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**DANIEL ERMARINO TOOK** a sample from one of the wells at the Duck Pond well site, which has been recently taken out of commission after a contaminant was discovered in the water. Standard carbon filters don't work on this particular contaminant, Freon-22. The city will need to install "air stripper filters" before the wells can come back online.

## City mulls water conservation measures amid well closures

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**  
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Glen Cove officials are considering how to deal with a potential water shortage this summer in light of the recent closures of two of the city's wells due to the presence of a contaminant.

With the two wells at the Duck Pond well site shut down after elevated levels of a

refrigerant known as Freon-22 were found there last November, the city expects to draw water from only three of its five pumping stations. "Three wells will get us through the summer with maybe an adjoining supplier," John Ingram, Glen Cove's water operator, told the Herald-Gazette. "We've done it in the past."

But if any of the three

functional wells has to be taken out of commission, Ingram said, having a plan in place to regulate the city's demand for water could go a long way toward minimizing the impact of the reduced capacity.

City spokeswoman Lisa Travatello said that the conservation plan had already been outlined. "It would be

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## Locals to help Puerto Rican health center

BY **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**  
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The Glen Cove Senior Center is partnering with Northwell Health on a fundraiser for Puerto Ricans called Spread the Love on Sunday, which will feature talks by two doctors and a nurse who have been to the island to help in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey and Maria.

"These two hurricanes were among the strongest to ever hit Puerto Rico," said Lucy Van Horn, former activities coordinator for the Glen Cove Senior Center. Her parents came from opposite sides of the territory — her father from Vieques and her mother from Cabo Rojo. Much of her family still lives there.

"I have relatives down there, and they're telling me that out of 10 families, only one has electricity," Van Horn said. "Major cities are getting their lights back, but

huge parts of the countryside are still in the dark."

Van Horn wanted to do something about it. So she spoke to Carol Waldman, the senior center's executive director. "We

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**LUCY VAN HORN**  
 Organizer,  
 Spread the Love

jumped on the opportunity to help Lucy," Waldman said. "We take pride in doing everything we can for people in the community, and in the larger global community."

The pair found out that Glen Cove Hospital, a part of the Northwell Health system, is affiliated with a small Puerto Rican health center — essentially an emergency room and a small clinic — on Culebra, an island off Puerto Rico's eastern coast.

The Culebra Community Health Center was devastated by the hurricanes. "They just completely had to close it all down," Van Horn said. "They're talking about relocating the whole thing." She worries about the

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# New steps to fix Crescent Beach mess

BY ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN  
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State and county officials are renewing their effort to solve the mystery of sewage contamination at Crescent Beach in Glen Cove, which has been closed for nine years because no one is precisely sure where the sewage is coming from.

The hope is to find its source, shut it down and eventually reopen the beach to the public. Crescent Beach borders Hempstead Bay, just north of Sea Cliff.

Since last fall, the state Department of Environmental Conservation, in partnership with Nassau County and the City of Glen Cove, has been working to identify the contamination source. A draft study released in September found that 10 sewage outfall pipes were the likely culprits, though the study was not definitive.

The study named two, the Katz and Schein estates. Saul Katz is president of the New York Mets, and Marvin Schein is an art collector who, since the beach was closed in 2009, has been fined by both the state and the county for discharging sewage from his property.

The study noted that bacteria levels from one outfall were notably lower after Katz's system was shut off. Two other pipes near the Schein estate showed fecal coliform levels more than four times higher than the state standard.



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

**THE MARSHLAND NEAR** Crescent Beach has 10 sewage outfall pipes that are contributing to the contamination of the beach.

On Feb. 3, the Nassau County attorney's office told County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton that county money earmarked to address the problem could cover the cost of using cameras in the offending pipes to determine who, besides Katz and Schein, owns them. "It's a mystery," DeRiggi-Whitton said.

The DEC sent out eight letters to nearby homeowners on Dec. 13 seeking information that could help identify the sources

of the problem. Only one of those requests has not had a response, but DEC has scheduled a field visit with that property owner.

"Until we can prove where these pipes are coming from," DeRiggi-Whitton told the Herald Gazette, "it'll be hard to determine" who should be responsible for fixing them. She said she hoped the cameras would provide the necessary evidence.

Glen Cove city spokeswoman Lisa Tra-

vatello said that until the investigation was complete, the nature of the fixes wouldn't be certain, although DeRiggi-Whitton said that simply capping the outfalls could lead to leaks elsewhere, and that the most likely and cheapest solution would be to reroute the pipes to terminate in a more appropriate and environmentally friendly location.

D&B engineers, the firm that did the study last year and will deploy the cameras, will wait until the weather warms up before doing so. DeRiggi-Whitton said that the firm should be able to get the work done next month, and she hopes the beaches can be open this summer.

She added that the DEC has told her that whatever contamination remains on the beach after the illegal deposits cease should be cleared out after a few bouts of rain.

Chapter 225 of city code requires residents using cesspools to submit biannual certifications to the city that the cesspools are operating properly. Sea Cliff Village Administrator Bruce Kennedy said, however, that he believes former Glen Cove Mayor Reginald Spinello ignored the contamination at Crescent Beach. "Glen Cove and Sea Cliff share the same body of water, and any efforts to reduce the source of the contaminants, the village is in full support of," Kennedy said. "It's nice to hear the county is participating in

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# After 3 goes pre-historic

BY ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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Participants in the Glen Cove Youth Bureau's "After 3" afterschool program bridged the distant past with the present at a showcase on Jan. 25, held in the Finley Middle School cafeteria. The "exhibits" ranged from imagined dioramas of prehistoric dwellings, to decorated cardboard cell phones.

On a sheet of paper where children were asked to imagine what they would do with a pet dinosaur, one wrote, "I would put my dinosaur in a giant cage. I would feed him sausage. I would use him to eat my homework."

Thankfully there are no more dinosaurs around to do that. But according to Carolina Guastella, director of After 3, the program isn't all crafts and dinosaurs. Facilitators do what they can to take the bite out of homework. "We do homework help when they first get to us, and then after they're done, we work on these things," Guastella said, gesturing around the room at the showcase exhibits.

"They succeed more in school," she added. "We can see where they're struggling and give them the help they need from term to term."

Mayor Tim Tenke, who stopped by to take in the artwork, was popular with the kids. While he was taking a photo with some After 3 patrons, energetic five-year-old Cooper Damiano burst through the crowd, and shouted, "Tenke! I voted for you!"

Elementary school student Olivia Rodriguez told the Herald Gazette that her favorite part of the showcase was, "taking a picture with the tall guy."



Photos by Elisa Dragotto/Herald

clockwise from above  
**PARTICIPANTS IN THE** Youth Bureau's After 3 program explored prehistoric art by creating animal figures and "cave paintings" of their own.

**FOURTH-GRADER DANIELLA MENDOZA**, top left, and fifth-graders Hannah Gansky, and Delaila Majano showed off the crafts they made for the art show, "Through the Ages."

**YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR** Jacki Yonick, right, 6- and 7-graders Pandelis Tursi, Luis Cruz, Rodni Leftwich, and Brandon Curcio, show off the healthy snacks they had made for the student showcase.



# Retreat to help locals feel 'revitalized and renewed'

By ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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While facilitating workshops at the Omega Institute retreat center in upstate Rhinebeck, Sea Cliff resident Stephanie Lipsey was inspired to bring a retreat of her own to the North Shore. "There's really nothing like that here on Long Island," she said.

The opportunity arose when Lipsey started a yoga studio, Luminous Yoga, at the Glen Cove Mansion three years ago. She and Kathleen DiResta, also of Sea Cliff, created the Winter Wellness Staycation, a weeklong, close-to-home retreat in the mansion.

"We started planning it after February break last year," Lipsey explained. "We thought, wouldn't it be great to have classes and other creative offerings every day?"

Many people visit the mansion during the winter, she said, but there are a limited number of activities for them. "We decided to create a week that was going to be extremely nurturing for the parents who come, and also have activities that would keep the kids engaged," she said.

The overnight "staycation," Feb. 19-25, offers a basic retreat schedule interwoven with specialized, all-inclusive programming, including fireside meditations, wine tastings, an evening lecture series, spin and yoga classes, a kids' camp and a wellness boutique. Locust Valley High School students will be the "counselors" at the kids' camp, and the wellness boutique, sponsored by Creation in Motion, will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24, for a \$20 admission fee.



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

**STEPHANIE LIPSEY STARTED** Luminous Yoga three years ago. It has grown into the quasi-retreat of Wellness Week.

All of the amenities are affordable, Lipsey said. "If you go to a retreat center like Omega, you're going to pay thousands of dollars for what you'd be getting here for \$240 a night," she said. "It's a really incredible deal."

Lipsey modeled the programming after the best that wellness retreats have to offer, bringing in practitioners from near and far to lead daily specialty workshops that guests can attend for an additional fee. DiResta will lead a painting and creativity workshop that will encourage guests to "nurture their souls" through different art

techniques. "There's a lot of benefit in bringing together healers and artists and wellness advisers into one week," DiResta said. "It will give everyone an opportunity to slow down."

Glen Head resident Cathy Epstein, of the Living Lotus Group, will teach guests about the benefits of mindful eating in her talk, "The Divine Dining Method."

"I wanted to bring people from the city, as well as incorporate local people, to give guests something different," Lipsey added. "My hope is that everyone who comes is going to walk away with something that will help them create change in their lives, and that they'll walk away feeling inspired."

The mansion, she said, is the perfect place to feel far away without leaving the comfort of the community. "When you're here, you feel like you're back in time, on some gorgeous estate in England somewhere," she said. "I love that feeling of being away on retreat, where you let the rest of your world and obligations go, and all you have to do is take care of yourself."

And self-care, according to Lipsey, is key. "I want people to have a great time and just feel completely energized and refreshed, and take advantage of all that we're offering," she said. "It's a huge value for what we're offering."

