

## HERALD Person of the Year

# Carol Waldman

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**C**arol Waldman not only loves old people, but also she loves old things. By day — and some nights — she is the executive director of the Glen Cove Senior Center. In her rare but well-spent spare time, she is an antiques dealer.

While she appreciates the aesthetics of a piece, sometimes it's the story that appeals to her most. Once Waldman purchased a small wooden box, about playing-card size, decorated with wildflowers, at the Junior League in Roslyn for \$15. Then she sold it to a friend, and from there she lost track of it. About a year and a half later, she was at show at the New York Armory, and there was the box, on sale for \$38,000.

What's most interesting, she said, is the possibility that someone would buy it, and eventually — without telling his or her children how much the box was worth. It might end up in a garage sale, once again being offered for \$15.

And just as she enjoys the story of older items, she enjoys the stories of older people. As director of the senior center for 16 years, Waldman, 64, cares for the senior population. And not just by ensuring that they have good food to eat and bingo to play, but really *car-ing* for them. Whether it's finding grants to build safer crosswalks, visiting bedridden members or just listening to a story about someone's day, Waldman advocates for the growing senior population not only in Glen Cove, but also across Long Island and around the state.

When people think of the Glen Cove Senior Center, they think of Waldman. For these reasons and more, the Herald Gazette is proud to name her its first-ever Person of the Year.

Waldman initially wanted to work



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**CAROL WALDMAN'S EMPATHY** makes her a favorite among colleagues, friends and strangers alike.

with young adults and teach college-level English. She was always fascinated with the written word. After reading "Les Misérables" in fourth grade at P.S. 47 — she was a New York City kid — she dreamt up a romantic picture of herself as a writer running salons in Paris. She is eloquent and well-spoken, probably thanks to the poetry of Byron, Keats and Shelley she read while attending Lehman College.

After earning a degree in English literature, she worked for the New York Center for Psychoanalytic Training, but discovered that psychoanalytics was not her calling. Then she put her career ambitions on hold to be the breadwinner so her husband, John,

could finish his doctorate in conservation biology. Then she managed a Manhattan antiques shop called Alice's for about four years. Although she loved the items' stories, she thought she needed a more meaningful career.

So she taught middle school English in Corona, Queens, until she gave birth to her first child when she was 32. She continued to teach night classes in English as a Second Language, for adults.

That, Waldman believes, was when she developed her love for senior citizens. "There was something about working with older people that just touched me, just moved me," she recalled. "I loved how motivated they were, I loved their gratitude." She knew that whatever she did next, she wanted it to be with older generations.

Waldman and her family discovered Sea Cliff through one of her

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## YEAR IN REVIEW

January



Courtesy John Abate

**THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT** did not close Killenworth, a Russian compound in Glen Cove.

### Russian Upper Brookville mansion hit with a sanction, not Killenworth

At first, people in Glen Cove, like many others, believed that that the federal government had shuttered Killenworth, a Russian compound on Dosoris Lane in Glen Cove on Dec. 30, 2016. They also believed that its inhabitants were included among the 35 unnamed Russian officials expelled from the U.S. But that was not true.

It was Norwich House, a Russian compound in Upper Brookville, that was shut down by the Obama administration, in

the wake of Russia's alleged cyber-meddling in the presidential election.

The Soviet Union purchased Norwich House in 1952 as a vacation retreat for its diplomats. Elliot S. Conway, the mayor of Upper Brookville, said that up until now he had never heard of any wrongdoing by anyone at the compound over the years.

Both Killenworth and the Glen Cove Mansion have been fixtures on the North Shore since the early 1900s.

### Young designer previews his work at the Golden Globes

A black gown that North Shore High School graduate Alec Ohanian, 18, designed was worn by Linda Yaccarino, NBCUniversal's chair of advertising sales and client partnerships, at the 2017 Golden Globes in Beverly Hills.

It was a major career breakthrough for him and that's before he even attended his first class at Parsons School of Design.

After seeing more Broadway shows than he can count, making certain he was up close so he could fully enjoy the costumes, Ohanian is having a magical moment all his own.

This may make him one of the youngest aspiring designers to have ever had their creation appear on the famed Red Carpet. Wearing his gown at the Golden Globes was important to Yaccarino too. The Globes is one of NBCUniversal's signature events each year. Yaccarino, who has attended the Globes five times, wanted to experience what the stars were privy to — a one of a kind stunning dress.

Ohanian found his inspiration in part from the designs of Charles James, who was known as America's first couturier. He created some of the most expensive gowns in the world during the 1950's. "I've learned that a designer has to have a story in mind when creating a garment," Ohanian said. "I tend to go back to stories and literature."



Courtesy NBCUniversal

**THERE WAS A** lot of buzz at the Golden Globes about North Shore High School graduate Alec Ohanian's gown, which he created for NBCUniversal's Linda Yaccarino.



# Waldman serves as a passionate advocate

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friends from the psychoanalytic institute. They moved there in 1991 with the notion of managing an old hotel, and fell in love with the area. With the little money they had, they purchased a small house — an antique itself, over 100 years old. They still live there today.

Waldman began working part-time as the program coordinator of the senior center, where she had the chance to create fun and cultural activities for the members. The job was perfect for her, a lover of art, music and dance.

“It almost doesn’t sound real when I try to describe Carol,” said Marilyn Brenner, former president of the Glen Cove Senior Activity Generational Endowment, or SAGE, Foundation, a charity that raises funds for senior center programs. Waldman created the foundation in 2005. “I have never seen anyone who loves and cares for the people that she serves more than she does,” Brenner said.

As program coordinator, Waldman got to know the seniors and their needs. In 2001 she became the center’s executive director, and in 2002 she went back to school part-time at Hofstra University, and earned a master’s in gerontology to build a stronger foundation. The degree also allows her to do counseling and case management.

She appears to be a perfect fit for her job. Sherri Meaghar, the center’s social worker, calls her “Jewish Mother Theresa.” “I really have never met anybody like her before,” Meaghar said. “She just cares so deeply about people ... She has so much warmth. I’ve learned so much from working with her.”

While Waldman is often described as compassionate, she can also be tough. Meaghar has seen her describe the center’s programs with passion — and then vehemently advocate for funding from the County Legislature.

By all accounts, Waldman cares not only for seniors, but also for everyone around her. Several people teared up as they talked about her. “She teaches me something every day,” said her daughter, Laura. “I feel beyond lucky to have her as my mom. She’s just the wisest, kindest, most thoughtful person.”

Although her job is technically a political appointment, Waldman has no political affiliation, and has worked with a number of city administrations. “She’s a very, very special person,” said Mayor Reggie Spinello. “There are many stories that I’ve gotten from people ... they found a home with Carol.”

“I noticed right away there was something special about her,” said her husband, John, who met her when they were both seniors at Lehman College. “It’s all genuine. It’s who she is at the core. She’s just a phenomenally generous, compassionate and intelligent person.”

Working in a field on the border of life and death, Waldman and her staff lose friends each year — and grieving is an important part of the job. “It’s OK to



Photos courtesy Carol Waldman

**CAROL WALDMAN, SECOND** from left, front, is extremely close with her family. Clockwise from top left were her late father, Ed Horwitz; her sister-in-law, Sherry Harris; her sister, Michelle Horwitz; her husband, John; and their son and daughter, Steve and Laura.

