood cancer.

Nicholas Pedone was only seven in 2013 when his family lost him to Neuroblastoma, a rare and deadly form of childhood cancer.

Nicholas loved sports. He was a great hitter in baseball, was a goalie in soccer and had just started playing basketball. Not only did he love to play sports, but he loved to watch them. When he was only three he would scour the sports section of the newspaper for the scores. With dreams of becoming a sports commentator, he impressively memorized every player on every team in every state. His favorite sports to watch were football, rooting for the New York Giants, and basketball, when he'd show his support for the New York Knicks.

Nicholas' mom, Josephine, said he was not your average child. "He wasn't one to climb trees, he wasn't one to throw rocks," she said. "He was always so cautious and caring."

On Thursday, October 18, 2012, Nicholas came home from school complaining about a pain on the right side of his body. The following day, the pain persisted. That evening, Nicholas suffered a vomiting episode and high fever. When the symptoms continued, the Pedones visited the emergency room to eliminate the possibility of appendicitis. After several more doctor visits and two trips to the emergency room, tests were conducted on Nicholas' liver and blood. A CT scan of the abdomen revealed a large, aggressive tumor.

Nicholas underwent surgery on Oct. 25 to remove the mass. About one week later, a final diagnoses confirmed what had been feared — that Nicholas would be battling Stage 3 Neuroblastoma.

To increase his odds of survival, Nicholas needed a stem cell transplant in combination with chemotherapy to reduce the chance of a relapse.

With this stem cell transplant, there is a small percentage of cases that do not survive. Sadly, Nicholas fell into this category. Because of the high dose of toxic chemotherapy, he developed a rare lung complication.

Nicholas died on May 26, 2013, from the complication while recovering from the transplant.

Even before his death, the Glen Cove community, where Josephine had lived for 45 years, stepped up to the plate. Nicholas attended the first annual 5k in his name, which was planned by his cousin Anthony, a former Glen Cove High School student. Over 700 people came out to participate. Since then, the 5k has transformed into the largest fundraiser for the Fight Hard Smile Big Nicholas Pedone Foundation

The name of the foundation was inspired by Nicholas himself. During his battle with cancer, his parents made sure to keep a smile on their faces so Nicholas



Courtesy Fight Hard Smile Big Nicholas Pedone Foundation

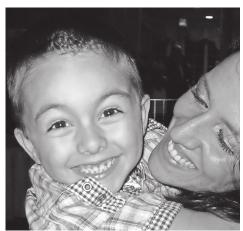
NICHOLAS PEDONE, CENTER, was the pride and joy of his parents, Nick and Josephine's life.

would keep a smile on his.

"As a parent you want control, you want to be able to protect your children from harm; we had no control over his diagnosis," Josephine said. "But the one thing we had control over was his mental state of mind and how to protect his smile."

The goal of the foundation is to support children who are battling cancer through a care method rather than a cure method. Josephine said they don't raise enough funds to make a difference in the search for a cure, but they do raise enough to make a huge difference in local hospitals and the lives of the children there now. Funds raised help create SmilePAKs, a personalized care package filled with items like a fleece blanket and stuffed animal to bring a smile to the child's face.

Funds also support the HOP4Kids, a hospital outreach program that focuses on how to bring a smile to a child's face while in the hospital. The HOP4Kids program recently presented Northwell Cohen Children's Medical Center, in Lake Success, with a \$250,000 grant to be used to renovate their Pediatric HEM-ONC playroom. It has also funded \$25,000 towards the "Game On" Project at Winthrop University Hospital, where Nicholas was treated, which consisted of eight brand new 46 inch screen TV's in its eight dedicated oncology rooms, along with brand new Xbox One Platforms, new wiring, remote controls and a gaming library



Scott Brinton/Herald Life

**THE NAME OF** the Fight Hard Smile Big Nicholas Pedone Foundation was inspired by Nicholas' bright and contagious smile before and during his cancer treatment.

for each room.

Reflecting on his seven years on earth, Josephine said Nicholas was more than just a gift to her. "He has changed lives, he has saved lives," she said. "He has inspired other people to live life differently."

Josephine said bringing global awareness to childhood cancer is the most important way people can help. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and she encourages everyone to spread the word and represent the movement by displaying a gold ribbon.

Registration for the 5k is \$25 and open

### Childhood Cancer Stats

- Only 4 percent of U.S. Federal funding is solely dedicated to childhood cancer research. (According to the St. Baldrick's Foundation)
- Every day, 43 children are diagnosed with cancer.
- Twelve percent of children diagnosed with cancer do not survive.
- The average age of children diagnosed is six.
- More than 40,000 children undergo treatment for cancer each year.

Source: Curesearch.org

online until the day before. Day-of registration is also welcomed for \$30.

Check-in opens at 7 a.m. in front of Glen Cove High School. A Fun Run for children under 10 starts at 8:15 a.m., and the 5k begins at 9 a.m. Following the run, an award ceremony will take place on the football field. For more information and to register or donate, visit www.fighthardsmilebig.org.

### **HERALD NEIGHBORS**

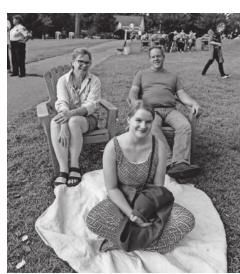


Photos by Roni Chastain/Herald

A SUMMER FEAST was in order before the start of the concert.

### John Denver Tribute closes out Morgan Park Summer Music Festival





Clockwise from top left:

**THE JOHN DENVER** Tribute Band was Cathy Doyle, Yuan Drewinsky, Maria Drewinsky and Tom Doyle's first concert of the summer.

**ELIZABETH, LEFT, ED** and Meghan Smith attended many of the summer concerts offered this summer in Glen Cove.

**SGT. ROSA DIEZ** and Patrol Officer Jessica McAleer didn't mind working because they were able to enjoy the final Morgan Park summer concert too.

**TED VIGIL PREPARED** backstage for his John Denver tribute performance.





As the sun set on the 58th season of the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival, the Glen Cove community gathered on the lawn to listen to a tribute to John Denver, featuring Ted Vigil and The Bill Gulino Trio on Aug. 27.

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, Colo.

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that has been presenting free concerts in the park annually for 58 years. The shows are completely funded through the generous donations that are received from businesses and individuals.

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Thursday, Sept. 7

#### **Todler Tennis**

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 4 to 4:45 p.m. Join us for smiles and outdoor fun in the sun on our tennis courts! No experience necessary. Children must wear sneakers and comfortable clothing. All lessons are followed by a cool-down treat in the library. Registration is required. (516) 671-1837.

#### Movie at the library

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 2 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. "The Heiress" tells the story about a young, naive woman who falls for a handsome young man. However, her emotionally abusive father suspects he is a fortune hunter. Starring Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift. No registration; first come, first seated. Movie not rated. (516) 922-1212.

### Friday, Sept. 8

#### **AARP Driving Course**

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. Non-refundable \$20 fee for AARP members. \$25 fee for non-members. Check or money order payable to AARP is required at time of registration. Cash is not accepted. (516) 671-1837.

#### Little Chefs

Glen Cove Public Library 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Create an easy fall snack using bananas, yogurt and fruit squeezers. Ages 2 to 5. (516) 676-2130.

#### Tea Time

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 11 to 12 p.m. Ages 12 months to 3 years. It's hard raising or taking care of a child! Tea Time is a great way to meet other parents and discuss the challenges you're facing, but it's also a wonderful way for your children to meet other children, learn to play together, and make friends! Tea and coffee will be served. (516) 759-8300.

### Movie Madness

Roslyn Park, between Franklin Ave. and Adams St. in Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 p.m. "Beauty and the Beast." Hosted by the Sea Cliff Civic Association.

### Saturday, Sept. 9

### Waterside Festival at Ransom Beach

Ransom Beach, Bayville Ave., Bayville, 10 a.m. The Bayville Free Library and the Friends of the Bayville Free Library will once again be selling gently used books and raffling off prizes during the annual Waterside Festival at Ransom Beach! The festival is only one day this year so don't miss it! (516) 628-2765.

### Sunday, Sept. 10

### Fourth Annual Colonial Day

Raynham Hall Museum, 20 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, 12 to 4 p.m. Step into the past at our fourth annual Colonial Day. Join us for a family-friendly afternoon for history lovers as Raynham Hall is filled with costumed colonial adult and child re-enactors who bring the 18th century to life with period music, colonial cooking demonstrations and musket firings! The Order of the Ancient and Hon-



### **Antigone Rising 2017 Kick Off Fundraiser**

Prior to Antigone Rising's Fourth Annual Beachfest, they will host their 2017 Kick Off Fundraiser at the Sea Cliff Firehouse on Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, on Friday, Sept. 15, from 7 to 10 p.m. Their annual fundraiser is where they take the opportunity to ask for the help they need to sustain Girls Rising in an intimate setting. Thanks to the generous donations the band receives, they are able to share its message on a national and international stage.