For more information about the Winter Wellness Staycation, visit [www.glencomansion.com/winter-wellness18](http://www.glencomansion.com/winter-wellness18) or call Lipsey at (516) 708-3759. To make a reservation, contact the Mansion at (516) 671-6400.



Tab Hauser/Herald Gazette

**MUSEUM DIRECTOR AMY** Driscoll demonstrates a 19th century "Zander Horse Exerciser," a piece of winter exercise equipment with Dave DeRiggi.

## Glen Cove opens museum exhibit as part of 100/350

BY **TIMOTHY DENTON**

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Glen Cove continued celebrating its combined "100/350" anniversary with the opening of an exhibition on Jan. 12, at the North Shore Historical Museum. Entitled "How Glen Cove Became a City," the event was attended by Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Glen Cove City Councilman Michael Zangari. The exhibit features artifacts and documents from the 350 years since the city's settlement by English Quakers and the 100 years since the swearing-in of its first mayor and city council — 100/350.

The artifacts ranged from a copy of the original deed of sale of 2,000 acres of land, which stretched from modern-day Queens to Port Jefferson, to partners Joseph Carpenter, Nathaniel and Robert Coles and Thomas Townshend; to a copy of the original contract between the tract's four purchasers. Known as the Andros Patent, "The agreement divided the land into four equal shares," said local history buff David Nieri. "The land was part woodland, part meadows and part farmland," he said, "and each partner got an equal share of each type of land." How, or even if the original Matinecock Indian owners were paid is lost to time, he said.

On first entering the exhibition, visitors encountered what appeared to be a mechanical bull. Nieri explained that this

was a piece of late 19th-or early 20th-century exercise equipment. "It was so riders could keep in shape through the winter," he said. "Otherwise, they'd be very sore for the first few weeks of spring," he added meaningfully.

The original territory of the town was fought over first by the Dutch and English

during the two Anglo-Dutch wars of the 1660s; then by the towns of Oyster Bay and Hempstead. Eventually, Oyster Bay won out, and Glen Cove, then known as the Hamlet of Mosquito Cove, remained a part of that town until 1915, when local businessmen and newspapers began agitating to form a new municipality. They did not agree on the form, however. Eventually, a referendum was held "in which the

proponents of the city prevailed by just seven votes," according to the pamphlet guide in the exhibition. Thirteen votes were declared invalid, which provided opponents with grounds for an unsuccessful appeal. The first city council was elected in November of that year and duly sworn in at the old court house — now the museum — on Jan. 8, 1918. The event was re-enacted two weeks ago by the latest mayor and city council after an election that, ironically, was decided by an even slimmer margin.

For more information on preparations leading up to the Memorial Day weekend finale, contact Glen Cove 100/350 at glencove350.com.



**THE EXHIBITION CONTAINED** a collection of artifacts from Glen Cove's distant to its more recent history.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ Female, 65, from Glen Cove, was arrested for second-degree obstructing governmental administration, unlawful use of a mobile device in a motor vehicle, failure to obey a police officer and resisting arrest on Bridge Street, on Jan. 28.

■ Female, 22, from Glen Cove, was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief and endangering the welfare of a child on Third Street, on Jan. 28.

■ Male, 33, from Glen Cove, was arrested for third-degree assault and third-degree menacing on Brewster Street, on Jan. 31.

■ Male, 39, from Hempstead, was arrested for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and other moving violations on Glen Cove Avenue, on Jan. 31.

■ Male, 34, from Glen Head, was arrested for third- and fourth-degree criminal

possession of a weapon on Valley Road, on Jan. 31.

■ Male, 24, from Glen Cove, was arrested for third-degree criminal possession of a weapon and second-degree menacing on Grove Street, on Feb. 1.

■ Male, 22, from Brooklyn, was arrested for third-degree burglary on Danis Avenue, on Feb. 1.

■ Male, 21 from Glen Cove, was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief on Capobianco Street on Feb. 2.

■ Male, 19, from Glen Cove, was arrested for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on Pearsall Avenue, on Feb. 2.

■ Male, 19, from Glen Cove, was arrested for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on Crescent Beach Road on Feb. 2.

■ Female, 47, from Glen Cove, was arrested for second-degree criminal contempt on Glen Cove Avenue on Feb. 3.

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



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## THE WEEK AHEAD

*Nearby things to do this week*

### Friends Academy presents 'Mary Poppins'

"Mary Poppins" is blowing into Friends Academy, 270 Duck Pond Rd., Locust Valley, on Thursday. Fans of "Poppins" can attend the show on: Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 10 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. All performances are open to the public. Tickets are available at the Box Office — \$12 for children and senior citizens, and \$15 for adults. Info: (516) 676-0393.



### Winter Wellness Staycation at the Glen Cove Mansion

Recharge at the Mansion, 200 Dosoris Lane, with a well-deserved wellness boost during President's Day week, Feb. 19-25. Rates start from \$240 per night and includes breakfast, daily spin or yoga classes, evening seminars and more. Contact coordinator, Stefanie Lipsey, at stefanielipsey@gmail.com or (516) 708-3759.

### Celebrate Chinese New Year at the Regency

On Friday, Feb. 16, the Regency Assisted Living Center in Glen Cove, 94 School St., will observe Chinese New Year with a special celebration at 2 p.m. Explore the scenery and culture of Asia, craft origami, and feast on fortune cookies and other traditional treats. RSVP to Gail Kump at (516) 674-3007.



### Be my Valentine

Long Island Children's Museum hosts a celebration of love and friendship in the spirit of Valentine's Day at the "Be Mine Ball," Saturday, Feb. 10, 6-9 p.m. Everyone is invited to party away in their best red attire, highlighted by three-hours of music that families can dance to together. A DJ will get guests on the dance floor doing the Electric Slide, Macarena and of course, the Cupid Shuffle. Info: (516) 224-5800 or www.licm.org.



### In perfect harmony

The popular SingStrong Festival returns to the New York region, hosted by Adelphi University, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 9-11. Professional a cappella groups perform, along with collegiate and high school ensembles in a lively vocal showcase. A variety of musical genres are represented, including pop, jazz, rock, Broadway tunes, barber-shop, reggae-tone, and beat-box. Info: (516) 877-4000 or www.aupac.adelphi.edu or www.newyork.singstrong.org.



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# HERALD SCHOOLS

## Pillowcase preparedness at Landing



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**ABIGAIL CUADRÁCHALEN SHOWED** off her decorated emergency preparedness pillowcase.

Glen Cove students at Landing School learned about emergency preparedness during a visit from the American Red Cross as part of its "Pillowcase Project."

The program began after Red Cross volunteers witnessed victims of Hurricane Katrina packing personal belongings in pillowcases when leaving their homes.

The project — made possible thanks to a grant from Disney — teaches children coping skills to help them deal with difficult situations. It also offers tips and tools to help them prepare.

The students were trained through the program's three core principles, Learn, Practice and Share: Learn how emergencies happen and how to stay safe when they do; practice what you learn so you'll be ready when an emergency happens; and share what you've learned so that everyone knows how to stay safe in an emergency.

Facilitators talked with students about the importance of having an escape plan in the event of a home fire, the need for smoke detectors in every room, and what to do if there's a hurricane, among other things.

After the discussion, students had an opportunity to decorate pillowcases they received from the organization. The students were encouraged to draw pictures of important items they wanted to bring with them in an emergency.

## Reading is a time machine

Students and faculty at Gribbin School in Glen Cove dressed for the decades in recognition of this year's PARP theme "Travel Through Time With Books."

Each grade level dressed for a different decade. Kindergartners got groovy with '60s attire. First grade just wanted to have fun in the '80s, and the second grade honored the millennium.

Decade Day was the culmination of the school's two-week "Pick a Reading Partner" celebration. The students and teachers had a blast (from the past) dressing in the fashion of their decade.

— Zach Gottehrer-Cohen



**LANDING SCHOOL THIRD-GRADER** Laila Dattolo got some help with her pillowcase from her teacher, Joanne Flower.



Courtesy Glen Cove Hospital

**GLEN COVE HOSPITAL** is affiliated with a beleaguered clinic on the island of Culebra.

## Sunday event to benefit Puerto Rican clinic

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residents of Culebra, who could be forced to seek medical attention elsewhere. “You have to have some medical access,” she added.

Spread the Love will feature a salsa band that has donated its talents to the effort, and several restaurants, including Puzo Compare and Cinco de Mayo, are donating food. There will be a 50/50 raffle, and raffle baskets. “Everything for the event has been donated,” Waldman said, adding, “Everyone working the fundraiser will be a volunteer. Every single penny of what we collect will be going to Culebra.”

Van Horn said that the goal is to raise \$5,000. “More would be fantastic,” she said. “This money will help keep [the Culebra Health Center] it going.”

### Spread the Love

**Where:** Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St.

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**How much:** \$25 per person; \$20 per person for groups; \$10 for teens; children under 13 free.

**Call (516) 759-9610 to RSVP.**

## Crescent Beach study under way

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the process and offering assistance in identifying the source of the polluters.”

While in the area, the Herald Gazette spoke to two 13-year-old girls who did not want to be identified. They emerged riding bicycles from the marshland on the other side of the black gate from which the effluent-laced stream flows. Setting their bikes up on kickstands, the girls washed their hands in the stream. Asked whether they knew where it came from, they said they did, but that it looked clean enough. One added that when she brought her dog to the beach over the summer, he had to be kept on a leash so he wouldn't drink the water.

Joan Harrison, a Glen Cove resident who said she enjoys walking on Crescent Beach, added that she and others she

talks to are surprised that it has taken so long to determine the source of the contamination. “This is the only part of Glen Cove that's not sewers,” she said, pointing to an area above the beach that she identified as North Country Colony. “Everybody in town has known that it's properties here polluting this beach all this time.”