## A selection of Carol Waldman’s accomplishments

- Guest speaker at universities, clubs, organizations
- Board member, Glen Cove Inter-Agency Council
- Created Glen Cove SAGE Foundation
- Chair, Nassau County Senior Service Providers Coalition
- Board member, Nassau County Senior Advisory Board
- Former board member, Melillo Center
- Former vice president, Glen Cove IAC
- Former president, Long Island Coalition for the Aging
- Produced “Equal Grace,” a short documentary about ageism



**JOANNE SENECAL, LEFT**, former senior center site manager and now a member, has worked with Waldman for several decades.

grieve, and she kind of taught me that,” said Laurie Huenteo, Waldman’s secretary, recalling occasions of hugging and crying together in her office. “That it’s important to really acknowledge the feelings when they’re there.”

One of Waldman’s friends is the former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, Betsy Simpson. When Simpson’s husband died two years ago, she opened up to Waldman. “It made a huge positive difference to know I had somebody who knew what I was going through that I could just talk to as a friend, but who had expertise,” Simpson recalled. “She’s a very giving person, and

that has always inspired me to be a better person. And there aren’t a lot of people that can say, ‘Well, this person inspires me to be a better me, and this is a person I know.’”

In November 2016, Waldman organized a day-long seminar on aging at Hofstra University, titled “Shifting the Perspective: Aging and Creativity,” a joint effort of Hofstra’s National Center for Suburban Studies and the senior center. She created the programs, invited the speakers and raised the money to put the event together. The event was a success, no doubt because it was a physical manifestation of her passion — to raise aware-

ness and educate the public about the growing population of seniors.

These days, she also continues to pursue her love of antiques. She and John have a business called the Back Roads Collection, with an inventory they keep in a massive barn behind their farmhouse in Connecticut.

Waldman plans to stay in her position at the senior center as long as she can. Then maybe, when she has the time, she said, she’ll go back to school and study for a doctorate. Do some traveling. And add to her own story.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

January

## Protestors take to the streets in support of women's rights

Dan and Ann DiPietro, of Sea Cliff, took a 10:30 a.m. flight to D.C. to march in the Women's March on Jan. 20. Their daughter, Gillian, brought her five-month-old to the Women's March held in New York City that day. She and her brother, Daniel DiPietro, who also marched, believed it was important to let President Donald Trump — who had been inaugurated as our 45th President the day before — know that women's rights are important to everyone. But her daughter was not the youngest at the march. Many families marched in New York and in Washington D.C., with parents carrying children or pushing strollers with infants. And there were many elderly marchers too — some using walkers.

It's estimated that 500,000 people attended the Women's March in Washington and 250,000 in New York City. People in cities around the world also participated and there were local protests.

The march was created to send a message that women's rights are human rights.



IN NEW YORK City crowds let their concerns be known with signs and chants.

Courtesy Laura Lane

## Supervisor John Venditto steps down

Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto, who is facing federal corruption charges, resigned in early January. His term was to end in December 2017.

"Throughout my career in town government, one consideration rose above all others: Namely, what is best for the Town of Oyster Bay and its residents?" Venditto, 67, said in a statement.

"Accordingly, I have decided to leave my position as the Oyster Bay Town supervisor . . . It will be difficult, if not impossi-



JOHN VENDITTO

ble, for me to function as the town supervisor going forward, as I focus on clearing my name."

The U.S. Department of Justice announced on Oct. 20 that Venditto, Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano and Mangano's wife, Linda, had been arrested on charges of bribery, extortion, wire fraud and obstruction of justice.

Venditto and Mangano are accused of recurring "bribes and kickbacks." They pleaded not guilty, as did Linda Mangano.

February



Courtesy Ryan Hedlund

**BOB GEMELLI (MIDDLE)**, joined by his family, the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, and the Glen Head-Glenwood Business Association to celebrate Gemelli Gourmet Market North's grand opening.

## Gemelli cements its Glen Head legacy

Residents and community members came out to celebrate the grand opening for Gemelli Gourmet Market North on Jan. 27 in Glen Head. The Gemelli family held a ribbon cutting ceremony with members of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce and the Glen Head-Glenwood Business Association near the entrance of their store, which officially had opened on Nov. 17, 2016.

The Gemelli family has operated their business in Long Island since 1988. Their origins however date back to 1969 when the store's founder Gelsomina Cosentino, more commonly known as

Mama Gemelli, emigrated from Naples, Italy, to pursue the American dream. Their first store was a huge success in Babylon.

"We want to continue her legacy here on the North Shore," Adriana Schutz said, granddaughter of Cosentino. "I want customers to feel as if they're a part of our family whenever they come here. We're such a close-knit family that we want our consumers to be a part of this as well."

Adriana's grandmother died in July 2015 and the family felt that opening this store was the best way to honor her.

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February

## Laura Curran gets the nod for Nassau county executive

In the wake of several corruption scandals involving Long Island elected officials, Nassau County Legislator Laura Curran (D-Baldwin) was endorsed by county Democrats on Jan. 30 to run for county executive, the first woman to be nominated for the position by a major party.

At a press conference packed with hundreds of supporters at the Long Island Marriott in Uniondale, county Democratic Committee Chairman Jay Jacobs lauded Curran as an independent-minded candidate who would root out graft and fix the county's finances.

Jacobs also announced the party's support for Jack Schnirman, the Long Beach city manager, as its pick for county comptroller, and described the two candidates as a "dynamic, talented and visionary team that knows exactly what's going to be needed to bring this county back to where we should be."

Curran, 48, announced her campaign in November, and pledged in January to implement an ethics plan that includes imposing term limits on elected officials; rewriting the county's whistleblower law to encourage employees to report unethical behavior; and ending "the era of nepotism and political favor-



LAURA CURRAN

itism in county hiring." She also said she wants to strengthen financial disclosure forms to include relatives who do business with the county, and hire an inspector general to investigate county contracting.

In a historic election, Curran became the first Democratic woman to be elected to the county executive seat.

## Big changes ahead for the Gazette

In the Feb. 16 issue of the Gold Coast Gazette there was an announcement several changes were in store for the publication. Two new papers would replace the Gazette, the Glen Cove Herald Gazette, which would cover the City of Glen Cove, and the Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette, to cover all the communities in the North Shore School District.



## Glen Cove Herald Gazette's first issue

The first issue of the Glen Cove Herald Gazette was mailed to subscribers and was available on newsstands on March 2.

The new community resource, a result of the Gold Coast Gazette joining forces with Herald Community Newspapers, committed to providing hometown news exclusively for the City of Glen Cove.



March



Courtesy Lissa Harris

GABRIELLE GOODYEAR, 13, helped to create the tolerance tree.

## Exploring diverse cultures and the impact of African-American history

"Black History is American History," says filmmaker Shukree Hassan Tilghman. Her documentary was shown to eight grade social studies classes at Finley Middle School. Afterwards Tracy Garrison-Feinberg, director of Claire Friedlander Education Institute at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County asked students: "Should there be a Black History Month?"

The social studies teachers teamed up with Garrison-Feinberg at the behest of Finley's principal, Nelson Iocolano. The program used the documentary "Should Black History Be: More than a Month" to explore how different cultures are

acknowledged in the study of American history and throughout American culture. The students spent one class period over the course of two days to talk about how different cultures — in particular African-American culture — have shaped American culture.

The students explored their personal origins and ethnicities. They also read and discussed George Ella Lyon's poem, "Where I'm From," and then wrote their own poems about where they come from. Then they chose a quote from a famous African-American, and wrote their selections on a paper cutout of their traced hands and glued them to a cardboard tree.