At the fundraiser, the band will award the first annual Sheila Primont Scholarship and the Milt Okun Scholarship to two deserving young women. For more information on this year's fundraiser, visit www.girlsrising.org.

orable Huntington Militia, founded in 1653, will encamp on the grounds of the museum, immersing visitors in the life and military world of our Revolutionary forebears. Free and open to the public. Food and 18th century crafts will be available for purchase. (516) 922-6808.

### **Waterfront Festival**

Raynham Hall Museum, West End Ave, Oyster Bay, 12 to 6 p.m. The free event, sponsored by Trinity Solar and Connoisseur Media of Long Island, features children's activities, face painting, learning exhibits on solar energy, environmental protection and sea life, New York State's largest fish shaped cake and live musical entertainment by Captain Jack (Billy Joel Tribute), Beyond Fab (Beatles Tribute), Whiskey Road (country hits) and Randy Jackson of Zebra (acoustic Zeppelin). (516) 797-4125.

### Monday, Sept. 11

### **Book discussion at the library**

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Practical Magic" by Alice Hoffman. For more than two hundred years, the Owens women have been blamed for everything that has gone wrong in their Massachusetts town. Gillian and Sally have endured that fate as well: as children, the sisters were forever outsiders, taunted, talked about, pointed at. Their elderly aunts almost seemed to encourage the whispers of witchery, with their musty house and their exotic concoctions and their crowd of black cats. But all Gillian and Sally wanted was to escape. (516) 922-1212.

### **Board meeting**

Sea Cliff Village Hall, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, Sept. 12

### Residential solar education forum

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. Learn about the benefits and incentives of solar power. Forum will also cover mandates, regulatory compliance, logistics, procurement and more. Presented by Nancy Colella and David Michael of NY State Solar. (516) 922-1212.

### Wednesday, Sept. 13

### Planning for retirement

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. This workshop will focus on the financial aspects of retirement. Develop a new perspective on retirement, how to determine income earning assets, work income, pensions, and "other" income sources. Presented by Stan Broitman, Certified ReCareer/Retirement and Career/Business Coach. (516) 922-1212.

Glen Cove Senior Center, 2nd floor, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. (516) 676-

**American Legion Post 76 meeting** 

Thursday, Sept. 14

#### **Meditation with Morgan Rose**

Locust Valley Public Library, 170 Buckram Rd, Locust Valley, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Learn to uncover the happiness and well-being that's already within you through simple, powerful guided meditation techniques with Morgan Rose. We will discuss and work with different styles of mediation. Please come with a meditation cushion (or thick blanket) to sit on. Registration and \$5 fee required. You may register at the circulation desk. Payment must be made at the circulation desk. (516) 671-1837.

### **STEM Story time**

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Kids will love helping this computer programmable "mouse" navigate its way through a maze to find the cheese! Children will learn computer coding skills by developing code that will direct the mouse through its maze. Grades K to 2. (516) 759-8300.

### Friday, Sept. 15

#### **Antigone Rising fundraiser**

Sea Cliff Firehouse, Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 to 10 p.m. Antigone Rising's 2017 Kick Off Fundraiser is where they take the opportunity to ask for the help they need to sustain Girls Rising in an intimate setting. Thanks to the generous donations the band receives, they are able to share its message on a national and international stage. At the fundraiser, the band will award the first annual Sheila Primont Scholarship and the Milt Okun Scholarship to two deserving young women. The Sheila Primont Scholarship will be presented by Broadway star Linda Eder, who will perform alongside the other Beachfest artists, which is sure to be a collaborative night of music. Meet all the BeachFest artists, see stripped down performances of their songs, and learn about all the work Antigone Rising has done for Girls Rising. www.girlsrising.org.

### Saturday, Sept. 16

### Paper shredding at the library

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main Street, Oyster Bay, 10 to 12 p.m. AARP is sponsoring a shredding truck which will be in our parking lot. First come, first served. Please bring no more than 5 boxes. (516) 922-1212.

### LEGO free play

Glen Cove Public Library 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 to 12 p.m. Come spend an hour free-building with everyone's favorite bricks! Grades K and up. (516) 676-2130.

### **Tea Time**

Enjoy an afternoon of tea with your child at the Gold Coast Public Library on Friday, Sept. 8, at 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 11 to 12 p.m.



### HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to Ilane@liherald.com.

### **NEIGHBORS** IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016t

MEMBERS OF LOGGIA Glen Cove No. 1016, Order Sons of Italy in America, enjoyed their annual picnic during this past Labor Day weekend.

### Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016 Labor Day Picnic

Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016, Order Sons of Italy in America held its Annual Picnic at the Glen Cove YMCA during this past Labor Day weekend. Members and friends were treated to delicious food and fun games. Mayor Reggie Spinello and City Court Supervising Judge Richard McCord also stopped by.

Loggia Glen Cove is the oldest Lodge on Long Island. It was formed in 1920 and sponsored other Lodges on Long Island. For more information visit www.loggiaglencove.org.

### **Locust Valley Central School District** welcomes new teachers

The district welcomed with open arms its newest faculty members during a new teacher orientation on Aug. 28, which began at the administration building and ended with teachers spending time in the buildings where they will be working. The need for these positions was the result of retirements and leave replacements.

Nineteen new teachers were introduced to board of education members. administrators and other staff who learned about important procedures, policies and how to use district technology.

Welcome to the following new members of the LVCSD community: Kelsey Burns (BP kindergarten teacher), Alexandra Cannone (HS foreign language teacher),

Michele De Maria (BI/LVI speech teacher), Brooke DeSanto (AMP kindergarten teacher), Catlin Fischer (BI/LVI psychologist), Kelly Flood (BI fifth-grade teacher), Samantha Hanna (MS math teacher), Jeannine Hengeveld (HS science teacher), Krista Lynn Hoffman (HS special educaing teacher), Katelyn Neesham (LVI reading teacher), Jessica Pezdan (MS music teacher), Cinzia Reeves (AMP special education teacher), Tiffani Ruffo (BI/LVI music teacher), Dani Sakel (TR music teacher), Dani Schatz (BP secondgrade teacher), Brianna Spitaliere (AMP 🙎 first-grade teacher), Emily Storck (sixthgrade English/social studies teacher), Kristen Sylvan (HS psychologist), Kristi Van Vleet (LVI ENL teacher) and Allison Hungate Wood (HS music teacher).



Courtesy Locust Valley Central School District

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Dr. Anna F. Hunderfund welcomed new teachers to the Locust Valley Central School District.



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### PRIMARY 2017

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### Curran, Maragos vie for Democratic nod in county exec race

By ERIK HAWKINS

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This primary season, a four-year legislator and a two-term comptroller are each asking Nassau Democratic voters to trust one of them as a bold outsider who can turn around a county government widely perceived as corrupt and mismanaged.

Legislator Laura Curran, of Baldwin, and County Comptroller George Maragos, of Locust Valley, both say they have what it takes to clean up county government after embattled County Executive Ed Mangano leaves office.

Curran has made the fact that she is "not a career politician" a centerpiece of her campaign, stressing the need for "a fresh start" in Nassau County. She has the backing of the county Democratic Committee. Maragos, who ran twice for State Senate as a Republican, changed his party in October 2016, before he announced his run for county executive. He has touted his experience and knowledge of the county's finances.

The Herald spoke on Aug. 31 with both candidates, asking them each four key questions.

#### Q: When did you make the decision to run was there a particular catalyst?

Curran: I decided to run last fall because I had been a county legislator then for three years. and I'd had a front row seat to the mismanagement and the corruption that was going on ... and I knew that we deserve a government that lives up to us, the people of Nassau County.

Maragos: I decided to run about three months after Mangano's indictments. As comptroller, I had seen the waste and mismanagement

Laura Curran Democrat

**Age:** 48 **Profession:** Legislator, District 5. Former trust-

ee. Baldwin



Board of Education; former editor of the Baldwin Herald and reporter for the Daily News and the New York Post; former parttime communications worker for Nassau

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Sarah Lawrence College

Lives in: Baldwin

Family: Married, three daughters

rubber-stamped by the Legislature and exposed through our audits, and the continued use of borrowing to pay expenses that I was crusading against. [Editor's note: Maragos announced his candidacy on Sept. 29, 2016; Mangano was indicted on Oct. 18, 2016.]