Harrison also said she was also surprised that so much time and money had been spent on “all these studies and surveys.” “Well, anyone from here could have told you that's where the pollution was coming from,” she said, wondering out loud why the process has taken nine years. “Maybe it's because these people don't want anybody on their beach.”

*Alyssa Seidman contributed to this story.*

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Glen Cove thrives at qualifier

### SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



#### ZACH HASBROUCK

North Shore Sophomore  
Wrestling

**NORTH SHORE CAPTURED** the Nassau Conference 4A regular-season title, going 5-0, and continued its success last Saturday in a county qualifying tournament it hosted. Hasbrouck played a key role for the Vikings throughout the regular season and was one of four qualifying champs to help North Shore finish second behind powerhouse Wantagh. Hasbrouck defeated fellow sophomore Max Yahre of Plainview in the title bout in the 126-pound weight class. Now he'll try to crack the All-County podium (top six) this weekend at Hofstra University.

### GAMES TO WATCH

#### Thursday, Feb. 8

Girls Basketball: Truman at North Shore ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Gymnastics: North Shore at Carle Place ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Feb. 9

Girls Basketball: Roslyn at Glen Cove ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, Feb. 10

Wrestling: Division I tournament at Hofstra ..... 10 a.m.  
Boys Basketball: Glen Cove at Roslyn ..... 12 p.m.

#### Sunday, Feb. 11

Wrestling: Division I semifinals at Hofstra ..... 10 a.m.  
Wrestling: Division I finals at Hofstra ..... 6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Feb. 12

No Games Scheduled

#### Tuesday, Feb. 13

Boys Track: State Qualifier at St. Anthony's HS ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Girls Track: State Qualifier at St. Anthony's HS ..... 6:30 p.m.



Ron Manfredi/Herald

**GLEN COVE SOPHOMORE** Isiah Jackson, top, captured the 99-pound title at last Saturday's county qualifying tournament hosted by Hewlett and will look to make noise at this weekend's county championships.

#### BY J.D. FREDA

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With seven wrestlers placing within the top four for their weight class at last Saturday's county qualifiers, and three finishing fifth, Glen Cove will have seven guaranteed contenders at this year's county championships with three alternates all receiving All-Conference honors.

With just a week separating the qualifier and the county championships held at Hofstra University beginning this Saturday at 10 a.m., Glen Cove coach Chris MacDonald is taking an active approach with his team to stay prepared and competitive.

"I booked some good, hard scrimmages for this week," MacDonald said. "I just want us to have that feeling of competition in between the two meets."

That competition will bode well for his talented All-Conference wrestlers, including two qualifier champions: Isaiah Jackson (99 pounds), and Sal Guastella (160.)

Jackson finished the qualifiers last Saturday with three pins and a 13-8 victory in the 99-pound finals. Impressive enough to take home the No. 5 seed for his division going into Hofstra, MacDonald is hoping

he finishes as a top-four All-County recipient.

"He's very big and physically strong for his weight class and usually when he makes the match a physical test of strength and will, he does well," MacDonald said.

Guastella had a similar Saturday on the mats, as he pinned two on his way to winning his meet and becoming the No. 5-ranked 160-pounder going into the county championships. Glen Cove did have a brief, and scary, moment in the finals where Guastella seemed to be unceremoniously injured by a rogue slam. Yet he was cleared by doctors who immediately followed up with an evaluation.

As for his goals at Hofstra, MacDonald believes Guastella wants to take the whole 160-pound division by storm. "He has goals of winning it all," MacDonald said. "But he's still taking it one match at a time, not looking past anybody."

The Big Red's Liam Young (145) and Eder Leiva (170) both finished second. Leiva, en route to the finals, took home a very impressive point victory in the semifinals. "He wrestled very smart in his semifinal match," MacDonald said. "He

built an early lead, and he kept it."

Edson Murillo (106) was the lone third-place recipient for the Big Red. Murillo lost a 3-0 match to eventual qualifying champ Kyle Schneider where his opponent won on an early lead with good control, but Murillo looks towards Hofstra as the ultimate opportunity. "He's excited to go to Hofstra and make his name be heard in the counties," MacDonald said.

Anderson Velasquez (152) and Phil Aguilar (220) both finished fourth, securing All-Conference honors with a guaranteed spot in this weekend's county meet. Aguilar, a freshman with a trying record, had a day on the mats that resembled his hard-fought season. "He's had so many close matches this year, and he's such a tough competitor," MacDonald said. Aguilar's qualifying match ended up as a double overtime win, showing his perseverance through adversity.

RJ Almas (182), Eamon Doyle (113), and Brandon Rivera (285) all are young wrestlers who achieved All-Conference honors and will be alternates at Hofstra. "They're all young guys that will have this great experience coming back next year," MacDonald said.

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS

## Super Bowl celebration at the Downtown

**T**he Downtown Café in Glen Cove surged with football fans in anticipation of Super Bowl 52. The New England Patriots took on the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday, which resulted in Eagles' first-ever Super Bowl victory.

There was plenty to enjoy at the Downtown including the beer and a variety of bar food, while watching the game. Devoted Giants fans Bridget Betancourt and Drew Livetti said they weren't pulling for either team to win, but were more partial to Philly since their future son-in-law is an Eagles' fan.

The Pats trailed the Eagles for most of the game before coming up on their tail feathers towards the end of the fourth quarter. But Philly kept an impressive defensive line resulting in a turnover in the second half, which cost New England what would have been its sixth Super Bowl win.

-- Alyssa Seidman



**VINCENT BENCIRENNI CELEBRATED** a touchdown pass.

Photos by Zach Gotteher-Cohen/Herald Gazette



**DEVOTED GIANTS FANS** Bridget Betancourt and Drew Livetti still sported smiles on Super Bowl Sunday.



**DAVID, WHO WAS** enjoying himself too much to give his last name, laughed heartily after watching the commercial where Danny DeVito, dressed as an M&M candy, gets hit by a truck.



**REVVED UP RESIDENTS** gathered at The Downtown Café in Glen Cove to watch the big game.



**DOWNTOWN'S CHEFS CRANKED** out brick-oven pizzas for hungry game day guests.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, Feb. 8

### Bridging Kids workshop

Finley Middle School, 1 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. An informative workshop for parents of special needs children. Experts will discuss government benefits for individuals with disabilities, special needs trusts, establishing guardianship, and how to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits. (516) 676-0050.

### Poetry with Matt Curiale

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 6:30 p.m. Bring in your works-in-progress and get feedback from this group of poets and writers. (516) 671-4290.

### L.I. Love Stories from Beyond

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. The Paranormal Adventurers' multimedia program centers around heartwarming stories of Long Islanders whose real-life experiences taught them that the love of a passed family member never dies. (516) 676-2130.

## Friday, Feb. 9

### Valentine's chocolate program

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 4:30 p.m. Mold, dip and decorate sweet treats for Valentine's Day. Recommended for children in grades 5 through 12. Register at the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212.

### Smart Driver course

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members; payable by check or money order to AARP. Register in person at the Reference Desk. (516) 676-2130.

### Musical Shabbat service

Congregation Tifereth Israel, 40 Hill St., Glen Cove, 8 p.m. Honoring lawyers in the congregation. Admission is free. (516) 676-5080.

## Saturday, Feb. 10

### Valentine's concert

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 2 p.m. NY Trio Janice Buckner, Rick Cassolino and Jim Gibb will win your heart with three part harmonies in a variety of musical styles, including banjo pickin' tunes, blues and ballads, classic rock, nostalgia, folk and country: all on the ups and mess-ups of love. Register at the Reference Desk or call (516) 922-1212.

### 'More Than Honey'

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. The Seed Library presents this film, which tells the story of honey bees, their relationship to humans, and the various methods of managing honey bees. Register through the calendar of events at glencovelibrary.org. (516) 676-2130.

### National Circus Project

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 2:30 p.m. This two-person circus performance is a stage extra-



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

## President's Break activities at Garvies Point

Spend winter break at Garvies Point this February. The facility will offer a wide variety of hands-on activities for children of all ages. Partake in the Native American Games from Feb. 20-23. Participants will learn and play authentic Native American games from different regions, including walnut shell dice, moccasin bullet, and Zuni ring toss. Create custom dreamcatchers, pinecone animals, talking sticks, sand art and pottery in the craft room, and have your face painted ahead of the Native American Games to show your spirit. Films related to Native American culture will also be screened throughout the week. All programs, crafts, and game activities included with museum admission. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove, (516) 571-8010.

ganza. The performance packs a panoramic presentation of circus skills into a bundle of comedy and variety routines, with lots of audience interaction and participation. All are welcome. (516) 671-1837.

## Sunday, Feb. 11

### Opera in Ebony

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. February is Black History Month. Tanisha Mitchell will offer a presentation that pays tribute to legendary black singers who performed at prestigious venues. (516) 676-2130.

### Babysitting training

Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 1 to 3 p.m. Learn practical babysitting skills and receive a certificate of completion. Registration required. (516) 671-4290.

## Monday, Feb. 12

### AARP tax help

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. AARP volunteers will be available to assist you with your taxes. By appointment only. Please visit the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212 to make an appointment.

## Tuesday, Feb. 13

### TI-84 Calculator beginners' class

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 3 p.m. High

school Mathlete Michael Biggiani will teach you how to use a TI-84 calculator in this class. Bring a sheet of paper and a pencil to do in-class problems. Register at the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212.

## Thursday, Feb. 15

### New Beginnings for 50+ Singles

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 3 p.m. Marla Matthews leads a discussion for adults who want to meet new people. (516) 676-2130.



## "Hidden Figures" Book Discussion

Librarians Janice Angliss and Elizabeth Hogan lead a discussion of "Hidden Figures," an account of the previously unheralded but pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American mathematicians to the space program. Copies of "Hidden Figures" are available at the Glen Cove Library's Reference desk. Tuesday, Feb. 20 Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., 2 p.m. (516) 676-2130.