## Mother and son served as grand marshals for St. Pat's parade

This year marked the first time that a mother and son lead Glen Cove's St. Patrick's Day Parade. Julie and Christopher Albin, lifelong Locust Valley residents, were the grand marshals in what is perhaps the city's most popular event. This year's parade was Glen Cove's 29th.

The parade was organized and sponsored by the Glen Cove Hibernians.

The grand marshals are traditionally chosen by a committee of Hibernians based on their work for the organization and their community service.

"It's a big thing to be chosen," said Julie, a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Chris, a registered nurse and a detective with the Glen Cove Police Department, said he was surprised to find out that he would lead the parade. "It's quite an honor to share this with Mom," he said.



Laura Lane/Herald Gazette

THIS YEAR'S GRAND marshals for Glen Cove's St. Patrick's Day Parade were a mother and son — Julie and Christopher Albin.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

March

## Chronicling the developing Garvies Point Waterfront project

Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman read a letter at Glen Cove's planning board meeting on March 7, prior to a vote on Phase Two of the Garvies Point Project, which includes the construction of a five-story, 167-unit condominium building, a new park as well as a dog park, and a boardwalk.

Construction on the large-scale, multi-year project officially began on March 13 and is still in the beginning stages, even though the groundbreaking ceremony was in December 2016. Between December and March property developer RXR Realty worked acquiring building permits and finalizing designs.

On Oct. 16, Nassau County Supreme Court Judge James McCormack dismissed the last of three lawsuits filed against the Garvies Project, which focused on Phase Two of the project, and the condominium building — Building B.

The suit was filed by the Committee for a Sustainable Waterfront, David Berg, Roger Friedman and Amy Peters against the developer, city and several city agencies. They call themselves "a group of concerned Long Islanders who have joined together to fight the overdevelopment of the Garvies Point Waterfront project."



Courtesy RXR Realty

**THE GARVIES POINT** Waterfront project will include one of several luxury developments that are part of the revitalization of Glen Cove.

April

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

The City Council voted to award East Coast USA Construction a contract to complete the Morgan Park lower bathroom renovations. The construction company, which submitted the lower of two bids, estimated the renovation cost at \$259,000. The other bid, for \$644,000, came from Woodstock Construction Group. The renovation cost was approved as part of the capital budget at a previous council meeting.

The lower restrooms in Morgan Park have not been renovated since they were built in 1932, though they have been cleaned, repainted and brought up to sanitary code every year since. The renova-

tions included heavy epoxy flooring, which is estimated to last about 30 years, graffiti-proof stall dividers and new fixtures, including new sinks. The restrooms' exterior looks the same. The brickwork remained, and minor patchwork was done on certain areas. The major change was the roof. The plan was to replace the existing slate tiles with a resin that looks like slate. In keeping with the city's plan to become a Certified Clean Energy Community, LED lights were installed. Since the restrooms are not heated or air-conditioned, energy use is projected to be minimal.



Danielle Agoggia/Herald

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



Courtesy NBC Universal and Caelum Productions

**SEA CLIFF RESIDENT** Troy Ramey was a fan favorite on "The Voice."

## Sea Cliff resident Troy Ramey auditioned for 'The Voice'

"Now that I've lost everything to you" — the first line of Cat Stevens's "Wild World" — were the only lyrics Troy Ramey, 32, had to sing during his audition for NBC's "The Voice" before Blake Shelton slammed his red button. Turning to face Ramey, Shelton made it clear that he wanted the Sea Cliff resident on his team.

But Shelton wasn't the only coach interested in Ramey. Thirty seconds later, Adam Levine hit his button, followed by Gwen Stefani. And finally, Alicia Keys was onboard too.

Ramey received a four-chair turn-around during his audition — a huge compliment for anyone hoping to be a contestant on the show.

Ramey had the pick of four superstars to coach him through the show, in the hope of winning the grand prize — a record deal with Universal Music Group. Ramey chose to cover John Mayer's version of "Free Fallin,'" which reached No. 1 on the iTunes rock chart, but it was his last performance on "The Voice." On April 24, the audience chose Mark Isaiah, 19, to move on to the next round.



May

## Incinerator demolition begins right on schedule

The demolition of the obsolete incinerator at the Department of Public Works yard on Morris Avenue began on Friday, May 5.

After Unitech Services Group Inc. completed an abatement on the roof, which was found to contain asbestos, Total Wrecking and Environmental began the demolition.

The demolition is part of the waterfront improvements the city is undertaking on the south side of the creek and will cost the city \$2.1 million.

The city had operated the incinerator from 1979 through the 1980s, when there was much less public concern about the damaging environmental effects of burning waste and sewage. There are plans to eliminate the nearby composting area too and perhaps make room for additional play areas. There are three ball fields across the street from all the industry on Morris Avenue.

Jim Byrne, the former director of the Glen Cove DPW and Dan Cox, chairman of the city's recreation commission, think the property where the incinerator once stood may be turned into a parking lot to support the three ballparks in the area.



Photo Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**FORMER GLEN COVE DPW Director Jim Byrne and Mayor Reggie Spinello made sure everything went smoothly during the incinerator demolition.**



Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

**THE TOTAL BUDGET** for the Glen Cove City School District for the 2017-18 year will be \$85,907,869.

## Glen Cove City School District \$85.9 million budget passes

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

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

A total of 728 residents came out to vote this year for the budget and new Board of Education Trustees, compared to last year's 1,044.

The two new Board of Education trustees are Monica Alexandris-Miller and Robert Field, whose children attend

district schools. Both ran for the first time this year in an unopposed election to replace Maureen Pappachristou and Barrie Dratch, who chose not to run for reelection. Alexandris-Miller was voted in with 588 votes, and Field with 521.

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

Cuts were made in administrative costs and the district will not hire new employees to fill positions that were vacated due to retirement.

## Court's Hispanic outreach eases community concerns

After the Spanish mass at St. Patrick's Church on April 23, hundreds of Hispanic locals stayed to hear Supervising City Court Judge Richard McCord, along with many county officials and bilingual community leaders, share information regarding the services that are available to them at the court.

According to McCord, about one week after the form at least five people came to the court to ask questions about parking tickets and crime issues. McCord said this is a great sign of progress. "Actions speak louder than words," McCord said. "The fact that they so quickly after the forum are stepping up and exercising the rights that they have available to them, I find it to be very remarkable and long overdue."

Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce President Hender Alvarez also spoke in Spanish, which he said was greatly appreciated by the audience. "People were very appreciative of the community and the leadership of the community coming together to and trying to help," he said. He noted that many people in the community were impressed and shocked from this initiative. After the forum, residents were able to mingle with city and county officials in a more casual setting during a light breakfast provided by the Glen Cove YMCA.



Ryan Hedlund/Herald Gazette

**HENDER ALVARADO, PRESIDENT** of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, addressed the congregation in Spanish.



June

## Village Square work is underway

RXR Realty, the group that is developing Garvies Point, faced an obstacle in the Village Square revitalization when the one tenant housed in a 2,000-square-foot parcel — Dr. Joseph Onorato — refused to relocate. RXR purchased the rest of the 2.8 acres of property through a private sale.

The Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency said that it would continue the eminent-domain proceedings it began in mid-January. The project will include a 16,500-square-foot public plaza, restaurants, retail stores and 146 studios, and one- and two-bedroom apartments. The IDA moved forward with approvals for the project, including PILOTS at the meeting on Aug. 22.