Q: What role do you see the Nassau County Interim Finance Authority playing currently, and do you foresee a time in the near future when the control period will end?

Curran: The fact that we've been under a [NIFA] control period for most of this administration is, frankly, an embarrassment. First, we need to be really straightforward with our budget. The Mangano/Maragos team has run deficits and called it a surplus every year ... Everyone knows it's not an actual surplus.

George Maragos Democrat Age: 67 **Profession:** 

Nassau County Comptroller; founder, SDS **Financial** 

Technologies. Former vice president, Citicorp: former vice president. Chase Manhattan Bank; former associate, Booz Allen

Education: Master of Business Administration, Pace University; Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, McGill University

Lives in: Locust Valley

Family: Married, two sons, two grandchildren

We spend millions on outside contracts when we can bring some of that work in house and save money. We also need better oversight over the things we have to contract.

Maragos: NIFA has helped the county temper some of its appetite for borrowing and moderate some of the labor costs. I believe that an experienced manager and leader such as myself, who is not beholden to the party bosses, but [will] serve only the people ... will be able to achieve a balanced budget without borrowing, which will statutorily end the NIFA control period.

Q: You have both spoken about rooting out corruption. Is there a benchmark when you might be able to say that county government has been sufficiently "cleaned up?"

**Curran:** The biggest job for whomever wins this race will be beginning to restore people's trust in county government. I'm not allowing the people I appoint to donate to my campaign, so there's no doubt why they're there ... When people start to feel confident in their

Maragos: I am self-funding my campaign for county executive, and have promised to ban all contributions to elected officials and introduce public election financing similar to New York City. If I'm elected, corruption will end on day one.

### Q: Why should Nassau County voters trust you to turn around this government?

Curran: I am an outsider. I never expected to become a politician. I have a background as a news reporter ... and on the Board of Education, where my interest was sparked in serving my community in a bigger way. As a legislator, I've carved out a reputation as someone who puts their constituents first. We deserve a fresh start.

Maragos: I believe I have the proven experience, leadership, integrity and independence from party bosses to affect fundamental changes in government that will root out the corruption, reduce property taxes for the middle class, build affordable housing, provide more business opportunities for minorities and women, improve public transit and create a new economy around wellness/biotech that can produce exciting and high-paying jobs for our young generation.

The primary is Sept. 12.

### Schnirman, Yawson spar over county comptroller post

By JEFFREY BESSEN

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The county comptroller's position is a focus of this year's primary as the current officeholder, George Maragos, changed his political party affiliation last year, and is now running for Nassau county executive as a Democrat. Because of that shift and a split between Nassau Democrats, there are two Democratic county comptroller candidates running on Primary Day, Sept. 12.

Jack Schnirman, the Long Beach city manager for nearly six years, and Ama Yawson, a lawver and owner of the boutique publishing house and education consulting firm Milestales, are vying for county comptroller. Schnirman is running with Laura Curran, who is opposing Maragos in the primary. Yawson is part of Maragos's team.

Schnirman points to his experience of running Long Beach, and Yawson highlights her political outsider status and what she calls her "community insider" status.

Attacking what he views as a corrupt system surrounding the county's finances, Schnirman said he wants to get out from under the Nassau Interim Finance Authority, which oversees the county's financial actions, by implementing a four-point plan for which he would:

■ Increase transparency by making more information public.

Jack **Schnirman** Democrat

**Age:** 39 **Profession:** Long Beach city manager **Education:** 



ty, bachelor's in international relations, 1999; Harvard University, master's in public policy, 2003

Lives in: Long Beach Family: Married, one child

- Conduct what he called "smart audits" that ask the "tough questions."
- Reform the county contracting system by implementing recommendations originally made by State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli in 2012 and County District Attorney Madeline Singas in 2015.
- Have residents report waste, abuse and fraud. He also wants to re-establish an audit committee and reduce the amount of time it takes to pay contractors.

"Nassau cannot afford to continue Maragos's legacy of rubber-stamping the corrupt county executive's scandal-plagued administration, fiscal mismanagement and total **Profession:** Lawyer, Citi-Milestales



versity of Pennsylvania Law School, 2009; Wharton School of Business, master's in business administration, 2009; Harvard University, bachelor's in social studies, 2002.

Lives in: Freeport Family: Two children

lack of transparency," Schnirman said.

Touting her nonpolitical experience. Yawson said she is running because she has a "great deal of concern" for the county's working families who are struggling to pay high taxes and not receiving equitable services.

She said she would establish "financial integrity" by improving access to contracts to small and minority businesses, and encourage private sector investment to boost the tax base. Yawson said she believes that as comptroller, Maragos was not beholden to the county executive and demonstrated his "complete independence" by

being "beholden only to the people."

"For me, financial integrity means accurate financial reporting and continuing what my predecessor has done, engaging in the practices that look for corruption," she said.

Schnirman wants to create what he called a "publicly accessible scorecard" that would track the county's fiscal progress. He would then make recommendations to the county executive and the Legislature. "As county comptroller, I can audit financial transactions," he said. "Day to day, the county executive makes decisions as approved by the county Legislature and the public."

Yawson said that no one is pulling her strings, and she would help ensure everyone receives a fair shake. "It will be a platform where contracts and civil service jobs are available to all," she said. "We're all paying. We should all have to opportunity and [make] sure we are hiring the best."

Schnirman said he believes that his education and experience are his calling cards. "People should vote for me because of my record of turning around the finances in Long Beach, turning around the finances in Brookhaven and studying public policy at Harvard. I'm prepared to do it," he said.

For Yawson, it's about being a community watchdog. "I'm more attuned to everyday people and not the political patronage system," she said. "My platform is government for the people, not patronage."



### **Democrats face off in county clerk primary**

By STEPHANY REYES

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Two Democratic candidates will face off in the upcoming primary race on Sept. 12 for a chance to oppose incumbent Nassau County Clerk Maureen O'Connell in the November election.

Candidates Carl DeHaney, Jr., 50, of Roosevelt, and Dean Bennett, 51, of Baldwin, are running in this year's primary, looking to unseat O'Connell, who will run for re-election. The county clerk's office has many functions, including maintaining all property records in the county, serving the County and Supreme Courts, and acting as an officer for the state and federal governments.

DeHaney, who is on the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hempstead's Sanitary District 2, and is a community services representative in the county's Department of Human Services, said he would improve the county clerk office's outreach. A top priority of his would be informing county residents.

"I know the county clerk's office has an outreach component already," DeHaney said. "But the outreach doesn't seem to reach all the communities. When you ask the average resident—at least in my experience—about the county clerk's office, they don't know

Carl DeHaney, Jr.

Democrat

Age: 50 Lives in: Roosevelt

**Education:** 

Adelphi Univer-

sity, bachelor's in management and communication; Long Island University, master's in public administration, 2011

**Profession:** Community services representative in Nassau County's Department of Human Services; elected to the Board of Commissioners in the Town of Hempstead's Sanitary District 2 **Family:** Wife, Kimberly; two children, Carl III and Kayla

what the office does. There's a lot of vital information in the clerk's office that residents need to know about."

To help residents become better informed, DeHaney said he would develop an application for mobile phones through which residents could access court documents and information. He has worked within the Nassau County government for 14 years, first serving as director of the office of community outreach in the county's Department of Social Services in

Dean Bennett Democrat

Age: 51 Lives in: Baldwin Education:

Hofstra University, bachelor's

in business management and economics, 1991; Hofstra University, master's in human resources, 2010

**Profession:** President and CEO of J.K. Bennett and Associates, Inc., a consulting firm for small to mid-size companies in construction, professional services and commodities

Family: Wife, Aimee; three children

2004. "I believe that my experience in Nassau County's government makes me the best candidate," DeHaney said. "I'm a servant first. My heart is for the people of the county. I don't make campaign promises, but the only promise I will make is that I'll work hard first for the people of Nassau County."

Bennett, his opponent, is the president and CEO of J.K. Bennett and Associates, Inc., a consulting firm based in Baldwin. Bennett said in a statement

that, if elected, he would work to improve transparency and accountability in the county clerk's office through a five-point plan. Bennett noted that the clerk's office received a grade of C- in last year's Long Island Government Transparency Report Card.

"A grade of C- is simply not acceptable," Bennett said. "I will investigate why service is so slow, and I will respond by installing policies and training programs that allow the county clerk's office staff to deliver faster service."