## Saturday, Feb. 17

### The Great Backyard Bird Count

Sagamore Hill Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. The Great Backyard Bird Count is an annual citizen science event coordinated by the National Audubon Society. There will be a short introductory program, followed by a bird identification walk on the grounds of Sagamore Hill. Data collected on the walk will be submitted as part of the national bird count. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, cameras, and birding guides. (516) 922-4788.

## Sunday, Feb. 18

### Ranger talk

Sagamore Hill Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, 2 p.m. Following Theodore Roosevelt's death in 1919, former First Lady Edith Kermit Roosevelt remained at Sagamore Hill for another 29 years. Join a park ranger for a talk on Mrs. Roosevelt during this often overlooked period of her life. Meet at the media room at Old Orchard Museum. (516) 922-4788.

## Monday, Feb. 19

### Open for President's Day

Sagamore Hill Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd., Oyster Bay. Sagamore Hill will be open for regular operations on Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day. Tickets can sell out on holiday weekends, so be sure to arrive early or make reservations online to ensure a tour of the Roosevelt home. (516) 922-4788.

### Washington's Birthday

The Whaling Museum and Education Center, 279 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 1 to 3:30 p.m. In colonial times, whaling was one of Long Island's most important industries. Celebrate our founding father's birthday with an exploration of the colonial craft of tin punch. See a real whale oil lamp and create a punched metal art project. Enjoy a scavenger hunt and, of course, a piece of birthday cake. Recommended children ages 5 and up. (631) 367-3418.

## Tuesday, Feb. 20

### Graphic arts

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Teens in grades 6 through 12 are welcome to use graphic novels to create art such as a picture frame or notebook. Online registration is required; space is limited. (516) 671-1837.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@lherald.com.



Courtesy Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club

**THE KIDS OF** the Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club showed off their lightsaber skills with Jacqueline Telleria, the program director.

## Drop everything and read a book

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club recently participated in Pick A Reading Partner a program designed to help children learn to have fun reading.

PARP took place at the Club during the week of Jan. 22 when participants joined the “Drop What You’re Doing and Read!” campaign to inspire members to read silently, or as a group. Afterwards, the children participated in a range of activities related to the readings.

The initiative encourages family members and those who play an important role in a child’s life to read to kids daily, creating life-long readers.

Associate Director Desirae O’Neill shared one of her favorite books, “Good-

night Yankees” by Brad M. Epstein, with members ages 6-8. After the book reading, O’Neill and her group created a “Home Run” tic-tac-toe game, which they played while snacking on baseball stadium treats.

Jackie Telleria, the program director, dressed as Darth Vader to read a series of “Star Wars” short stories. The session concluded with a crafting activity in which members created lightsabers.

“With all the excitement PARP brought to the club in its fun and engaging activities,” said Franca Trunzo, the executive director, “our members will never forget the importance of settling in with a good book.”



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**JUDGE RICHARD MCCORD, FRONT-LEFT, CAROL NELSON,** chamber president Lisa Cohn, Vice President Eve Lupenko, Mary Stanco and Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos, Dr. Maxine Cappel-Mayreis, back-left, Tom Bungler, the chamber’s treasurer and Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke.

## Chamber inducts new officers

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce met on Wednesday, Jan 31 at Vivo Osteria to induct their newest officers and board members. Attendees enjoyed delicious food, a gift basket raffle, and even managed to squeeze in some professional networking amid the fun.

Judge Richard McCord swore in the new chamber officers, President Lisa Cohn, Vice President Eve Lupenko, and Treasurer Tom Bungler. Board members

Carol Nelson, Maxine Cappel-Mayreis, Mary Stanco renewed their memberships.

Special guest speaker Mayor Tim Tenke shared remarks about the city, his priorities and hosted a Q&A session with the membership. Tenke talked about the importance of supporting small businesses in Glen Cove, which he referred to as the economic backbone of the city.

- Zach Gottehrer-Cohen



## VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

### THE QUESTION:

What does Valentines Day mean to you?



Spending time with family, and to love everyone and make them feel special with lots of hugs and sweet treats.

**JULIA HEALY**  
5th Grade



It means love and thankfulness between two people and giving little candy heart thingies.

**JOHN MURRAY**  
6th Grade



Sharing with others and being extra extra kind. My brother and I do jobs for my mom that she doesn't like to do, like folding laundry and doing the dishes.

**LILA KRAMER,**  
6th Grade



It's when people give other people stuff like chocolate in a heart box

**KAIDEN BOTTIGLIARI**  
1st Grade



You give cards and chocolates to people you know, because that stands for love. Me and my sisters make cards for my family and give them tiny little gummies..

**MEGAN SUSSMAN**  
Kindergarten



It's about showing love to one another and caring for them by giving them cards and hugs.

**NICHOLAS SIGNORA**  
2nd Grade

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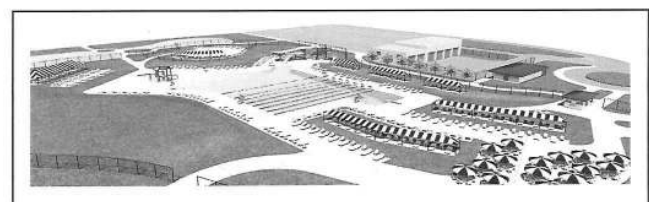
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# Your taxes in 2018

## Preparing for the new law as tax season kicks off

By Jonathan Wolfsohn

The personal finance tax world has just changed for everyone in America. This is the first significant change to the tax code since 1986.

All citizens will be affected by the broad reaching new regulations passed by our government in late December 2017. The effects won't be felt until everyone files their tax returns in 2019, after the midterm elections. The new tax code is a mere 560 pages plus additional footnote pages.

The tax world is now reacting to the new code, trying to figure out how this new law will affect specific groups of citizens. The IRS has a year to gear up and implement the new rules. The oversimplification of these changes by some politicians, promising to have you file your return "on a postcard" did not materialize.

The greatest changes benefit U.S. businesses, reducing the taxable rates for corporations from 35 percent to 21 percent permanently. The Alternative Minimum Tax for corporations is gone. Further, tax benefits allow businesses with pass thru income such as partnerships and Sub-S Corporations to reduce their taxable income by 20 percent. International corporations, such as Apple and Halliburton, will be subject to a 15.5 percent rate on foreign cash assets and eight percent on foreign non-cash assets. These are the broad strokes.

The individual tax codes, which expire in 2025, aim to simplify taxation by reducing brackets and tax rates minimally, while removing hosts of deductions. Personal exemptions of \$4150 per person are now gone but replaced by new standard deductions of: \$24,000 for married couples, \$18,000 for heads of households and \$12,000 for singles and marrieds filing separately. SALT (state and local, and real estate taxes) now have a maximum deduction of \$10,000! Mortgage interest deductions previously allowed on one million dollars on new mortgages is now \$750,000. The top rate for individu-

al taxation is now only 37 percent!

Concerning credits, there have been numerous changes and some that remain. Child credit for children up to 17-years-old, has gone from \$1000 to \$2000. Student loan interest remains deductible. Medical expenses over 7.5 percent of Adjusted Gross Income is extended for 2 years. Teachers continue to get their \$250 supply credit. Electric car credit up to \$7,500 on the first 200,000 cars per automaker remains. The \$500,000 couple capital gain exclusion remains (\$250,000 single). Up to \$10,000 of 529 college savings plans can now be used for public, private or religious elementary or secondary school. The charity deduction remains but needs to be verifiable.

Alimony is still taxable but not deductible. Deductions for moving expenses and tax preparation fees are gone. The bicycle commuter credit is now gone. Losses due to fire, storm, shipwreck or theft uncovered by insurance are not allowed casualties unless they are classified as official national disasters. Estate taxes are levied on estates over 5.49 million or 10.98 million for couples. This deduction for the country's wealthiest individuals has doubled; it basically excludes most estates. Health insurance mandate penalties are gone in 2018.

The stated reason for tax reform was to create jobs, but CEOs may use their tax savings to pay down debt, give a few employee bonuses, and pay out 70 percent of their windfall to shareholders. We've already seen, instead of job creation, corporate closings of hundreds of stores and the growing of the freelance society. Time will tell if our economy improves enough to pay for the negative \$1.5 trillion cost of this tax bill.

So far, the stock market is flying high, producing gains in 401ks. Bitcoin is a superstar. Some see the markets continuing to grow, while others expect the markets to implode. One thing for sure is that interest rates for lending will be rising based on the federal reserve forecasts to combat inflation.

But where are the salary raises and bank account interest



There are hundreds of changes to the tax code that affect almost all taxpayers. It's important to work with your tax advisor to avoid unpleasant surprises and keep your tax bill as low as possible.

raises? In 2018, the minimum wage went up in New York. In New York City, for employers with 10 or fewer employees, it will be \$12 and 11 plus employees \$13. Long island will be \$11 and the remainder of New York State will be \$10.50.

A new Family Leave Act requires employers to withhold a minimum amount of payroll and to pay for a policy that gives employees job protected paid leave to bond with a new child, care for a loved one, or to relieve family pressures when someone is called to active duty. In 2018, after 26 weeks of employment of at least 20 weekly hours, employees can take up to eight weeks of 50 percent wages currently capped at a weekly \$652.96.

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Making a plan for your money is the first step in a prosperous financial future.

# Financial hygiene

## Smart yearly financial practices

By JEANELLE D. HORCASITAS

Being smart with your money is important for ensuring a prosperous financial future. But financial fitness and freedom isn't as easy it sounds. In fact, it takes a lot of practice and discipline to make your money work for you. Here are a few tips to help you get started and stay on track.