During the first three years of construction, RXR will pay the IDA just over \$183,000 annually, which is more than the current tax bill of around \$154,400. The payments will increase 2 percent per year for the following 15 years, after which the

property will revert to the tax rolls. Additionally, there will be a one-time payment in lieu of parking, because the project does not have the amount of on-site parking required by city code. This fee will be about \$192,000, and the city plans to use that money to repair the Brewster Street garage.

Above-ground demolition began on Sept. 7 before the contract was finalized between the doctor's office and RXR.

On Sept. 15, after nearly six months of negotiations, RXR reached an agreement with All Island Realty to purchase the final parcel. During the two-year reconstruction, Onorato's office will move to a temporary 3,000-square-foot office at 3 School St. Once the project is complete, the office will return to a ground-floor, 1,900-square-foot office condominium in the new Village Square.

RXR is paying the rent for the temporary School Street location, in addition to relocation costs.



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**THE VILLAGE SQUARE** project is being considered the gateway to the waterfront.



Tab Hauser/Herald Gazette

**WHILE OTHER COMMUNITY** groups marched, the Polish Home's float was stopped mid-parade and reprimanded for playing music.

## Parade marred by Polish float exclusion

The day honoring and celebrating veterans who sacrificed their lives for our freedom took a different turn — literally — when the Polish National Home of Glen Cove's float and its members were allegedly asked to leave during the middle of the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade.

The Polish National Home, which has been a part of the Glen Cove community for over 100 years, said they followed parade protocol like they had in the past.

Anthony Anzalone, the Memorial Day parade committee chairman, did not witness the incident, but said Vincent Martinez, one of the parade marshals, was patrolling the sidelines and

heard the Polish float playing music. Martinez said that no music other than the marching bands was allowed during the parade so that all movement is synchronized. Martinez allegedly told the Polish float to leave the parade.

Polish Home President Elizabeth Majewska said they tried briefly reasoning with Martinez, but he wouldn't listen. For the 2018 parade, several procedures will be changed. Anzalone said the committee would allow floats playing patriotic music. Additionally, participating organizations with floats will be sent a form to sign, asking them to comply with all rules.

## Glen Cove made a smooth ferry debut

To combat the "summer from hell" that was expected to result from service cuts at Penn Station, a temporary LIRR ferry service ran from Cove to Manhattan starting July 10. New York Cruise Lines operated one ferry out of Glen Cove at 6:10 a.m. and arrived at Wall Street at 7:30 a.m.; departed from Wall Street at 4:30 p.m. and arrived at Glen Cove at 5:50 p.m. The other was operated by National Ferry, which departed at 6:35 a.m. and arrived at East 34th Street at 7:45 a.m.; left East 34th Street at 6:20 p.m. and arrived at Glen Cove at 7:30 p.m.

The move did not come without opposition. Sea Cliff residents were concerned about traffic congestion and environmental effects to the creek. However low ridership numbers

negated any potential traffic increase.

On the first day of service, about 100 passengers boarded the two ferries, which together could carry more than 300 people. Glen Cove Harbor Patrol escorted each ferry during the departures and returns throughout the summer. Despite lower than anticipated ridership numbers, which city officials said was potentially due to the schedule, the city still viewed the LIRR ferry as a trial run for a permanent Glen Cove ferry and released a Request for Proposals in September to move it forward. The RFP will also include a recreational aspect. On the other hand, those who opposed the ferry viewed the low ridership as a sign that a permanent ferry would not be successful.



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# YEAR IN REVIEW

July

## Glen Cove High School graduates demonstrate the power of diversity

The bleachers at Glen Cove High School's J.C. Maiden Field were filled to capacity with proud family members who came to watch the class of 2017 graduate on June 25.

"Thank you all for being such fantastic individuals," Principal Antonio Santana told the graduates. "Thank you for enriching my life over the last two years. It's really been awesome."

Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna reminded parents of how proud they should be of the seniors. "The time with them, listening and working with them, has been a tremendous experience," Rianna said. "They are a very special group of young people, diverse in their dreams, in their skills and their many talents, but very similar in their passion, their sense of community and in their hearts."

Valedictorian Julie Micko, Salutatorian Geovani Flores, Honorarian Laura Roesch and senior class President Anthony James Perfetti also spoke, and thanked their classmates for enriching their high school experience and preparing them to go out into the workforce with open minds and hearts.



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**GCHS GRADUATES THANKED** their teachers for the memorable experiences.

## BID, Youth Bureau spruce up garage



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**YOUTH BUREAU MEMBER** Mykaela Pajuolo helped paint new red signage in the Brewster Street garage.

In collaboration with the Youth Bureau, the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District beautified the Brewster Street parking garage, inside and out. Throughout July, members of the Youth Bureau painted directional signs in the garage, making it easier for drivers to find their way. The Capital Improvement Committee paid for the stencils and materials, and the Aboff's store donated the paint.

In addition to the new signage, the BID implemented an irrigation system outside the garage, replaced parking garage signs on the streets. They hope to eventually create a painted mural.

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August

## ICE arrests man in Glen Cove in an Islandwide dragnet

On Aug. 8, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Enforcement Removal Operations said officers arrested 32 convicted sexual offenders throughout Long Island, including a 36-year-old Salvadoran man who may have been from Glen Cove. He was arrested on July 25 in Glen Cove by ICE, as were others that had been found guilty of committing sexual crimes and were undocumented. The Salvadoran man had been convicted of raping a 15-year-old victim, and sentenced to 10 years of probation supervision.

The recent arrests by ICE occurred over a 10-day period ending on August 3. Law enforcement is referring to the arrests as Operation Sex Offender Alien Removal (SOAR).

The 32 individuals were from Nassau and Suffolk counties with past criminal convictions ranging from sexual abuse to attempted rape. Of those arrested, 12 are registered sexual offenders.

According to ICE, the arrestees with outstanding orders of deportation, or those who returned to the United States illegally after being deported, were required to leave the country immediately.



Courtesy U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
**U.S. IMMIGRATION AND** Customs Enforcement arrested 36 people from Long Island who committed sex-related crimes, as part of Operation Sex Offender Alien Removal.

## Teen gunplay turns fatal

Derek Cosme, 15, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 2 of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Police said the boy and two friends were playing with a licensed, loaded handgun at a house on Williams Street when Derek accidentally shot himself in the temple. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police did not release the names of the two friends, but said they were both 16. Glen Cove Lt. Detective John Nagle said that one of them contacted a neighbor and asked for help after Derek was shot, and the neighbor called police.

Nassau County police spokesman Vincent Garcia said the boy did not live at the house, but the gun was licensed to a resident. He added that there are no laws governing the safekeeping of firearms in Nassau County. Nagle confirmed that a female resident of the house is a former Nassau County corrections officer, but he would not say whether it was her gun that killed Derek.



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September

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

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.

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

She was athletic, a devoted Catholic, had an adventurous spirit and was a lifelong learner.



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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.



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**ERIC SHUMAN, 36**, is the new activities coordinator for the Glen Cove Senior Center

## New activities coordinator comes to the Glen Cove Senior Center

Last week, the Glen Cove Senior Center welcomed with open arms Eric Shuman, the new activities coordinator. Shuman, 36, moved to Glen Cove with his family seven years ago.