Bennett said he would update the clerk's record-keeping technology by implementing a paperless system, and he would implement performance standards and operations manuals "to ensure a knowledgeable, swift, reliable and pleasant experience" for anyone who needs information. Bennett added that his experience as a public servant would be an advantage.

"Fraud and corruption terrify me," Bennett said. "I am a God-fearing, hardworking family man. As your county clerk, I [would] pledge to keep the records straight and to set the record straight in Nassau County."

After the primaries, one candidate will oppose O'Connell, who was first elected to the position in 2005, and reelected in 2009 and 2013.

## OCLI IS REDEFINING LASER CATARACT SURGERY

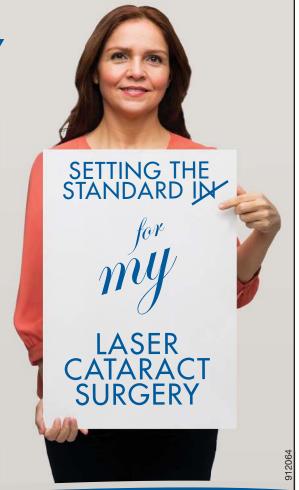
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### **VIEWFINDER**

By SUSAN GRIECO

### THE QUESTION:

Which do you prefer, The NFL or College football?



I like the NFL, because it's cool to see that if you work hard enough, you can get on the field and actually play for a pro team, like my Packers.

JOEY PEPEN

Senior



The NFL is more about the money, but college football is more about the passion.





The NFL is more competitive with better teams and better players, like my Super Bowl champs, the Patriots.

JOHN ROTCHFORD
College Sophomore



I follow college, particularly Ohio State, because I like the rivalries in college games.

LUCAS SALERNO Junior



College games are more entertaining because they're more youthful and energetic.

**CARLI FONSECA**College Freshman



I like both. Buffalo Bills is my choice for NFL, and Notre Dame and other teams that run a similar offense to my high school team is my preference.

MIKE RUBINO Teacher/Coach



Photos by Dawn DiSimone/Herald

**THE BOYS IN** Cub Scout pack 72 received awards for their accomplishments this year.

## Boy Scout awards and badges mark several accomplishments

Glen Cove Cub Scout pack 72, gathered at Morgan Park with their pack leader Patricia Burns this summer for the annual awards picnic. The boys, who all earned several badges to mark their accomplishments, are between 6 and 11-years-old.



enjoyed the picnic too.



### IN MEMORIAM

We note with sadness the passing of

### MARGUERITE SUOZZI

and extend our sincere condolences to her family and friends.



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### STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

### In tune with the Long Beach Jazz Festival

### Jazz greats hit all the right notes

he City by the Sea is ready to welcome the latest installment of the Long Beach Jazz Festival, which returns with another dynamic edition next week, Sept. 14-17.

Now in its 15th season, the Long Beach Jazz Festival is proud of its history as it marks its milestone achievement.

Producer Steve Adelson, the renowned Chapman Stick player, has presented over 1,000 creative artists on the Long Beach Jazz Festival main stage since 2003.

"The evolution of the festival has grown beyond my wildest expectations," he told the Herald, reflecting on his years at LBJF's helm. "We are considered one of the premiere jazz festivals in the metropolitan area. Two factors go into this, the generous participation of our world-class artists and, of course, the excitement from our fan base. Attendance has grown each year with continued expectations of entertaining and high quality performances."

The event, which started as a local "experiment," according to Adelson, has expanded over the years to include national and international artists. It now attracts an audience from throughout the metro area and beyond.

"Many of these musicians rarely perform on Long Island," says Adelson. "It's a rare treat to present their talents to fans who might not be able to see them otherwise."

"Each year we get solicitations from all over the country and we must narrow them down to 14 sets of music," Adelson says. "The decisions are tough but our highest criteria are quality, creativity and appeal."

The 2017 lineup showcases innovation, expressiveness and international flavor. "Long Beach takes on a jazzy flavor for the four-day event as many venues join in the festivities," he says. "From the main auditorium to local restaurants and clubs, we present approximately two dozen sets of music from over 100 musicians."



**Jeff Berlin** 



**Michael Manring** 



Rachel Z



**Omar Hakim** 

Photos courtesy LBJF

Jeff Berlin, the premiere electric bass player, makes his LBJF debut, along with the innovative Michael Manring. They join the creative Rachel Z and the prolific Omar Hakim, among the renowned musicians who will appear on the festival stage.

Each edition highlights major influential musicians. "This year we are very pleased to bring in, from Nashville, legendary bassist Jeff Berlin, who actually has Long Island roots," Adelson states. "Jeff has played with Alan Holdsworth, Yes and Bill Bruford. He's regarded as one of the top bass players of all time."

Keyboardist Dave Frank is another newcomer this year. "Dave is fluent in all piano styles and is master of the jazz history," Adelson notes.

Other first-timers include guitar masters Peter Bernstein and Yotam Silberstein. "Their intuitive interplay have earned them the great respect of the guitar community. "We are also very excited to bring the innovative Michael Manring to our stage for a solo performance showcasing his totally unique style of performance."

As always, LBJF welcomes back many

favorite "alumni." Some of the returning celebrated performers include festival regulars Omar Hakim, Rachel Z, Chieli Minucci with Special EFX, Charlie Hunter, Bakithi Kumalo, Kerry Kearney, Alex Blake, and Vicki Genfan. And, of course, the Steve Adelson Stick-Tet will make their annual appearance.

"Omar Hakim has graced the stage with Sting, Weather Report, David Bowie, Madonna, Herbie Hancock, Chic, and countless others. Omar was just named chairman of the drum department at the Berklee School of Music," says Adelson, of Hakim's resume.

"Rachel Z has performed with Trio of Oz, Al DIMeola, Wayne Shorter, and spent six years touring with Peter Gabriel. She's equally comfortable on grand piano and electronic keyboards."

"Special EFX is entering its fourth decade performing as a unit. Chieli, the

founder, continues to write and arrange most of the material. His other credits include composing for TV, radio and sharing the stage with an array of jazz and pop stars.

"Charlie Hunter is regarded as one of the greatest jazz guitarists of all time. His funky innovative approach has broken down many guitar barriers. And he's been a great friend to LBJF."

"Bakithi continues to tour with the iconic Paul Simon. He will always be remembered for his major contributions the Graceland record."

As always, LBJF does not charge admission. "As a result of generous contributions, it remains free to the public. Without the fantastic support of our sponsors, this event simply wouldn't happen," says Adelson.

"This year I look forward to presenting another special Stick-Tet ensemble with many special guests," Adelson adds. "Core members include master drummer Frank Bellucci. percussionist Nydia "Liberty" Mata, vibraphonist Bryan Carrott, plus special guests Rachel Z on piano, T.K. Blue on sax and Gregoire Maret on chromatic harmonica. True to the jazz tradition we hope to create spontaneous fireworks."

The festival main stage is in the auditorium of the Long Beach Public Library

"We greatly appreciate our sponsors who make this event possible. I would also like to thank the entire library staff for their help and support."

There will be a closing jam session Sunday night at a new venue, The Junction, open to the public and players alike.

For more information, visit www. longbeachjazzfest.com.

— Karen Bloom bloom@liherald.com



### IN CONCERT Oak Ridge Boys

Catch some four-part harmony when the Oak Ridge Boys visit the Tilles Center stage. This quartet of southern gentlemen has been at it for some six decades and shows no signs of slowing down. With multiple awards under their belts and multiple chart-topping singles, the "boys" haven't missed a step. Their upbeat style always resonates

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as they remain a potent force in country music, sharing it all with their fans on their current Celebration tour. Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden, and Richard Sterban remain a potent force with a musical prowess that encompasses many genres, including country, pop and gospel.

genres, including country, pop and gospel. Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 p.m. \$68, \$58, \$48, \$38. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. tillescenter.org

### AN AUTHOR'S LIFE Mark Twain Telling Tales

Actor/interpreter David Houston looks back on Mark Twain's life and legacy in his one-man show that celebrates the wit and wisdom of America's beloved author. During



his performance, Houston reflects on Twain's early development as a writer, taken from the humorist's early essays and stories, including "An Encounter With an Interviewer," "My First Literary Venture," "How to Tell A Story," and "The Turning Point of My Life." Houston also performs dramatized readings of the short stories "The Golden Arm" and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," along with an excerpt from "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."

Sunday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m. \$5. Coe Hall, Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. (516) 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.

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### Performances/ On Stage



#### **Dwight Yoakam**

The country singer-songwriter in concert, Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m. \$99.50, \$79.50, \$55. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. thespaceatwestbury.com.