### Set Your Financial Goals

Making a plan for your money is the first step. Perhaps your goal is to increase your income. Do you simply want some extra money for fun and vacation; or to put toward bigger purchases like buying a home? Reflecting on what you individually, or with a

spouse, want to achieve financially in the next year will keep you motivated. Additionally, it keeps you accountable. Make it a fun activity by drawing or writing out your goals somewhere you can see them daily. The more you can remind yourself of these goals the likelier you are to stick with them!

### Make a Budget

There is a common misconception that creating one budget will work all year long. Unfortunately, additional, unanticipated expenses come up each month (car problems, birthday gifts, social events). Making a solid outline for your budget at the beginning of the year is helpful for organizing bills and expenses that typically won't be subject

to change. Once this is in place, you have a boilerplate budget to adjust for each month.

Compare your actual versus expected expenses at the end of each month. This can help you understand where you can make budget cuts and where you can put your money toward other financial goals such as savings, retirement or paying off debt. There are many wonderful budgeting apps out there today for you to choose from, or you can always develop your own on an Excel spreadsheet. Keep in mind, budgets are not one-size-fits-all, therefore, spend time thinking about it and designing it in a way that fits your lifestyle.

### Get a Free Credit Report

For those of you who didn't know, you can get a total of three free credit reports each year from one of the following credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. It's simply going to AnnualCreditReport.com and requesting your free credit report. You will be asked a series of

personal information questions and, if answered correctly, you will be given your credit report.

Requesting from all three credit-reporting agencies is necessary to ensure there are no discrepancies. Another tip is to spread out the timing of when you request your reports. Request one at the beginning of the year, one halfway, and then one toward the end of the year. This will help you to see if there have been any significant changes in your credit throughout the year, and whether or not you need to make any appeals or claims if there are any discrepancies or errors.

If you're interested in learning more about how to stay up-to-date with your finances, check out the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.'s Smart Money financial education program or Credit.org's Financial Instructional Training Academy's personal finance education webinars. Both of these financial education programs are easy to find online, and the best part is that they are free. ■

# Back to basics

Educate yourself on the fundamentals of personal finance so you feel more confident managing your money

By KRISTEN CASTILLO

The financial statistics are staggering. According to the National Endowment for Financial Education, Americans are using retirement savings to cover hardships way before actually retiring, and 1 in 5 teens lack basic personal finance skills. Also, 40 percent of millennial-age parents say financial strain is stressing their marriage.

It's time to get a handle on your finances, say money experts. Learn money basics now, and teach the next generation, too.

### Four Steps

Want to take control of your financial outlook and reduce overall stress?

According to Matt Bryan, assistant vice president of distribution marketing for The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, you have to do the four things that financially confident people do.

**1. Make a plan.** "Live within set means. Have a written plan with specific objectives, and review it annually," says Bryan. Focusing on the long term can ease stress and increase happiness.

Start by writing down your short- and long-term financial priorities. Then list what you think it will take to achieve them.

**2. Raise your financial IQ.** Bryan says you have to commit to understanding fundamental financial concepts and products, including investments, insurance and annuities.

"Confident planners know how much money they'll need in retirement and understand the concepts of budgeting, risk tolerance and asset allocation and the financial solutions that can help get them there," he says.

**3. Get the solutions you need.** He says you need to own "a spectrum of products"—such as stocks, bonds, mutual funds, retirement plans and insurance—that can help you meet your financial goals.

Write down and track everything you own and why you own it. Then look for gaps in coverage.

**4. Get a strategic partner.** You'll need a reli-

able partner to assist you in your planning. Bryan recommends finding an adviser you trust to be your financial coach.

### Personal Instruction

Financial coach Jill Manuel recommends one-on-one coaching, during which consumers learn money tools and how to get on track.

She says personalized coaching keeps people accountable to themselves.

"People will find themselves falling off track when they confront a financial challenge and wind up abandoning their new plan entirely, believing it didn't work when that's not necessarily the case," she says.

### Financial Resources

Financial analyst Evan Tarver at Fit Small Business suggests reading timeless personal finance books, such as "How to Win Friends & Influence People."

"It has valuable and actionable advice that has been proven to work for people," he says. "Look for books that weren't written yesterday. Instead, find books that people have been referring to for years."

Listening to podcasts is a new resource that Tarver recommends, too.

"While many seminars and classes are taught by pretenders, it's possible to listen to podcasts created by some of the smartest finance minds in the world," he says, explaining that with podcasts, listeners can hear lengthy interviews with some great financial experts.

Blogs are another smart tool for learning about managing your money. Look for personal finance blogs run by trained financial professionals. Typically, financial bloggers post free content regularly.

"You are able to find someone who resonates with your method of thought, and you are more likely to enjoy a topic that is frequently considered extremely boring," says Nolan Martin, a military officer and creator of the blog Budget Chaos. ■

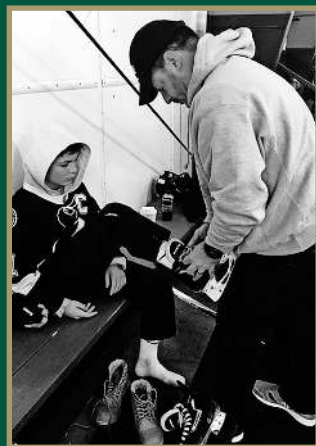
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# Surprise! It's retirement time

By Richard L. Bergen, CPA

"The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry." This famous saying, adapted from 18th-century Scottish poet Robert Burns, could apply to many aspects of life, including retirement. In 2016, 46 percent of retirees said they retired earlier than they had planned. This percentage has consistently been high over the past 25 years, ranging from 36 percent to 52 percent.

Many early retirees reported reasons for retiring early that were beyond their control, such as health problems or disability, company downsizing or closure, changes in the skills required for their jobs, or having to care for a spouse or family member. However, some said they retired early by choice — because they could afford to or because they wanted to do something different.

If you're nearing the end of your working years, you probably have a retirement timetable in mind. It may be as specific as a particular date or as general as a range of years. Regardless of your timetable, circumstances could change, and retirement might come sooner than you think.

Considering some key issues now might ease your transition and give you more choices in how you retire.

### Calculate Your Income Stream

Would you be able to maintain your desired standard of living if you had to retire early? It might be helpful to calculate your projected income based on two different



The ages when current workers expect to retire are very different from the ages reported by current retirees. Although it's possible that current workers might work longer than their predecessors, it's wise to be prepared to retire earlier than planned.

retirement dates: the date you prefer and an earlier date.

Keep in mind that your Social Security benefits would be reduced if you claim them before reaching your "full retirement age" (currently 66 to 67, depending on year of birth). And the sooner you retire, the less time your investments have to pursue potential growth, so accelerating your savings now could make a big difference. Even if you retire on schedule, having a larger savings balance

may give you more flexibility in your retirement lifestyle.

### Reduce Your Debt

Lowering or eliminating outstanding credit-card balances as soon as possible could be a great step toward getting on track for retirement. Paying off auto loans would free up more income when you're retired. Owning your home free and clear would also be a big help in stretching your retirement

income, but about 37 percent of homeowners age 65 and older are still paying off a mortgage. If you foresee your mortgage being an issue in your retirement years, you may want to examine options to pay it off early, reduce payments, or otherwise modify the terms.

### Consider Your Health

Fifty-five percent of retirees who left the workforce earlier than planned cited health problems or disability as a reason for early retirement; 17 percent cited caring for a spouse or other family member.

Is your retirement timetable realistic based on your current health status and the health of your spouse? Would you be prepared if your health changes? Have you factored the cost of health care into your retirement strategy? A married couple who retired at age 65 in 2016, with median expenses for prescription drugs, would need an estimated \$265,000 to have a 90 percent chance of paying their health-care costs throughout retirement. Costs for future retirees may be higher.

Surprises can be fun in many situations, but not when it comes to retirement. Preparing now could help ease you into a more comfortable retirement lifestyle. ■

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# Wells closed 'out of an abundance of caution'

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enforcing our existing plan," she said, "and then evaluating, with the [county] Department of Health and the [city] Water Department, any additional measures we would need."

Travatello noted that some residents

were concerned about the safety of the water supply in light of the well closings. "The water supply in the Glen Cove community is, and has been, 100 percent safe," she said. "The water from the wells in question never made it out into the water supply. They were shut down before that."

Ingram emphasized that the wells were closed "out of an abundance of caution ... We noticed [in November] that even though our samples were still under the threshold," he said, referring to the 5-micrograms-per-liter limit set by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the levels were higher than the city's water officials were comfortable with. They began running weekly, rather than quarterly tests, and found that the Freon-22 levels fluctuated widely from week to week.

"The first sampling we did in November was at a 3.5 [micrograms per liter]," Ingram added. In the weeks since then, he said, "We've gone to a high of 6.5 and a low of less than 0.5." As soon as the wells showed levels of Freon-22 above the 5-microgram limit, they were immediately shut off.

Since the weekly testing began in November, only two weeks' worth of samples showed levels above the threshold.

Ingram said that the EPA's limits are extremely low, and based on preventing even the smallest health risk. He said that someone would have to drink four liters of water containing the threshold amount of Freon 22 every day for 30 years to increase their risk of cancer by 1 in 100 million.

Tom Cardile, deputy director of Glen Cove's Department of Public Works, said that the city's top priority is residents' safety. "We spend quite a bit of money testing to make sure the water is safe," Cardile said, estimating the bill at "thousands of dollars a month."

As for where the refrigerant is coming from, Ingram said, "We don't know. Everything that we understand about it is that it's coming from geothermal wells [that building owners dig] for heating and cooling their buildings."

The Village of Roslyn faced a similar problem in 2014, but the CDC was unable to identify the source of the Freon-22. In a letter to the community, the Roslyn Water District said that the state Department of

## What you need to know about Freon-22

■ According to the Centers for Disease Control, studies of Freon-22 in humans have found no conclusive link to cancer, or other health problems, in refrigeration workers with prolonged 30-year exposures to the chemical.