His background is as a physical education teacher and program director for 15 years in the Great Neck School District. He's also been a director at Camp Hillel in Lawrence, where he did program scheduling and hiring.

Shuman hopes to incorporate more physical activities into the center, including a bocce court, an indoor putting green and the game of pickleball, which he brought to Cove Sports Academy and Stanco Park.

He also has plans to offer more trips outside of the community, work more with other senior centers and explore the possibility of expanding by adding evening activities. Ideas are welcomed.

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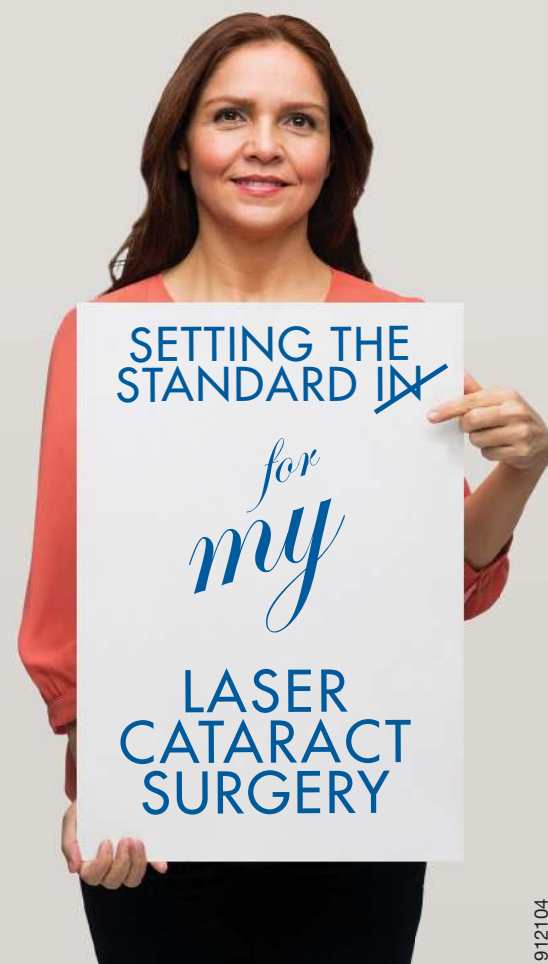


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October



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**NELSON MELGAR**, a Glen Cove High School graduate with DACA status, wants to remain in the city to help unify it.

## 'Dreamer' Nelson Melgar won't return to living the shadows

Nelson Melgar, 27, has his own office in State Assemblyman Charles Lavine's Glen Cove office, where he works as a constituent liaison. He was born in Honduras, and can recite the presidents of the U.S. in chronological order, knows his adopted country's history and has an American flag screensaver. A Glen Cove High School graduate, he attended Nassau Community and Hunter colleges, and plans to go to law school.

Melgar is the son of a coffee bean farmer and a cleaning woman, and a 'Dreamer' having been brought to the U.S. illegally as a child, but protected from deportation by former President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood

Arrivals program, enacted in August 2012.

On Sept. 5, President Trump announced his intention to end it, and gave Congress six months to find a legislative fix to protect the so-called "Dreamers." Trump has said that this would be the program recipients' last opportunity to renew their DACA status.

But Melgar is not eligible to renew, because his expiration date is next November. Unless Congress makes changes, he will no longer be able to work for Lavine — or even keep his driver's license — after his status expires. He would then be living in the U.S. illegally, and could be deported.

## Glen Cove passes 2018 budget

The City of Glen Cove's 2018 budget passed with a vote of 4-2 on Oct. 24, with former councilmen Roderick Watson and Timothy Tenke voting against it.

At the first budget presentation during a City Council meeting on Oct. 10, Mayor Reggie Spinello said he was pleased with the way the spending plan turned out. Some residents, however, expressed concerns about the taxes the city has yet to receive from the Garvies Point Waterfront project.

The budget lists \$2.4 million in building fees from the waterfront, but Spinello said that no tax revenue is due to come in from the waterfront in 2018. Several residents said the building fees is akin to one-shot revenue, which Spinello said there was none of in the budget.

According to the budget presentation, the city's debt has been reduced by about \$10 million since 2013. As a result, expenses have decreased by about \$3.25 million, \$2.9 million of which is attributed to a decrease in debt service payments.

At the budget vote, Tenke said he was concerned about the large estimated increase in building fees, noting that the city has only received about \$200,000 of



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**THE GLEN COVE** 2018 budget passed the City Council 4-2.

the \$2.7 million it projected in fees for 2017. Tenke said that because of the large assumptions in the budget, he could not support it.

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November

## 100 years of NYS's women's suffrage

The City of Glen Cove and The Long Island Woman Suffrage Association dedicated a Woman Suffrage historic marker on Monday on Dosoris Lane, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in N.Y.

The historic marker, funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, recognizes the role of Glen Cove Suffragists Helen Sherman Pratt and Florence Gibb Pratt.

The marker was made possible by Antonia Petrash, author of "Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement" and founder of The Long Island Woman Suffrage Association. Through research for

her book, she discovered the important role of the Pratt sisters in N.Y. Women's Suffrage. She reached out to Glen Cove about installing the marker; and the city was happy to put it on display.

The marker is located near the Glen Cove YMCA, 135 Dosoris Lane, by the Treiber Center outdoor pool.

Two of the most influential leaders of the woman suffrage movement in Glen Cove were sisters-in-laws Helen Deming Sherman Pratt, wife of George Du Pont Pratt, and Florence Gibb Pratt, wife of Herbert Lee Pratt.

Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**MAYOR REGGIE SPINELLO**, founder of the Long Island Woman Suffrage Association Antonia Petrash and Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck spoke at the installation of a Women's Suffrage marker to honor the 100th anniversary of Women's right to vote in N.Y.



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## World War II veteran honored at Subway Series game in the Bronx

World War II Air Force veteran Joseph O'Grady, 95, was honored during the seventh-inning stretch of the Yankees-Mets game on Aug. 15. For the lifelong Yankees fan and resident of Glen Cove, it was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that he said was unbelievable. "I couldn't believe it even while it was happening," he said. "The nicest part was so many of my family were there. It brings tears to my eyes."

Dressed in his former uniform, a bombardier suit and crusher hat, O'Grady walked out to home plate accompanied by his son and two grandsons. The crowd gave them a standing ovation.

Then the jumbotron displayed a photo of a young Lieutenant O'Grady when he

served as a bombardier and navigator in the war.

With an emotional smile, O'Grady waved his hat at the crowd and sang along to "God Bless America" and "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." He happily accepted a game ball and returned to his seat, where more than 30 friends and family members were proudly waiting.

After the war, O'Grady was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters.

When he was honored at the Yankees game in August, he was accompanied by his son, Jim O'Grady, and grandsons Matthew and Peter on the field.



Courtesy Ginger Kauppi

**JOSEPH O'GRADY WAS** an honored veteran at the Aug. 15 Yankees-Mets game. He was joined by his grandson Matthew O'Grady, left, son James O'Grady and grandson Peter O'Grady on the field.



Tab Hauser/Herald Gazette

## First City Project's showing is a hit

There is a historic building in Glen Cove where graffiti covers every inch of the interior. But it's not what you think. Situated on Glen Street, The Coles House may look like a regular brick and mortar shop from the outside. But on Saturday, Nov. 11, it stood out from its neighboring storefronts thanks to the bright blues, fluorescent pinks, and vivid reds spray-painted on the white siding.