#### Shinedown

The hard rocking band in concert, with Scottish rock trio Biffy Clyro, Thursday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m. \$85, \$65, \$55, \$45, \$40. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### **Snarky Puppy**

The fusion-influenced jazz-funk collective in concert, Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 pm. \$74, \$59, \$49, \$39. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

#### **Brooklyn Bluegrass Collective**

The dynamic roots band in concert, Friday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m. \$30 (\$20 members). Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.



**Engelbert Humperdinck** 

The iconic crooner in concert, on his 50th anniversary tour, Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 p.m. \$149.50, \$99.50, \$69.50, \$59.50, \$49.50. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www. livenation.com.

### Counterclockwise Ensemble

The eclectic chamber music quintet in concert, Sunday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. Program includes contemporary compositions. Sky Room Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinememaartscentre.org.

### **Jeff Ross**

The comic on tour, benefitting Long Island Autism Communities, Sunday, Sept. 10, 7:15 p.m. \$175 (includes open bar and dinner), \$100 ticket only. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www. ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.



### **Matthew Sweet**

Matthew Sweet hits the sweet spot when he visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m.

The power pop guru, who emerged in 1991 with his hit album "Girlfriend," is touring in support of his recently completed new album "Forever Tomorrow," recorded at his new studio — Black Squirrel Submarine — in Omaha, Neb. where he now lives. A man of many talents, Sweet engineered, performed on guitars, keyboards and bass, and also sang lead and background vocals and mixed the recordings.

Special guest Tommy Keene opens for Sweet. Keene's latest release, "Laugh in the Dark," is characterized as always, by his distinctive flair for melodic guitar-driven rock and brawny power pop, and includes all new material.

Tickets are \$38, \$33, \$28; available at 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

#### America

The iconic folk rockers in concert, Thursday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. \$95, \$75, \$65. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www. thespaceatwestbury.com.



### **Barry Manilow**

The pop legend in concert, Thursday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale, (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.nassaucoliseum.com.

### Gypsy

The classic musical set backstage on the 1920s-30s burlesque circuit, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 14-15, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 16, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 17, 2 p.m. \$76 and \$71. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

### Steve Earle and the Dukes

The country rockers in concert, with Los Lobos, Thursday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m. \$69.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$2.50 . The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

### For the Kids

### Little Chefs

Create an easy-to-make fall snack, Friday, Sept. 8, 10:30 a.m. For ages 3-5. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

### Listen Up! Herbs and Preserving

Discover tasty delights growing in Old Westbury Gardens beds, Saturday, Sept. 9, 12 p.m. Concoct and sample a simple recipe full of delicious seasonal flavors. Free with admission. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www. oldwestbury.org.



### **Craft Workshop**

Create an origami towel pup using towels and foam trim, Monday, Sept. 11, 4:30 p.m. For ages 6 and up. R egistration required. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

### Museums/ Galleries and more...



### **Creative Crossroads**

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

### 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, prints, and photographs from the Heckscher Museum's permanent collection are on view, including works by Reynolds Beal, Eugene Boudin, Alfred Thompson Bricher, Stan Brodsky, Arthur Dove, Edward and Thomas Moran, Roy Nicholson, Jules Olitski, Betty Parsons, Maurice Prendergast, and William Trost Richards, among others. Through Nov. 12. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

### Seashells...Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, in celebration of Garvies' 50th anniversary. Through Dec. 30. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

### **Surreal Encounters in Paint & Pixels**

A solo exhibition by Katherine Criss. Through Oct. 1. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

### Film Competion Screening

See short films that Long Island filmmaking teams created in 48 hours, Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. Jury selected winner will be announced. \$10 (\$9 members). Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinememaartscentre.org.

### Friday Flick

See the 1940 British Arabian fantasy "The Thief of Baghdad," Friday, Sept. 8, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

### **Late Summer Stroll**

Explore Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve on a short seassonal hike Saturday, Sept. 9, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. \$4. Registration required. Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Rd., Huntington. (631) 423-1770.

#### Concours d'Elegance

Vintage and new autos are on display, presented by the Jaguar Drivers Club of Long Island and the MG Car Club-Long Island Centre, Sunday, Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5562 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

#### At the Movies

See "A United Kingdom," a British biographical drama based the life of Prince Seretse Khama of Botswana who shocked the world when he married a white woman from London, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

#### Film Screening

See the documentary "Modern Dreams: Art of America," in which British historian Andrew Graham-Dixon traces the role of 19th and 20th century artists in helping America to establish its own distinct culture, Tuesday through Saturday, Sept. 12-16, 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 17, 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. Free with museum admission. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

#### **Movie Matinee**

See "The Promise," a historical romance set in the last days of the Ottoman Empire, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1:15 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.



### 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.

### Marguerite Suozzi, creator of Summer Fest, dies at 93

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Glen Cove

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one on one. I remember when we'd leave church, we were in the car, wanting to go home. We'd have to wait for Mom, who was busy talking to everyone."

Many will remember her for her stewardship of the popular Morgan Park Summer Festival — free weekly concerts in Glen Cove. Once it was established, it was Marge who hired the entertainment and chaired the festival, which she did for 56

Doris Meadows, a volunteer on the festival's executive committee, remembered Marge's warmth and welcoming spirit. "When I volunteered, it was Marge who immediately called me to welcome me," she said. "I immediately liked her, and we became friends, going to lunch sometimes. She was always receptive to new ideas."

Festival organizers created a contest years ago to identify and support young, talented musicians. In 2016, when Marge stepped down, the Young Performers Talent Competition was named for her.

Laura Pratt came up with the idea for the festival. The wife of Harold Pratt, a successful oilman, she lived in the Glen Cove mansion where the Holocaust Memorial Museum is now. She and Marge

"The Pratts had over a thousand acres," Tom said. "My mother was invited to dinner at their home, and she told me she didn't know which silverware to use. People always think of Mom as elegant, but she grew into that role."

Marge, who had five children, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, was originally from St. Albans, Queens. She was a nurse who worked in the operating room at Glen Cove Hospital.

When her family moved to Sea Cliff, she met Joseph Suozzi, an Italian who had immigrated to the U.S. in 1925, and lived in

Glen Cove. He would become the love of her life, but he had to work hard to win her affections.

They met at the Glen Cove Community Hospital dinner dance in 1949, but they had both brought dates. "She was in a dance contest, and won either second or third place," Tom recalled. "Dad went up to her and said, 'If you had danced with me, you would have won first place.' She said, 'No, I wouldn't have, because you're too short.' He said, 'Take off your shoes,' and she did."

Marge wasn't interested in getting to know Joseph any better, but he was not one to give up. When he heard that her family was having an open house on New Year's Day, he dropped by Marge ignored him. Undeterred, he sat on the porch steps for hours waiting for her.

'That was the beginning of their relationship," Tom said. Married four years later, they went on to celebrate 64 wedding anniversaries before Joseph died in Octo-

Marge was adventurous. As a young woman, she went sponge diving and deepsea diving. Tom said he found photos of her wearing a diving suit that included a metal helmet, popular in the 1930s.

Marge always insisted on staying in national parks when the family took a cross-country driving vacation. "Dad

would want to stay where there was electricity and plumbing, but not Mom," Tom recalled. "She was even chased by a bear once."

She was athletic, too. An excellent golfer, she won the women's Nassau County Country Club championship when she was 75, the oldest to ever do so, and she did it again the following vear. "The first time, they put 'Mrs. Marguerite Suozzi' on the plaque," Tom said. "The second time, she had them put 'Mrs. Joseph Suozzi' on it. She wanted to celebrate my father, too.

She was always loyal to Dad."

There were no formal rules for the Suozzi children at home. But Marge made certain they went to church, did their homework and behaved. And she knew how to pick her battles when it came to discipline.

After a torrential rainstorm, young Tom decided to go with his friends to an area behind Glen Cove High School, where houses were being built, to play. "We sank to our waist in mud," he said. "When my friends went home all muddy, they got into a lot of trouble, and one was grounded. My

mother said she used to do what I'd done. Then, shrugging her shoulders, she said, You're supposed to do that as a kid."

Marge was also a lifelong learner, deciding to go back to college when her children were teenagers to take computer classes. She wanted to become a travel agent to satisfy her adventurous spirit. She did so, and traveled the world in the 1980s and '90s.