■ Freon-22 is most harmful as a gas, which can, in high concentrations, make breathing difficult, cause dizziness and damage the nervous system. There are few scientific studies that explore the health effects of the refrigerant as a liquid.

■ Freon-22 is an "unregulated contaminant," one of only a few chemicals of that type for which a maximum acceptable level is set.

■ It is being detected in water systems all over Long Island, since most wells draw water from the same aquifer.

Environmental Conservation had "exhausted all reasonable possibilities in attempting to identify a source of contamination and has made a decision to close their investigation," citing "the complexities of groundwater" as a reason why further attempts to locate the source would be "futile." Ingram said this was likely the case with Glen Cove's water as well.

Instead of focusing on the source, he added, he wants to focus on the solution. The existing carbon filters don't remove Freon-22 from the supply, but a treatment called air-stripping can. The city was already looking into an air stripper for another well on Seaman Road, and, Ingram said, the engineers working on that project would be asked to design and install strippers for the other two wells.



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EVELYN FLORESTA, LEFT, and Claire Margolis, followed along with the prayer book provided to guests at the Tu B'Shevat seder.

## Tu B'Shevat, a time to plant 'seeds of hope'

By ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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Sunshine glimmered through the wall-to-wall windows of the dining room at the Regency Assisted Living Center in Glen Cove. The warming light made it feel as if spring was in the air, despite the tiny snow banks melting on the sidewalk.

Inside, a group of residents gathered at a table for Tu B'Shevat services, led by Cantor Gustavo Gitlin of Congregation Tifereth Israel. The holiday, the cantor explained, is one of the many "new years" observed in the Jewish faith. The service was open to all denominations.

Tu B'Shevat translates to the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat and recognizes and celebrates the role of trees.

The holiday marks the beginning of a new harvest season, and is celebrated by eating shiv'at haminin, or the seven grains and fruits associated with the land of Israel.

"In the Mishnah, which was written 2,000 years ago, the rabbis wanted to feature the fruits and grains from the land of Israel, especially the ones mentioned in the Torah," Gitlin said. "In Israel this time of year, the almond tree is in bloom, and it represents that spring is coming, which means life is coming."

Regency residents followed along with the cantor as he recited prayers and readings for the service. He presented a seder plate, which featured Tu B'Shevat's celebrated offerings, including wheat crackers, grapes, figs, pomegranate seeds, olives and dates.

The table was lined with green balloon arrangements to resemble trees, and the balloons were affixed with leaves, which were crafted by residents.

The service followed a tasting procession of four different colored wines, each glass symbolizing a phase of the harvest season. The first cup of white wine represents a barren field in winter. For the second cup, two drops of red wine were mixed into a glass of white, which symbolizes



CANTOR GITLIN RAISED one of four glasses of wine at the service, one for each phase of the harvest season.

farmers planting "seeds of hope" in the land to produce harvests. The third cup was an equal mix of red and white wine, which represents an equal partnership between people to depend on one another. The last cup, filled to the brim with rich, red wine, symbolizes the fullness of life, and the height of the harvest season.

While the residents enjoyed the "fruits and grains," Gitlin asked them to share their hopes with one another. He explained that although Tu B'Shevat is a celebration of the coming of spring in the midst of winter, it is also an opportunity for people to reflect on their own "seeds of hope," or random acts of kindness, and how they can change the world. "It doesn't matter how small the seed is," Gitlin said, "its accomplishments can still be recognized."

Traditionally, Jews also plant trees in recognition of Tu B'Shevat. Through donations of its residents, the Regency was able to plant four trees in Israel to celebrate the holiday.

"Hope, like trees, starts out in a little package, and blossoms if nurtured, just like people," Gitlin said.

# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

East meets West

## Bring on some good fortune with a Chinese New Year feast

**G**et out some red paper lanterns and usher in the Year of the Dog, which begins next week, on Feb. 16.

The Chinese New Year (or Spring Festival as it is known) is an ideal holiday for a family-friendly celebration. Tasty food and an animal theme are the leadoff to a good time for all.

Chinese New Year is all about wrapping up the old year and welcoming a bright future. Host your own version of a traditional New Year's banquet; at the heart of all Chinese New Year celebrations, the reunion dinner brings family members and loved ones back together amidst a grand feast. Symbolism abounds: a whole fish for surplus and prosperity; a chicken for family togetherness and food aplenty to usher in abundance and wealth for the new year.

Ranking as the 11th animal in Chinese zodiac, Dog is the symbol of loyalty and honesty. People born in the Year of the Dog possess the best traits of human nature. They are honest, friendly, faithful, loyal, smart, straightforward, venerable and have a strong sense of responsibility, according to Chinese lore.



Noodles are a traditional food for Chinese New Year: their length symbolizes longevity. That's longevity for the people at the table, not this dish, which definitely won't last long.

### New Year Noodles

- 10 ounces Chinese noodles
- 1 clove fresh garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon fresh ginger, grated/shredded
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 4 oz fresh Shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and caps sliced
- 3 cups fresh Napa cabbage, sliced thinly
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar

1/2 cup fresh green onion, chopped

First, prepare the Chinese noodle according to the package instructions. This should take no more than about 3-4 minutes, as they cook quickly. Once they're done, rinse with cold water and return to pot. Then, drizzle with sesame oil and toss to coat. This is to prevent the noodles from sticking. (Add a few drops of oil to the water the noodles are cooked in to help them not stick together.)

Then, in a frying pan or wok over high heat, add together chopped garlic, shredded ginger, red pepper flakes, and peanut oil. Heat for approximately 30 seconds, 1 minute until sizzling a bit, and you can smell the scents wafting through the air. Add the sliced mushrooms and cabbage. (After rinsing, the mushrooms should be soaked in warm water for approximately 5 minutes. Then remove from the water; remove the stems, and slice caps thinly to prepare for cooking.)

Stir all of the ingredients together in the frying pan until the veggies are slightly tender.

Remove the veggies from the pan, and pour into the pot of cooked Chinese noodles. Mix together slowly and well, making sure not to break the noodles. Return the mixture to the frying pan. Over medium heat, add in 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 1 tablespoon rice vinegar, and the green onions.

Turning frequently, ensure that the dish is completely coated in the soy sauce mixture. Remove from frying pan, and serve promptly.



Legend has it that the more dumplings you eat during the New Year celebrations, the more money you can make in the New Year. These tasty packets symbolize longevity and wealth; their shape resembles gold shoe-shaped ingots, an early form of Chinese currency.

### Dumplings

- 3 pounds green leafy vegetable (shepherd's purse,



- baby bok choy, napa cabbage, or Chinese chives)
- 1 1/2 pounds ground pork (or ground chicken or beef, as long as it isn't too lean)
- ! cup shaoxing wine
- 1/2 cup oil
- 3 tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 cup water, plus more for assembly
- 3-4 packages dumpling wrappers

Wash vegetables thoroughly and blanch them in a pot of boiling water. Transfer them to an ice bath to cool. Ring out all the water from the vegetables and chop finely.

In a large bowl, stir together the vegetable, meat, wine, oil, sesame oil, salt, soy sauce, white pepper, and cup water. Mix for 6-8 minutes, until well-combined.

To wrap the dumplings, dampen the edges of each circle with some water. Put a little less than a tablespoon of filling in the middle. Fold the circle in half and pinch the wrapper together at the top. Then make two folds on each side, until the dumpling looks like a fan. Make sure it's completely sealed. Repeat until all the filling is gone, placing the dumplings on a baking sheet lined with parchment. Make sure the dumplings aren't sticking together.

If you'd like to freeze them, wrap the baking sheets tightly with plastic wrap and put the pans in the freezer. Allow them to freeze overnight. You can then take the sheets out of the freezer; transfer the dumplings to plastic bags, and throw them back in the freezer for use later.

To cook the dumplings, boil them or pan-fry. To boil, simply bring a large pot of water to a boil, drop the dumplings in, and cook until they float to the top and the skins are cooked through, but still slightly al dente.

To pan-fry, heat 2 tablespoons oil in a non-stick pan over medium high heat. Place the dumplings in the pan and allow to fry for 2 minutes. Pour a thin layer of water into the pan, cover, and reduce heat to medium-low. Allow dumplings to steam until the water has evaporated. Remove the cover, increase heat to medium-high and allow to fry for a few more minutes, until the bottoms of the dumplings are golden brown and crisp.

Serve with soy sauce, Chinese black vinegar, chili sauce, or other dipping sauce of your choice.

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### ON STAGE

## Catherine Russell's 'Harlem on My Mind'

Catherine Russell brings her jazz vibe to the great African American songbook, with "Harlem on My Mind." Swinging forth with soulful interpretations, Russell taps into the golden age of Harlem. Her repertoire includes a selection of gems from the 1920s through the present; vital interpretations bursting with soul and humor. She launches fearlessly into each tune, getting inside the melody and capturing every emotion. Vocalists Ethel Waters, Billie Holiday, Etta James, and Dinah Washington provide inspiration where tunesmiths like Benny Carter, Irving Berlin, Andy Razaf and Fats Waller once ruled the roost of a renaissance that continues to reverberate.



## WEEKEND

### Out and About

Her musical prowess reflects her pedigree: her father, the late Luis Russell, was an acclaimed pianist-arranger-composer, and Louis Armstrong's longtime musical director; her mother Carline Ray was a pioneering bassist-guitarist-vocalist. Russell reflects that heritage with an off-the-beaten-path song selection, sparkling acoustic swing and an insightful vocal approach.

Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. \$42, \$37, \$32. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (516) 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

### FAMILY FUN

## Go, Dog, Go!

P.D. Eastman's beloved book comes to life on stage in a frolicking musical dog party. The cast of this preschool favorite has gone to the dogs in a lively romp that is full of surprises with color clowning, singing/barking, and of course, six lovable dogs. The



one-hour production includes crazy cars, goofy hats, audience participation, and even a touch of vaudeville. The six actors portraying Eastman's memorable mutts hound one another and have a fetching good time — as does their audience. From bright pastel motorcars to eager tree-climbing puppies, every detail in the show is carefully created to match those from the fun-filled book, according to Andrés Alcalá, director with Child-play Theatre. The goal is to let children see their favorite characters come alive and experience the story in a thrilling new way. This includes inviting audience members to play a high-energy game of baseball — with a beach ball, no less.  
Friday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. \$45, \$25, \$15. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

### Performances/ On Stage



#### Once

The acclaimed musical based on the Oscar-winning film about an Irish singer-songwriter, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 8-9, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 10, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Even the Losers

The Tom Petty tribute band in concert, with special guest Andrew Kirell, Thursday, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).

#### Paige Patterson

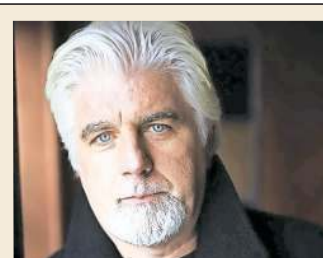
The jazz vocalist in concert, featuring Grammy winning saxophonist Jack O'Neal, Friday, Feb. 9, 8 p.m. Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or [www.cinemaartscentre.org](http://www.cinemaartscentre.org).

#### Boy Band Review

A boy band tribute show, Saturday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m. With hits by 'Nsync, Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block One Direction and more. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Jim Norton

The irreverent comedian on tour, Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. With special guest Kelsey Cook. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).



#### Michael McDonald

The iconic singer-songwriter in concert, Saturday, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

#### New York Trio

The ensemble in concert, with a Valentine's Day-themed program, Saturday, Feb. 10, 2 p.m. Performance includes love songs, blues, ballads, classic rock, folk and country. Registration required. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.



### Diana Krall

There's nothing quiet about the jazz pianist-vocalist who visits Tilles Center, on Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m., on the current leg of her "Turn Up the Quiet" world tour.

The distinctive musician is a true musical force who continues to showcase her considerable gifts as a vocalist — with a voice that has been described as a mix of wild honey with a spoonful of scotch — in a bold and beautiful way. She'll perform material from her critically-praised new album "Turn Up the Quiet," along with a mix of fan favorites.

Tickets are \$200, \$135, \$90, \$60; available at (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

#### Kevin James

The Kevin Can Wait\* star is back on the comedy circuit, Sunday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. With special guest Chris Roach. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).

#### Opera in Ebony

Tanisha Mitchell pays tribute to legendary African American singers, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org).

#### Masters of Illusion

The stage version of CW's hit TV show that features top magicians doing their best illusions, Sunday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Tribute to Marilyn Monroe

Acclaimed tribute artist Elaine in concert, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2 p.m. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### The Morrie Loudon Group

The duo, featuring singer-songwriter Morrie Loudon on bass and pianist Mike Eckroth, in concert, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Program includes Brazilian music, Flamen-co, Afro Cuban, and jazz. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, Feb.

15, 730 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).

### For the Kids



#### Dr. Seuss's The Cat in the Hat

The trouble-making cat comes to life on stage in a lively musical; Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Picture Book Films

A 30-minute program of short films based on favorite children's books, Friday, Feb. 9, 10 a.m. For ages 2-5. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Art Workshop

Explored the life and techniques of Willem de Kooning, presented by Long Island Children's Museum, Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Create an abstract work inspired by de Kooning. For grades 6 and up. Registration required. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove.

676-2130 or [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org).

### Museums/ Galleries and more...

#### Artists' Choice

A two-artist showcase of works that complement and contrast. Through Feb. 25. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or [www.bjspokegallery.org](http://www.bjspokegallery.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, and many others. Through April 15. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Collective Consciousness

An exhibition of artists who explore man's relationship with our planet. Works by Lauren Skelly Bailey, Yoon Cho, Charles Cohen, Linda Cunningham, Beth Garrett, Nancy Gesimondo, and Luba Lukova are on view. Opening Feb. 14, through April 1. Gold Coast Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck. 829-2570 or [www.goldcoastarts.org](http://www.goldcoastarts.org).

#### From Frankenthaler to Warhol: Art of the '60s and '70s

An exhibition that delves into the two trends that defined the art of the 1960s and '70s: abstract and representational works. Color Field, Minimalist, Pop, and Photorealist work by Don Eddy, Audrey Flack, Helen Frankenthaler, Jasper Johns, Roy Lichtenstein, Richard Lindner, Claes Oldenburg, Fairfield Porter, Robert Rauschenberg, Larry Rivers, James Rosenquist, Andy Warhol, Tom Wesselman, and others are included. Through March 11. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Seashells...

#### Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, in celebration of Garvie's 50th anniversary. Garvie's Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or [www.garviespointmuseum.com](http://www.garviespointmuseum.com).

#### Movie Time

See "The Mountain Between Us," the survival drama about two strangers who must forge a connection after they are stranded after a tragic plane crash on a remote snow covered mountain, Thursday, Feb. 8, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### At the Movies

See "The Whales of August," the intimate drama about to elderly sisters at their summer house in Maine, with screen legends Lillian Gish and Bette Davis, Friday, Feb. 9, 2 p.m.; also "Goodbye Christopher

Robin," a behind-the-scenes look at the life of author A.A. Milne, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Gallery Talk

Join radio host Tom Ryan for a multimedia presentation, "How Music Changed History: '60s & '70s," Friday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m. Inspired by the current exhibition "From Frankenthaler to Warhol: Art of the '60s and '70s," Ryan explores the musical soundscape of this turbulent and rebellious era. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Film Screening

See the documentary "Josef and Anni Albers: Art is Everywhere," Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11, 1-4 p.m. The film explores the lives of the pioneers of 20th century modernism, including rare footage. Nassau County Museum of Art, Manes Center, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Book Signing

Hear writer-painter, Bruno Ribeiro discuss his narrative poetry book, "The Book of All Lovers," Tuesday, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. The first of a trilogy, it is an illustrated fairy tale for adults in verse form. Book Revue, 313 New York Ave., Huntington. (631) 271-1442 or [www.bookrevue.com](http://www.bookrevue.com).

#### Movie Matinee

See "The Glass Castle," based on Jeanette Walls' autobiography about her unconventional childhood, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1:15 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).



#### Fool the Eye

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## OBITUARIES

### Maria M. Santoli

Maria M. Santoli, 89, of Glen Cove, N.Y. died on February 3. She is survived by her daughters and sons-in law of Filomena and Marco Scagliola, Anna and Domenico Grella, Josie and Patrick Genova and Nicki and Jay Kessler; her siblings, Maria, Josephine, Gaetano, Antonietta, Luisa and Anna; her 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; and her many nieces & nephews.

She is predeceased by her husband Gaetano and her siblings Rocco, Carmela and Luigi.

Visitations were held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home in Glen Cove on Monday and Tuesday, with a funeral mass at the Church of St. Rocco on Wednesday morning. Santoli was entombed at Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Leucio "Lester" Stanco

Leucio "Lester" Stanco, 85, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Jan. 28. He is survived by his children, Connie Abbondandolo and her husband Joseph, Angelo and his wife Lisa; his brother John and sister-in-law Kathleen; his grandchildren, Christina, Michael, Nicki, Lia and Marco, and his many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his wife Pia and his brother Domenick.

Lester was a proud member of the Son's of Italy Post #1016, St. Michael's Society, an usher at St. Rocco's and the St. Rocco Holy Name Society. A visitation was held at the Funeral Home of Dodge-Thomas, and a funeral mass held at the Church of St. Rocco. He was buried at Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Gilda D'Ateno

Gilda D'Ateno, 78, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on January 23. She is survived by her children, Luanne and Anthony; her daughter-in-law Victori; and her grandchildren, Robert, Justin and Krista. A funeral mass was held at the Church of St. Rocco on Jan. 30. She was buried at St. Charles Cemetery in Farmingdale. In lieu of flowers donations in Gilda's name may be made to St Rocco or St Patrick Church.

### Erica M. Martino

Erica M. Martino, 88, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on January 25. She is survived by her children, William, Donna and Michael; her brother, George Forbes; her grandchildren William and Lori and her five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Leroy.

A visitation and Catholic prayer service was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove on Jan. 28. She was buried at Calverton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Hospice Care Network.

### Concetta Ricciardi

Concetta Ricciardi, 78, of Glen Cove, N.Y. on January 23rd. She is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law Angelo, Renato and Sandy; her siblings Angelo, Maria, Dominic, Michele, Giuseppe, Antonio and Lilliana; her grandchildren Antonio, James and Ava Rose and her many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Antonio and her brother Constantino.

Concetta was a devoted parishioner of the Church of St. Rocco and member of the Rosary Society of St. Rocco. She loved to cook authentic Italian food for her family. She was dedicated to her entire family, and loved them all so much. She will be greatly missed.

Services were held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass was held at the Church of St. Rocco. She was entombed at Holy Rood Cemetery. Donations may be made to support Concetta's loving son Renato "Danny" who was diagnosed with End Stage Renal Failure, through his "Go Fund Me" page.

### Robert L. Clark

Robert L. Clark, 79, of Westbury, formerly of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on January 18. He is survived by his wife, Michele; sons, Joshua and Jonathan; his brothers, James Skaggs and Walter Lee Gilbert Jr.; and his many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Richard.