The building is the oldest house in Glen Cove, and has been designated a city landmark with architectural details dating back to 1690. It was once home to one of the city's five founding families.

Now owned by Joe LaPadula, the building is the home of First City Project, an urban art space with the goal of exposing the community to this new genre of art and showcasing up-and-coming artists. Every inch of the inside, from the floor to the ceiling, is covered in

urban art from not only first-generation graffiti writers, but from local artists including Glen Cove art teachers and students.

For only the second time since its grand opening in March, First City Project opened its doors on Nov. 11 for Art in Motion, a pop-up art gallery and vendor market. The house, with its maze-like layout, was filled with local business and artists including vintage goods, street food and handmade items. There were also exotic cars parked in front courtesy of LaPadula's custom auto body shop, Martino Auto Concepts.

As a board member of the Downtown Business Improvement District, and a real estate investor himself, LaPadula understands the importance of attracting people to the city. The event brought people from as far as Pennsylvania to shop and see the art.



December

## Students show off their technology skills at Board of Education workshop

Parents saw an array of tech toys and more in action at the Glen Cove City School District's first Family Code Night, held during the Board of Education workshop on Dec. 4.

Most adults might not know what Bloxels, Ozobots and Keva Planks are, but their children probably do. Bloxels let you build your own video game. With Ozobots, you can create color-coded pathways for miniature robots to follow. And Keva Planks are the 21st-century version of Legos and Lincoln Logs.

The workshop was put on by science, technology, research, engineering, art and math teachers — whose subjects are known collectively as STREAM — from Landing, Connolly, Gribbin and Deasy schools to show parents the critical think-

ing and problem-solving skills their children are using in class.

More than 100 families of elementary-level students signed up for the event.

"This is really a night for the parents to see the great work that they're doing, all the critical thinking, the teamwork and collaboration that it takes to be a 21st-century learner," said Landing STREAM teacher Kenneth Altamirano.

Students and their parents were able to choose from nine coding stations, each with a different activity that focused on a technological skill. Whether it was directionality, with Bee-Bots, or mapping, with the Code-a-Pillar, parents watched their children interact with these advanced "toys."



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**LANDING STUDENTS AMELIA** Decker and Claire O'Brien built an intricate tower using Keva Planks.

## St. Rocco's Church celebrates 80 years in Glen Cove on Christmas Eve

In 1890, a group of Italians immigrated to the U.S. and settled in the Orchard Neighborhood in Glen Cove. They would become the founders and first members of St. Rocco's Parish, which celebrated its 80th anniversary on Christmas Eve.

Together the immigrants formed the St. Rocco Society, a mutual aid society. They built what was called the Orchard House, a place to hold celebrations, activities and meetings as well as Sunday masses. They built a small chapel nearby, but soon the congregation outgrew the space. In 1933, the St. Rocco Society and another group, the St. Marina Society, purchased land on Third Street in Glen Cove. Surrounding property owners donated land to the groups in the hope of building a church.

The community convinced Bishop

Thomas Molloy of the Diocese of Brooklyn and St. Patrick's Church to allow them to create a new parish.

Michael Pascucci was chosen as the architect, and he modeled the design after a church in Sturno, a town in southern Italy, from which many residents had emigrated.

The Church of St. Rocco broke ground on July 18, 1937, and was completed by Christmas Eve that year. The community celebrated with a blessing and first Mass by Bishop Thomas Molloy.

The Rev. Elidoro Capobianco was assigned as the church's first pastor. On Dec. 10, parishioners gathered at Chateau Briand in Carle Place to celebrate 80 years of their Italian Catholic heritage in Glen Cove.



Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** Executive Director Ann Fangmann explained the areas the city is studying.

## Study looks into neighborhood revitalization

As part of Glen Cove's revitalization efforts, the city is using a Brownfield Opportunity Area program grant to evaluate potential redevelopment in an area that encompasses the neighborhoods along Pratt Boulevard, Sea Cliff Avenue, Cedar Swamp Road and the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road station.

The BOA grant of \$402,100, funded by the New York Department of State, provides financial and technical assistance for the reuse of areas that have been designated former brownfields — areas where hazardous contamination was a concern. The city will kick in \$44,678 toward the studies.

According to Community Development Agency Executive Director Ann

Fangmann, city officials hope to have a draft implementation plan finished by next spring. They are now focusing on sites including the Orchard Neighborhood, the Glen Street train station, the Photocircuits property, the Coles School and the Glen Cove Day Care Center. Fangmann said the city is also evaluating zoning overall. The Orchard Neighborhood, for example, is an Incentive Overlay District, which allows developers such things as density bonuses if they use "green" building methods and include streetscape improvements.

"Before we were just in a planning phase," Fangmann said. "Now we're putting some more concrete numbers to things."

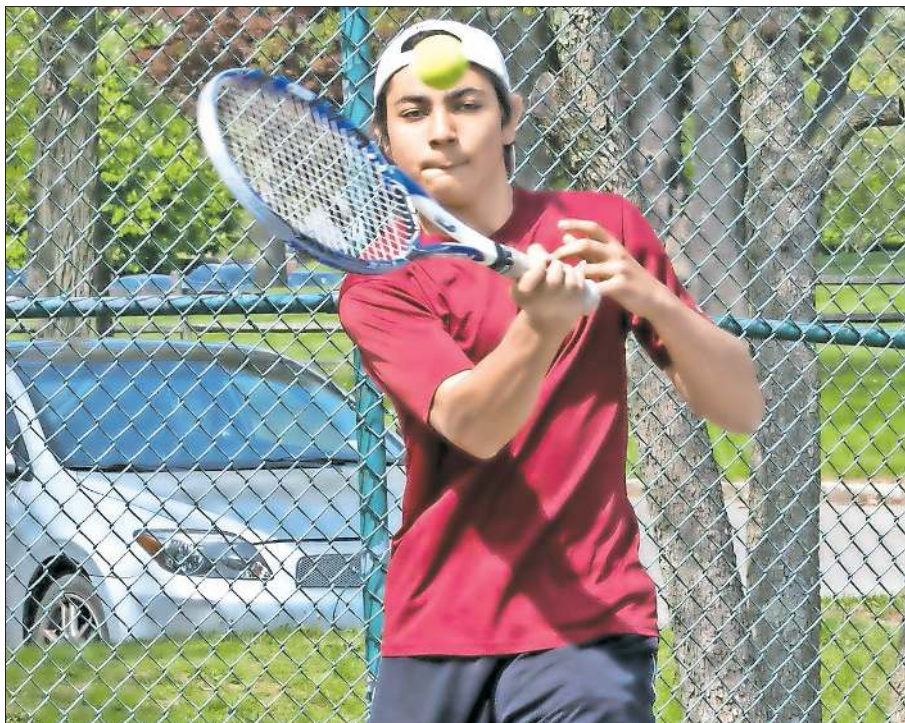


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**CITY COUNCILWOMAN PAMELA** Panzenbeck spoke during the ceremony to honor life-long volunteers and members of St. Rocco's Church Angelina Anzalone, left, with flowers, Yolanda Ruthkowski and Laura DiLeo.



May



Roni Chastain/Herald

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

## Big Red sets tone for future

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

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

Some of those returning seniors

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

Seniors Jose Santos and Sam Israel were a constant doubles pairing that combined for only one collective loss on the season, whilst compiling 13 wins in the process.