She and Joseph donated so generously to the North Shore Historical Museum that in 2013, the museum was named after them. Its director, Amy Driscoll, remembers Marge as someone who always cared about the city "She was very committed." to the North Shore Historical Museum about the city. "She was very committed with all of her volunteer and charitable efforts," Driscoll said. "And they were all targeted at benefiting everyone in the community'

A devout Catholic, Marge was also known for her compassion, doing acts of kindness on the sly. Tom remembers her picking up people she saw when driving him home from school who were carrying bags of groceries. Her life was guided by her faith. She went to church every day, and served as a Eucharistic minister at St. Patrick's Church and on the road, visiting people who were homebound.

Recently, her son said, "My mother was ready to die, and very much at peace. She felt she had done everything she was supposed to do.'

Suozzi was predeceased by a son, Joseph. In addition to Tom, her surviving children include the Rev. Rosemary Suozzi Lloyd, of Lincoln, Mass., William Suozzi, of Glen Rock, and Christopher Suozzi, of

### HMTC program helps young people find their voices

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of hate — that's what the program is designed to tackle."

The biggest challenge, she said, is figuring out how to translate the group's ideas into action. "Things happen and we want to do something, but oftentimes we don't know what to do, especially knowing what's the right thing to do," she said. "This is an important issue that you need to tackle with two hands. We need to bring everybody together."

Turner added that HMTC wants to streamline interaction between the center and children so that when there is an incident of intolerance or hate at their school or within their community, they know to whom they can turn.

'They can immediately contact their adult mentor, who would then contact the center and then we can communicate with the student to make sure that they feel supported and heard," Turner said.

With hate crimes and speech on the rise, she said, the program is essential to the community. "What's specifically troubling to me, and I think other people in the Holocaust center community, was the use of Nazi symbolism in modern-day neo-Nazism." Turner said. "Now is the time to disassemble those symbols and get to the root of what they mean and what they represent from a historical context and in its modern-day usage.'



Courtesy Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center

ADOLESCENT ADVOCATES PROGRAM manager Helen Turner held the first adult mentor training session on Aug. 17.

HMTC is now preparing packets for each student, which will provide information as well as a task for teenagers: They must create an action plan to effect positive changes in their own communities.

While we want to teach students about hate crimes and hate symbols," Turner said, "it has to be about empowering them and showing them what they can do.'

Guest speakers at future training sessions will include Consolee Nishimwe, a survivor of the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, along with Nassau and Suffolk county police officers. HMTC officials said they hope local activists will get involved as well.

"I'm also hoping that we could take this on the road and package this into shorter sessions for teachers and students," Turner said. "My dream for the program is to give it legs and for it to have a life of its own, creating positive change on Long Island and beyond.'

Training sessions for young people in grades seven to 11 will take place at:

- The Bellport Boys & Girls Club, 471 Atlantic Ave., Bellport, on Oct. 14.
- HMTC, 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove, on Oct. 22.

Additionally, the second training session for adult mentors will be held at HMTC on Oct. 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call (516) 741-8040 or visit www.hmtcli.org/advocates.

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### Glen Cove's foray into international politics

The Killenworth estate and mansion on Dosoris Lane has always evoked a secretive, fortress-like compound for those who grew up in Glen Cove during the 1950s through the 1980s. At that time, the United States and the USSR were engaged in a "Cold War" (as opposed to a "Hot War" such as World War II, which immediately preceded this period). For those too young to recall "duck and cover drills," this first Cold War spanned some 40 years.

Killenworth is the former George DuPont Pratt Gold Coast estate, constructed in 1912-1913. The present house is the second to be built on this site. The first Killenworth home, built in 1897, was demolished by Pratt in 1912 in order to construct a larger mansion. The Killenworth estate is and has been the home of the Russian Federation, and before that, the former Soviet Union's mission to the United Nations since its initial purchase in 1951. The Soviet Union (also known as the USSR in those days) acquired the estate to serve as the country retreat for their U.N. delegation.

At the height of the Cold War in September 1960, none other than Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev stayed at Killenworth on his second U.S. visit, during which he traveled to New York City for a U.N. General Assembly meeting. This was the meeting where the Russian leader famously pounded the desktop with his shoe in protest during an address by the Philippines representative. While departing Glen Cove, Khrushchev's motorcade proceeded down Dosoris Lane, which was lined with residents protesting his visit. It has been reported that crowds along the route threw tomatoes and eggs at the limousines. The motorcade was tracked from overhead by a large U.S. military helicopter with a sharpshooter strapped in the open doorway, that momentarily landed on the upper field behind the Deasy School.

Though the limited contacts between Glen Cove residents and the Russian occupants of Killenworth were generally cordial, local government interactions sometimes mirrored the tense relations of the international scene. On the home front during these anxious times of the Cold War, the City of Glen Cove stumbled into international politics by attempting



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WHEN NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV staved at the Killenworth estate in 1960 he was not welcomed by the residents living in Glen Cove.

to collect local property taxes on the Soviet-owned 36-acre estate. As early as 1956 a local newspaper reported that a group of men, led by Charles "Babe" Grella, bought the tax lien levied on Killenworth by the City of Glen Cove for unpaid school taxes in the amount of nearly \$11,000. It is doubtful that this investment bore any fruit.

Ten years later, with the city's attempts to levy taxes on the property still going on, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Arthur Goldberg claimed that the tax dispute was hurting international relations between the two superpowers. He intervened by moving to apply taxexempt consular status to the estate, forestalling the city's action. Glen Cove didn't give up on the attempt to collect current and back taxes however, and in 1970 Mayor Andrew DiPaola and the City Council moved to foreclose on Killenworth for non-payment of property taxes. This effort was abruptly halted by a restraining order obtained by the U.S. Justice Department, under a request from the State Department. Subsequent requests for congressional action to have the Federal government reimburse Glen Cove for city services related to Killenworth in the absence of tax revenue failed to gain any traction.

In the early 1970s, the U.S.S.R.'s policies restricting Jewish dissidents who wanted to emigrate resulted in demonstrations at Killenworth's main gate on Dosoris Lane, a few hundred yards up the road from Glen Cove High School, and necessitated a regular Glen Cove Police

presence. The Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry staged vigils in front of Killenworth's gates for 11 years, and the Nassau County Police Bomb Squad was kept busy investigating the numerous loaves of Levy's Jewish Rye Bread left on the estate's driveway. The resulting tens of thousands of dollars annually in additional police-related costs was reason enough for the city to pursue the tax

During the 1980s, there were rumors and newspaper reports that the former Pratt mansion was a hotbed of espionage with listening devices tuned to monitor Long Island's defense industries (among them, Grumman Aircraft, Republic Aviation, and Sperry Corporation). In this final decade of the Cold War, with the earlier tax dispute still simmering, the City Council under Mayor Alan Parente in 1982 caused an international rift when they revoked the Russian delegation's access to the city's recreational facilities beaches, tennis courts, and the golf course — as a response to the spying allegations. Soon after, the Soviet Union retaliated by denying use of a Moscow beach to members of the U.S. Embassy residing in the Russian capital. In a letter to Mayor Parente, the U.S. State Department stated that the ban "interfered with the conduct of the foreign relations of the United States." The City Council's position was that if the compound was being used for spying, it wasn't entitled to a tax exemption.

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### THE GREAT BOOK GURU Lives upended

ear Great Book Guru, My friends and I are planning to attend the Sea Cliff Civic Association's annual Movie Madness this Friday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in Roslyn Park. Sarah Beaudin. chair of the event, promises us a surprise-filled evening beginning with a showing of the original Disney "Beauty and the Beast."

The next night we are headed down to Sea Cliff Beach for the Sea Cliff Fire Department's Music on the Harbor. Sounds like a great weekend, but I need a good book to read while waiting for the

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fun to begin. Recommendations? –Lover of Weekends in Sea Cliff

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### **OPINIONS**

### Can natural disasters help restore national unity?

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urricane Harvey was a brutal reminder that storms happen. We Long Islanders who lived through Hurricane Sandy, like Louisianans who lived through Hurricane Katrina, can only shudder to think what our fellow Americans in Texas are going

through right now.



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The utter devastation that flowed from these storms is proof that in many ways we are all at the mercy of Mother Nature. But what these disasters also prove is that the U.S. is truly one indivisible country, and that when one part of America is hurt-

ing, all Americans must help.

One of the best exemplars of that imperative is Long Island's own native son, U.S. Rep Peter King. When Hurricane Sandy hit — and 10 years earlier, when terrorists struck the World Trade Center on 9/11 — King sprang into action and worked tirelessly to secure aid for our battered but not beaten state. The success of his efforts hinged largely on the fact that his career in Washington has established him as a man who puts the good of the nation above party or region. King's reputation as a congressman who can empathize with the needs of his fellow lawmakers paid off

greatly for New York as we rebuilt from Sandy and the Sept. 11 attacks.