Alan Gansky and Brandon Kolonovich, two eighth graders playing at the varsity level, were a top doubles pairing that showed true promise for the future of the program. Luciano Tuo, another eighth grader with the skill level of a varsity player, served as the teams No. 3 singles.

October

## Lady Big Red wins conference

The Glen Cove girls' tennis team celebrates a stellar 2017 campaign, finishing 14-0 this season within Conference III and successfully moves back up to Conference II, starting next season.

Eventually, one impressive performance after another the Lady Big Red saw its very successful 2017 season come to a close with a matchup against Conference I powerhouse Syosset in the playoffs.

As for Glen Cove coach Chris McDonald, he saw the matchup with Syosset as a key learning experience for his girls. "That's good to play top Conference I teams like Syosset," McDonald said. "We lost to a very good Conference I team but we were tough and competed. We're moving back up to Conference II, which is also tough, but we want to compete at a high level there as well."

A key ingredient to any successful team are hard-working dedicated athletes, which is exactly what Glen Cove boasts. Senior Trinity Chow, a varsity mainstay since seventh grade, finished her senior season off in style as the 1st singles constant and gaining All-State honors. She has previously been named All-County in both her sophomore and junior seasons.



Roni Chastain/Herald

**SENIOR TRINITY CHOW** helped Glen Cove capture a conference title and also made a run to the Nassau County singles semifinals to earn All-State honors.

Senior Rebecca Tan brought forth a 10-4 record, comfortably sliding into the important role of No. 2 singles while sophomore Axelle LaBaw impressed compiling a 10-4 record as well.

## Glen Cove returns to playoffs

After a 5-3-6 regular season record in Nassau Conference A2, the Glen Cove Big Red boys' soccer returned to the playoffs one year removed from a county championship.

Despite battling some key injuries throughout the season, Glen Cove rode its talented roster, sound gameplan, and stellar coaching into the Class A playoff bracket.

"We have respect for a bunch of teams, and even have reverence for those teams but, as we do, we prepare for every single opponent," coach Brian Smith said. "To be champions you've gotta face the best at some point, anyway, there is no avoiding good teams. In order to be the best team, you have to beat the best."

With three games left on its schedule, Glen Cove needed a key win to secure a better-than .500 league record to propel it into the playoffs. That is when it stomped into Roslyn, taking a 2-0 victory on the road and pushing its league record to two wins over .500.

"The success in that game, just like all of our success, was based on good team structure," said Smith, who preaches that idea heavily to his players. "With good defensive structure, that leads to possession time, passing in the midfield, leading to creativity, opportunities, and eventually goals."



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**GLEN COVE'S JELSON** Bonilla, right, and Edwin Yanes celebrate after Bonilla scored in a 2-2 draw against Lawrence on Oct. 10.

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December

## City to sell Coles School for \$2.1M; the property will serve dual organizations

The City Council voted 4-2 to sell the Coles School in Glen Cove to Tiegerman, formerly the School for Language and Communication Development, for \$2.1 million at its Dec. 14 meeting. The school has stood vacant for eight years.

Tiegerman is a not-for-profit school for children in pre-K through high school with language and autism spectrum disorders. Additionally, it has a community service agency for adults. The pre-K and elementary school is on Glen Cove Avenue.

The decision to sell received mixed reviews from council members and meeting attendees, with Councilmen Efraim Spagnoletti and Roderrick Watson voting against the measure.

The city is selling the 1.87 acres at the front of the property, which includes the Coles School. Tiegerman officials plan to move their middle school program there from its current location in Woodside, Queens.

The city will retain the rear portion, which is about two acres and includes open space and one building. Mayor Reggie Spinello said the goal is to move the Glen Cove Youth Bureau to the back so children have open space to play.

The city purchased the school for \$2.4 million from the Glen Cove City School District in 2002, and leased it to Solomon Schechter School until 2011.



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**THE COLES SCHOOL** will be turned into Tiegerman's middle school, and the back of the property will be reserved for the city's Youth Bureau.

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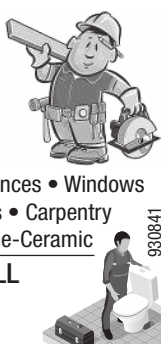


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## HERALD EDITORIAL

### Why we still need Women's History Month

In late 1916, Brooklyn's Inez Milholland Boissevain, a prominent New York attorney and suffragist, was traveling the country, demanding equal rights for women, including the right to vote. By the time she reached the West Coast, she was exhausted, and she collapsed during a speaking engagement in Los Angeles, according to inezmilhollandcentennial.com. Milholland Boissevain died of pernicious anemia, an inability to absorb B-12, on Nov. 25, 1916, becoming a martyr of the suffragist movement. Women by the thousands gathered in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 10, 1917, to remember her; and to call on the federal government to respect the rights of women. Three years later, women were finally granted the right to vote, when Congress passed the Constitution's 19th Amendment.

Yes, unbelievably, for 144 years, women couldn't vote — and thus didn't have a voice in government. We mustn't forget that.

Today, women are far better off than they were a century ago, but in many ways they still struggle. They earn only 79 cents on the dollar when compared with men doing the same work. Women are still often subject to discrimination in the workplace. And too often they are belittled and objectified by men.

That is why we must recognize Women's History Month in March. Women's struggle for equal rights continues to this day.

Women's History Month started as a small-town school celebration in Sonoma,

Calif., in 1978, according to history.com. There were presentations at dozens of schools. Afterward, hundreds of students took part in a "Real Woman" essay contest, and there was a parade in downtown Santa Rosa.

In 1980, President Jimmy Carter declared the week of March 8 National Women's History Week. The following year, Congress passed a resolution establishing a national celebration, and because of lobbying efforts by the National Women's History Project, that celebration was extended in 1987 to the entire month of March.

**W**e need reminding of the vital role of a gender that, for the first 144 years of the nation's history, couldn't even vote.

International Women's Day was first marked on March 8, 1911, and is annually celebrated throughout the world. The United Nations has sponsored the day since 1975. According to the U.N., the day is needed "to recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms requires the active participation, equality and development of women." This year's theme for the day is Be Bold for Change.

In Nassau County, a number of events will honor women throughout March. Here are a few.

#### Just Desserts

Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and the Nassau County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals invite residents to nominate "extraordinary women" who make a difference in Nassau County, give back to their communities, inspire

and lead by example. A celebration of their achievements — called Just Desserts — will be held on May 18, at 6 p.m., at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City.

The Just Desserts Celebration will benefit the NCSPCA, which partners with the Safe Center LI to house the pets of domestic violence victims. Tickets for the event are \$20 each, and guests will have the chance to sample a variety of signature desserts from several local bakeries. Tickets will sell out quickly, and will not be available at the door.

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#### Town Pathfinders Award ceremony

Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino and members of the Town Board were scheduled to honor 11 women who live or work in the town for their outstanding contributions to the community at Hempstead's annual Pathfinder Awards ceremony on March 7, after press time. The public was invited to attend.

#### Hofstra University presentation

The Hofstra Cultural Center will present a reading by San Francisco writer, historian and activist Rebecca Solnit on March 27 at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, Solnit will discuss her latest books, the recent U.S. election and what it means for feminism and the environment. She is the author of 17 books and the recipient of many awards, including the National Book Critics Circle Award. She will appear at the Helene Fortunoff Theater in the Monroe Lecture Center on Hofstra's South Campus. The event is free, but advance registration is required. RSVP online at hostra.edu.

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## LETTERS

### We're all Islanders

To the Editor:

The Herald's editorial last week about the Islanders potentially returning to Nassau County ("Bring the Islanders home to the Coliseum") was spot on. Seeing our team play at the Coliseum is a topic that so many of us are passionate about, and your piece encouraged us to tell our own story.

I grew up on Long Island, I remember my heart for the Nassau Islanders. The "old barn" was where we saw Van Johnson and other greats of the 1980s, the circus, pro wrestling, and, of course, our New York Islanders.

My earliest memory of an Islanders game is from the winter of 1980-something. Mike Bossy recorded a hat trick and the home team beat the New Jersey Devils. I was there, along with my Cub Scout troop, attending my first live game at Nassau Coliseum. I wonder if my parents still



have the ticket stub.

This was my introduction to hockey, and I loved the pace of the action. To me, Bossy was magical, and being there in person was what roped me in. Just seeing him play live made me

feel connected to the glory of the "drive for five" Stanley Cup championships.

As a lifelong Isles fan, I've been through the LaFontaine era, the Turgeon era (I still hate Dale Hunter) and even the lean years with the Gor-



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This week's pages offer some answers to our readers.  
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## Opinion pages

### OPINIONS

# Hospitals, deeply connected to our lives

**A**round 1 p.m. on March 2, I stepped through the emergency room's wide, sliding-glass doors into the cold, where a Nassau County police ambulance was parked, and the memories rushed back.

Fourteen and a half years ago, my son, Andrew, was born at this very spot, I thought.

My wife had gone into labor at home in the afternoon of a muggy mid-July day. Within the hour, she gave birth in the back parking lot of South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside — inside a police ambulance.

Last Thursday, I joined a small group of Herald staffers for a tour of South Nassau's emergency and surgical departments. Wherever I turned, another memory of a visit to the hospital popped into my mind.

I have lived on the South Shore for nearly 25 years. Until the tour, I had never deeply considered how many points of contact I have with South Nassau — or what a profound impact it (or any hospital) — has on people's lives.

On the day of Andrew's birth, it was a wild ride from our Merrick split, which

my wife and I had bought only weeks earlier, to South Nassau. I followed in my car as the ambulance that transported my wife maneuvered through heavy traffic. All the while, I wondered what the heck was happening inside that vehicle.

My heart was pounding, and my hands gripped the steering wheel tightly. I parked near the emergency-room entrance (legally, I think), ran to the ambulance, hopped in and, at that moment, Andrew arrived.

I have hazy memories of walking alongside my wife and our newborn, who were in a wheelchair, and riding an elevator to the maternity floor. I recall getting home late, exhausted. My mom had looked after our then 2½-year-old daughter, Alexandra, that evening.

Alexandra and I ate mint chocolate chip ice cream as I told her the story of how her brother was born. To this day, she swears she remembers the ice cream.

The next day, I brought Alexandra, who wore a red and white checkered dress, to South Nassau. She carried her favorite toys in her Clifford the Big Red Dog backpack. Andrew was curled up in my wife's arms when we entered the room. Slowly, Alexandra approached and hugged her brother, and I snapped a photo of the two of them meeting for the very first time as my wife beamed. I framed an

8-by-10 of the moment, and it's hung in our house ever since.

That fall or the next (I forget), I was insulating the crawl space of our new home. I wore a protective suit, gloves, safety glasses and respirator. I could barely see because my glasses had fogged up, but I persisted. I had nearly finished the project, and I just wanted to get it over with. So I kept working past the point I should have.

My left hand up was up against a crossbeam. As I went to shoot another extra-long staple into the wood, I missed — and sent one straight into my index finger. Pain radiated up my arm as if I'd been jolted by electricity.

I drove to South Nassau. The doctor was kind enough not to laugh as he removed the staple from my throbbing finger and gave me a tetanus shot.

In 2011 and 2012, I was experiencing terrible back pain. I went to three doctors. None could diagnose my condition. One night, the pain became so excruciating that I could stand it no more. My wife drove me to South Nassau. The triage nurse asked me to describe the pain. It radiated from front to back, I said wearily.

"I likely had a kidney stone," she replied. I was taken aback by the confidence in her voice. Within an hour, tests revealed that it was, in fact, a stone. I was given a

dose of pain medication, after which the pain never returned. I passed the stone two days later.

During last Thursday's tour, I remarked to our guides what a beautiful new entrance South Nassau had. It was 10 years old, they said. Then I realized that I hadn't come through the front of the hospital, only the emergency room out back.

Except once. It was the late 1990s or early 2000s, and I was at a New York Press Association convention in upstate Saratoga Springs. My parents were living in Long Beach at the time. On the convention's second night, my wife called, worried. My dad's heart was palpating erratically. I should come home immediately.

I grabbed my friend and fellow editor Jeff Lipton, with whom I had carpooled, and we headed back to Long Island. The Thruway was virtually empty as I drove through the night. I got lost at one point (which I never do) because I wasn't entirely paying attention to my whereabouts.

My dad was at South Nassau. Doctors had stabilized his heart rhythm. More than 15 years longer — long enough to see Alexandra and Andrew into teenagers.

Yes, I concluded last Thursday, hospital visits are very special places.

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SCOTT BRINTON

**T**he kidney stone and the stapled finger may not have been life highlights, but introducing our daughter to her newborn baby brother sure was.

### LETTERS

ton's fisherman logo.

The Islanders were our professional sports franchise, and gave us a sense of pride and identity. We were all Islanders, united by a passion for our team.

Fast-forward to April 25, 2015. John Tavares scored his last goal at the Coliseum in the Islanders' 3-1 victory over the Washington Capitals. It was Game 6 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinals, and I was there. The energy and noise were incredible. Yet even after a great playoff win, we all felt the impending greater loss — our Islanders were leaving.

After the final buzzer sounded, after the jubilation, the arena began to empty. We were in no rush to leave, however. I thought, "This could be my last time here." I wanted to soak it in. Then I saw something that I'm sure I'll never forget: a grown man, a regular guy, middle-aged, clutching his chair and weeping.

His team was moving to Brooklyn, and there was nothing he could do about it. I felt his pain, and we all still feel it. But we don't have to.

A great community like ours deserves leadership that will allow us to realize our potential. But moving forward doesn't mean ignoring our past. It means embracing what is great in our community and making it even better.

When we lost the Islanders, we didn't just

lose a hockey team; we lost a piece of our collective identity. But here's the good news — not only can we get it back, but we can also make it better.

Right now, the planning for the Coliseum's future feels like it's being done on the fly and in the dark. That is unacceptable. Forward-looking leadership would fight to bring the Islanders back from Brooklyn — which doesn't want them anyway — and back home to us, the fan base. We would embrace best practices from across the nation and put plans in place to make the Coliseum the retail, entertainment and residential hub that it ought to be, including 21st-century transportation options.

Moving forward would mean that I could take my daughter to see our Islanders — or the circus, or a concert — right here in Nassau County.

Seeing the Isles at the Coliseum was a great Long Island family tradition. I know that with the right leadership and planning, we can create new traditions and great memories for the next generation of Long Islanders.

JACK SCHNIRMAN  
Long Beach

Schnirman is the Long Beach city manager and a Democratic candidate for Nassau County comptroller.

### FRAMEWORK by Monica B. [Name obscured]



The crocuses offer the first hint of what's to come — Lawrence

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