That's why it was so good to hear King

be among the first to call for a national effort to assist Texas with its storm rebuilding efforts. It's an example for other Washington elected leaders who haven't always been so broad-minded about helping people in other parts of the country. Someone like Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who refused to support Sandy aid because he thought it was too generous to New York, must now hope (and pray) that more of his colleagues are like Peter King than himself.

We need more of our leaders in Washington to find ways to put aside petty politics and work together for the good of the nation. The political sniping that's been going on in D.C. isn't good for the country. When Democrats and Republicans act like bitter enemies rather than just political opponents, they do real harm to our national unity. But when they work for the common good, great things can happen.

I learned that very early in my Senate career. I've always considered myself a proud New Yorker and a loyal Republican. But because for most of my years on Capitol Hill one or the other of the two houses of Congress was in Democratic hands, I had a choice to make: party or people first? I always tried to come down

on the people's side.

Sometimes that meant working with fellow members of Congress with vastly differ-

> ent outlooks and constituencies from mine. Many of the powerful senior members of Congress in those days were old-line Southern Democrats like Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, or Rep. Tom Bevill of Alabama, who chaired a powerful House committee that oversaw appropriations for all major infrastructure projects across the country. They had about as much in common with me as bagels have with cornbread.

But when a terrible environmental problem arose in western New York at an abandoned nuclear waste site, I went to Bevill for help. It just so happened that he had championed a major public works project in his part of the country, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, to improve navigation in the nation's interior. I had supported the project, against the vociferous complaints of Eastern environmentalists, because I felt that the decisions of local representatives should be respected. Thank goodness I did, because when I went to Bevill to request the billions of dollars needed to remediate that dangerous nuclear site, he came through for New York, recalling that I had shown his region the support I thought it deserved. Today, Tennessee-Tombigbee has proven to be a

boon to the Alabama economy, with none of the dire environmental consequences naysayers had predicted, and the environmental mess at the West Valley Demonstration Project, near Niagara Falls, has been steadily cleaned up.

That same sort of respect for and cooperation with other points of view and regional diversity is what is so missing right now. Just look at the ideas for tax reform bubbling up in Washington. Some leaders with a particular grudge-for-nogood-reason against New York are toying with the notion of eliminating both the federal tax deduction for state and local taxes and the home mortgage interest deduction. These two moves would disproportionately affect states with higher housing costs and higher state and local taxes. Now, I'm not defending New York's higher taxes, but getting whacked by both Albany and Washington would only hurt our taxpayers more.

Luckily, there may just be enough members of Congress like Peter King to bring the same responsible leadership to tax reform that they've brought to other challenges facing America. For whether it's rebuilding from natural disasters or terrorist attacks or just trying to lighten our federal tax base and spur economic growth, what's good for all is best.

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### News porn, food porn and shopping porn

eally, the world outside is conspiring to corrupt us. The mindless chatter is deafening, the distractions are pervasive and the temptation to indulge ourselves on every level is highly seductive.

Yesterday I was standing on the train



**RANDI KREISS** 

platform in Jamaica, and watched a voung woman, earplugs inserted, texting while her child toddled over the yellow line, way too close to the tracks. Only those of us not on our phones noticed and velled a warning. The embarrassed mother started to scream at the little boy, who really had

done nothing wrong. People are moving around, believing they can walk and talk or walk and listen to music or drive a car and text or sit down to dinner with the family and also answer e-mails.

No news flash here. This isn't a new cultural phenomenon, but it is becoming obscene. Walking through city streets yesterday, people were mentally AWOL as they sometimes moved along and sometimes just stopped and blocked the sidewalk while they texted a message. Pedestrians were oblivious to their immediate surroundings, inattentive to people standing within earshot.

On the LIRR, a woman was offering telephone therapy in a ridiculously loud voice to her daughter, who apparently was having issues of a personal nature with a bovfriend. Personal? Everyone in the train car had to listen to her advice on birth control.

Gradually, this public sharing of the personal and private has become acceptable behavior for many. Facebook and Snapchat and Instagram users publish details of their lives that might have been kept within the family before the internet. Are we losing any sense of discretion?

Who among us is able to carve out islands of silence or solitude in the midst of this public havoc?

The food we eat was once a private part of our lives. Now everyone takes pictures of their lamb chops and posts recipes, some for the most excessively fattening foods imaginable. And when we put down the phone or the computer, we turn on the TV and watch "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" and watch really unhealthy-looking people gorging on fried food and barbecued everything.

If you turn to the news for a reasonable roundup of the day, you're assaulted by the repetitive "breaking news" hysteria that has replaced intelligent coverage. If you watch the news while you flip back and forth to the food channel, it's a perfect

storm of excess and grease.

Since President Trump was elected, news porn has subsumed what used to be reasonable coverage of events. It's a chicken-andegg kind of thing. Did the chaotic nature of the administration make the

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news crazy, or is the crazy coverage affecting the White House?

We find excess in every arena. Once upon a time, when you wanted to go shopping, you went. It was a considered, proactive choice involving walking or driving to a store, selecting merchandise, checking out and coming home. I was never a motivated or skilled shopper, so online shopping serves me well. Still, what disturbs me are the excessiveness and intrusiveness of it all.

If I buy a pair of shoes online, the next time I try to do some research, I'm harassed and enticed and tempted by visual streamers on the screen, offering me more shoes and different shoes and cheaper shoes and even used shoes. Enough!

Perhaps I'm reacting to my own susceptibility to the dazzling online displays of goodies, from super-rich chocolates to rhinestone earrings that look like baby chandeliers. It's all visual, but it feels noisy to me.

I use the word porn for these excesses in

news, food and shopping because porn doesn't necessarily suggest sexual material. In these cases, it suggests lurid and excessive indulgence.

This isn't an all-or-nothing problem. By

all means, we need to enjoy our food and follow the news and buy what we need to buy. The tricky part is keeping it all reasonable and appropriate and private. Dare I use the word "moderation"? It sounds so boring. Still . . .

To save our sanity, each of us, in our own lives and own spaces, must find time to think. That's it, just think, with no external input. Sit in a park or in the house or take a walk and leave the devices behind. You'll see and hear

things you haven't seen in a long time, such as the flash of a bird's wing in the distance or the humming of late-summer insects.

Since Hurricane Harvey, there's much talk about sheltering in place. The media intrusion into our lives is another kind of storm, and we need new skills to survive. We must give the gift of quiet observation to the next generation, or they will never learn how to take shelter in their own space.

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### **HERALD EDITORIAL**

### Sixteen years later, 9/11 still hurts

he anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks is approaching as our country is convulsed by political, social and economic upheaval.

There is plenty of work to do on these fronts, but it is important to pause this month to reflect on the tragedy that struck our nation more than a decade and a half ago.

Instead of fighting among ourselves, we should be remembering and honoring the thousands of lives lost on that horrible day 16 years ago. It was, and remains, a personal tragedy for those living in New York City and Long Island, because so many of the victims of the World Trade Center attacks were from our towns, villages and neighborhoods.

Many survivors of that awful day continue to suffer. Families that lost loved ones are still

coping. Our grief is always with us. But we must remain vigilant against terrorism while renewing our dedication to our collective humanity.

Freedom of religion is so important to our American way of life that the Founding Fathers made it the first part of the first Amendment to the Constitution. The amendment begins: "Congress shall make no law respect-

ing an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Allowing the fear

instilled in the country on Sept. 11 to metastasize into a hatred and distrust of millions of

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American Muslims — like any other marginalized group in America — only erodes the ideals the terrorists want to destroy.

Let's take this opportunity to recommit ourselves to decency. Suffering anywhere leads to suffering everywhere. The wounds inflicted on Sept. 11, 2001, may never fully heal, but we can be compassionate neighbors, family members

and friends in spite of the gruesome memories we all hold of that horrible morning.

### After Harvey, Long Islanders should pay it forward

urricane Harvey slammed into the southeastern Texas coast two Fridays ago as a Category 4 storm, lashing homes and businesses with 130-mile-per-hour winds and dumping three or more inches of rain per hour, according to the National Weather Service. The storm surge out of the Gulf of Mexico ranged from six to 12 feet.

Harvey was the most powerful hurricane to strike the U.S. since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The footage of hurricane-force winds and flooding that has dominated the news lately are eerily familiar to Long Islanders, and in many areas of the Heralds' coverage area — Long Beach, Island Park, Oceanside, East Rockaway, parts of Baldwin and the Five Towns, parts of Bellmore and Merrick — Hurricane Sandy's consequences endure. Its physical, psychological and financial effects are felt by many residents and business owners to this day.

That's why Harvey hurt so much. We have felt the anguish and devastation firsthand

here on Long Island, and those visuals of Texas cities and towns turned into flood zones dredge up awful memories of our own struggle. This pain is familiar.

All around the impact zone of Harvey, our fellow Americans are still hurting, and still need help. Long Islanders owe it not only to our brothers and sisters in Texas, but also to ourselves, to continue the hard work of providing assistance to those in need.

So many touching stories have already surfaced of South Shore residents paying it forward to Harvey victims. Let's make sure to continue our efforts in the weeks and months to come. Even as the fast-moving news cycle leaves Houston behind, the rest of us should remain active.

Even before Sandy hit Long Island 58 months ago, the Red Cross was on the ground, setting up an emergency shelter in the Nassau Community College gym in Garden City. For weeks, Red Cross workers patrolled the hardest-hit communities, delivering clothes, flashlights, and food and water to thousands of res-

idents who desperately needed those basic necessities.

Donating to the Red Cross is among the most popular ways to help with the Harvey relief effort. Go to www.redcross.org, and you'll find the "Donate Now" button front and center.

There are also many Texas-based organizations that are offering relief, and would welcome your donation. Among them are:

- The Houston Food Bank: houstonfoodbank.org
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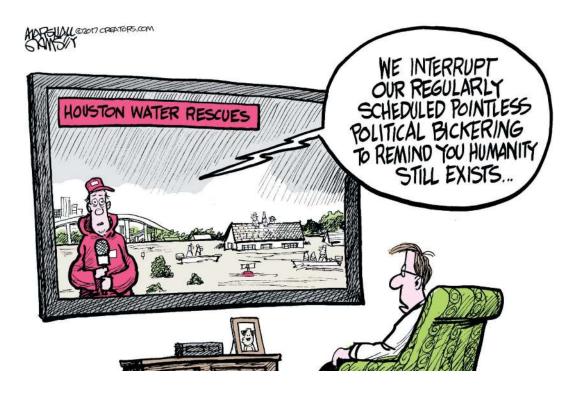
### **LETTERS**

### Would you hire a plaintiff?

To the Editor:

It's no secret that while other towns on Long Island have figured out how to redevelop into thriving communities, Glen Cove has been fighting naysayers to progress who have caused the city to run up tens upon tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees defending lawsuits against improvement.

Notwithstanding that a re-developer has come along and agreed to spend nearly a billion dollars renewing Glen Cove's waterfront, and another developer has and will spend millions replacing the blight on Glen Cove Avenue with luxury residences, and millions more will be spent revitalizing the failed Village Square downtown, there are still those who devote



### **OPINIONS**

### It's a new day for area Democrats

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y political career started in the early 1960s, when I was a young reporter and then a speechwriter for political candidates. My hometown of Long Beach was one of only two Democratic areas on all of Long Island. Once you ventured outside the city,



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it was all Republican in every town, village and hamlet. In my first of 13 campaigns for the State Assembly, without Long Beach Democrats my margin of victory would have been small, or I would have lost. Time goes by

quickly, and a snapshot of our county shows that the vaunted Republican machine is facing its strongest challenge in over 100 years. Enrollment numbers have changed drastically. According to the state Board of Elections, Nassau has 345,787 Democrats and 321,852 Republicans. Once upon a time, any new residents of the county were encouraged to register Republican if they wanted their streets snow-plowed in the winter. Those days are gone.

More and more New York City dwellers with no political affiliation are crossing the Queens-Nassau border. Some don't want to be associated with any political party, so they leave their forms blank. That accounts for the fact that there are over 200,000 registered voters with no party enrollment. But over the

past 10 years, the Democratic Party has attracted more voters than the Republicans, and their number is growing.

It's true that, year after year, the Nassau Republican Party has achieved numerous successes at the ballot box. Other than judicial nominations, Republican candidates for office have done quite well. But 2017 is a different year, and the tea leaves show that there's much for the party to worry about. Indictments of Nas-

sau and town officials contributed last year to the loss of a State Senate seat, and this year there are many more contested positions, which means there's a need for tons of money and lots of foot soldiers.

With Republican County Executive Ed Mangano leaving office, there are two newcomers seeking that powerful position. Former State Sen. Jack Martins is the Republican candidate, being challenged by Laura Curran, a Democratic county legislator. Money won't be an issue for the Democratic ticket, with well over \$1 million in hand and money coming in at a rapid pace. No doubt the Republicans will raise significant money as well, but there's a dark cloud over the GOP cam-

paign that doesn't help.

Beyond the troubles in the county, the two towns run by Republicans are feeling their own angst. Oyster Bay, which is as Republican as any enclave on Long Island, will see a bitter and close contest for town supervisor in November. Former State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino is the Republican candidate, and he's being challenged by Marc Herman. The indictments of former Supervisor John Venditto hurt last year, and

could inflict more damage this year.

Once upon a time, Oyster Bay was as politically predictable as Big Ben's chimes in London. That is no longer the case. With many new voters in town and a lot of political unrest, the supervisor race will be a tossup, with the polls currently favoring Herman. In conversations with Oyster Bay residents of both

parties, there is a undercurrent of unhappiness with the Republican Party, no doubt caused by some of the dysfunction in Washington.

The Town of Hempstead, traditionally Republican, is facing internal upheaval among its own rank and file. Two Town Board members, Erin King Sweeney and Bruce Blakeman, are challenging the actions of Town Supervisor Tony Santino. That bitterness has flared into the open at Town Board meetings, and is creating a climate of uncertainty with the party regulars. There's no way to heal that rift, and it could create some stress on Election Day. There's not much doubt that the Republicans will hold on in November, but it may not be the usual landslide.

What was once unthinkable — the idea of Democratic victories in Nassau County — is now close to becoming a reality. The Republican Party is still very much alive, and knows how to rally the troops on Election Day, but this year that might not be enough to stop the new energy that is helping the Democrats.

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### **LETTERS**

their energies to stopping these projects. For some reason, these people like Glen Cove just the way it is and they want none of the improvements which have been undertaken to literally make the city the diamond of the North Shore that it once was.

Among the objectors to these projects is Marsha Silverman, a Glen Cove resident who has repeatedly failed in court to stop progress. She now has a new strategy. She wants to run for office and continue to pursue her unsuccessful objections as a City Council member. In the meantime, Silverman is a plaintiff in lawsuits against her own city, running up a huge legal bill that will one day come to haunt her neighbors who pay taxes.

It's almost as if Silverman is running on a platform in which she says, "Put me on the City Council so I can vote to raise your taxes to pay for lawsuits that I've brought against the best interests of Glen Cove's residents."

Is there anything crazier than hiring the plaintiff so she can create a perfect conflict of interest in which she's on both sides of the lawsuit she started?

> NANCY FURLONG Glen Cove

### Vote for Team Tenke

To the Editor:

On Sept. 12 there will be a Democratic Primary. There are six strong, smart and committed Glen Covers who need your vote — Andrew Bennet, Roderick Watson, Annie Phillips, Marcela De La Fuente, Roger Williams and Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, who make up Team Tenke. I will be voting for them and for Tim Tenke, who is running for mayor, on Nov. 7.

There are multiple projects set to begin in Glen Cove, projects that were originated and tirelessly worked on by prior administrations. These projects were studied, brought before the public and ultimately approved in order to help grow and improve our city and its tax base.

However, the first project, the Garvies Point project (also known as the Waterfront project), definitely ended up moving in the wrong direction. In July 2016, Mayor Spinello increased the \$24 million bond — originally offered to RXR to cover the city's obligation to rebuild Garvies Point Road — to \$97 million to assist them in financing obligations they had already agreed to provide! Three council members, including Tenke and Watson, voted against that proposal. They knew that increasing this bond would not be financially beneficial for the residents of Glen Cove, and they weren't afraid to say so. However, since the council vote resulted

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Visiting a city with centuries of Spanish history — San Juan, Puerto Rico

in a tie, Spinello voted yes and the proposal was passed.

What about the Piazza? Will there be additional "assistance" offered to get that project moving? What about the Villa and the other projects?

I worked with Tenke during my years as deputy mayor, and respect and admire his dedication to our city and its residents. He works tirelessly as a councilman and isn't afraid to speak his mind and make decisions that will benefit the residents of Glen Cove. Now more than ever, we need a man like Tenke to lead our city into the future in a fiscally responsible way. Please vote Team Tenke!

MAUREEN BASDAVANOS

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### **HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF**

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