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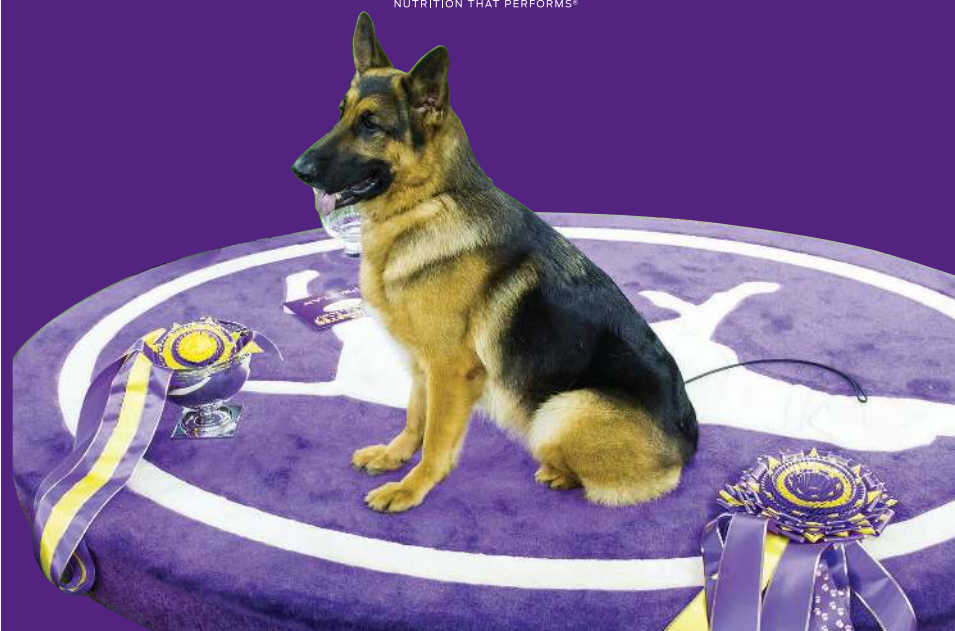


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# Gov. allows pharmacies to give kids flu vaccine

The flu continued its steady march across New York state in recent weeks, with nearly 11,700 cases reported and a little more than 2,200 people hospitalized, according to state officials.

That prompted Gov. Andrew Cuomo to sign an executive order allowing pharmacists to give flu shots to children ages 2 to 18. Previously, pharmacies were not permitted by state law to administer the flu vaccine to children. Parents of children 6 to 24 months old are encouraged to see their pediatricians about having their kids vaccinated.

The 2017-18 flu season is among the worst in recent years, according to state and federal health officials. This year's flu vaccine is reported to be less effective than in past years, but officials are still encouraging people to get vaccinated, because the vaccine will reduce flu symptoms, even if it does not prevent the virus.

Flu symptoms might take up to seven days to show after infection.

"I'm urging everyone to get vaccinated and take other necessary steps to stop the spread of this virus in New York," Cuomo said. Dr. Howard Zuker, the state health commissioner, said the state is "working to ensure flu vaccine availability, maintain health system capacity and ensure access to antivirals," noting, "It's not too late to protect yourself and those around you."

The HealthMap Vaccine Finder identifies locations where vaccines can be found across the state. It can be accessed at [vaccinefinder.org](http://vaccinefinder.org).

According to the state Department of Health, flu is easily killed by soap and hot water, so officials are urging people to wash their hands regularly for at least 20 seconds and to use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water are unavailable. People should not sneeze into their hands, but rather into a tissue, they say.

For more information about the flu, go to [on.ny.gov/2nDTIJ8](http://on.ny.gov/2nDTIJ8).

- Scott Brinton

## How do you know you if you are getting the flu?

- Fever
- Cough
- Chills
- Aches and pains
- Chest and head discomfort
- Shortness of breath
- Sore throat.

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- 34 Mischievous one
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- 35 Long story
- 37 Prolonged attack
- 38 Skewer
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- 40 Press agent?
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# ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

## Vegetarian Valentine's Day to go

BY CATHI TUROW

On Valentine's Day, I plan to create an original Vegetarian Valentine's Day romantic dinner. Of course, there's no way I can make it myself. I'm the worst cook in the universe. My romantic dinner would end in divorce.

So, I'm doing the next best thing. Last week, I drove to restaurants in our area with menus that included innovative vegetarian choices, tasted lots of new, fantas-

tic dishes, and handpicked a favorite course from each café. The result? I've coordinated my own four course vegetarian Valentine's Day dinner to go. That day, instead of filling myself up with chocolate hearts, I'll fill up my car and drive to various eateries, pick up a different course from each one, and serve my romantic meal. I hope you'll want to try some of these incredible dishes.

On Valentine's Day, my takeout pick up trip will begin at:

- Le Pain Quotidien, Roosevelt

Field Mall, 1st floor. I'll pick up the new sweet potato and black bean toast, made with avocado, arugula and vegan chipotle aioli. It's a perfect blend of flavors that will make a delicious appetizer. After that, I'll move on to the salad.

- 2 Spring, at 2 Spring Street, Oyster Bay. This cozy, classy, chic restaurant opened a few weeks ago and the eclectic, exquisite combinations on the menu are amazing. I plan to pick up the salad with purple sweet potatoes, cabbage, walnuts, greens, and Dijon vinaigrette for my second course. To tell you the truth, the menu is so intriguing it will be hard to resist camping out there for a few days and eating everything in sight. The spicy lobster with harissa, bread pudding, carrot sauce and turnips is just one creative combination that's making me hungry right now. However, I'll be on a mission, so I'll continue on to pick up my main course.

- Tavern 227, at 227 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. There's a new chef and a totally new menu in this dimly lit, intimate cafe. I plan to take out the roasted cauliflower steak with lemon brown butter, raisins and capers for my entrée, but it was tough to make that final decision. All the descriptions of the dishes on the menu

are as delicious as they sound. You might want to try the black ink fettucine with shrimp, cannellini beans and tomato, among many other choices. It's a wonderful place to dine, but I'll have to stick to my plan and move on to dessert.

- King Kullen Supermarket, 77 Forest Ave., Glen Cove. To stay in sync with my vegetarian theme, I imagined I'd have a small, heart-shaped carrot cake. I immediately called King Kullen. Since their baker custom bakes cakes, I told her about my crazy concoction. She was up for it! I can't wait to pick up my cake on Valentine's Day. You can give the baker a call and do the same!

So, that's my vegetarian Valentine's Day dinner. However, as a true takeout artist, if I accidentally burn my romantic meal as I attempt to keep it warm, I have a back-up plan. On Feb. 14, The Metropolitan Bistro, 39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, will be offering a romantic Valentine's Day dinner menu along with live classical cello music. If my meal is a fail, I'll show up there.

Well, that's it! No matter where you enjoy food on Valentine's Day, I hope you have a fun, delicious, "hearty" meal. See you next month!

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Dear Great Book Guru, I attended a lecture last week at the Brooklyn Historical Society on how democracies die. It was both fascinating and horrifying. Have you heard about the book that was at the center of this discussion? — A Champion of Democracy

Dear Champion, "How Democracies Die," by Steven Levitsky and David Ziblatt is perhaps the most thought-provoking book I have read in the last few months. While we usually picture democracies collapsing in violent chaos with tanks and militia in the streets, the

authors show us that more frequently the very components of democracy — its constitution, courts, media, and elections — are used to destroy it. They list four signs of its slow death — denying the legitimacy of opponents; condoning or tolerating violence; showing a willingness to curb civil liberties and/or the media; and having only a weak commitment to democratic rules. If one or more of these is present, there is a strong possibility that democracy is in grave danger.

The authors also suggest that it is political parties that keep despots from coming to power and the post 1960's primary system of nominating candidates has undermined the parties' power. The last and most devastating insight they offer is that at no time in history has a democracy existed where all citizens, regardless of race or ethnicity, are equally empowered politically, socially and economically. Does democracy need inequality to exist? A disturbing question indeed! Highly recommended.

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## OPINIONS

# The State of the Union: improving

The president's State of the Union address gave a good picture of the nation's economy and the positive direction America is heading. And it offered hope that some of the more contentious issues we face might finally be addressed.

The state of the economy is strong, with rising wages and bonuses putting real dollars into working middle class taxpayers' pockets. Tax reform and regulatory relief are jump-starting business growth, and the stock market is hitting historic highs.



**ALFONSE  
D'AMATO**

Unemployment — including in minority communities — is nearing historic lows. In addition, the lower corporate tax rate will leverage repatriated overseas tax dollars to help fund \$1.5 trillion in needed infrastructure improvements to

roads, bridges and airports, creating even more jobs.

President Trump's trade policies are defending U.S. manufacturing jobs from unfair foreign competition and below-cost dumping of products into the American market. And he is pushing to reform our education system to focus more attention on vocational schools and employment

training that will prepare young people for the good, well-paying jobs our growing economy is producing.

The U.S. is becoming more energy-independent. We're now among the world's largest energy producers. We're exporting coal, oil and gas, which is good for our economy and our national security.

On immigration, the president made real concessions, offering a path to citizenship for 1.8 million "Dreamers" — not just the 600,000 covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program — in exchange for strengthening border security. His proposals are similar to those that have passed in the Senate before. If Democrats and Republicans in Congress now negotiate in good faith and reach for reasonable compromise, this issue can finally be resolved.

Overseas, we've defeated ISIS, and we're finally standing up to North Korea's and Iran's nuclear ambitions. We're rebuilding our depleted military, giving our men and women in uniform the equipment and resources they need to protect us. And our retired veterans are getting better care and attention from a reformed Veterans Administration.

The president made lowering sky-high drug prices a big priority. Congress should cooperate with him to make prescription

drugs more affordable. And Trump promised to step up efforts to combat the opioid crisis that is destroying lives and ravaging our communities.

None of these good things will come easily. They will all require constant attention from our national leaders. And there are

other pressing issues that can't just be repeatedly swept under the rug. The most urgent long-term priority should be strengthening our Social Security and Medicare systems. This effort, especially, will require a bipartisan approach if it is to succeed.

A presidential commission should be assembled, similar to the one chaired by then Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, on which Senators Patrick Moynihan and Bob Dole served, in the 1980s. That commission agreed to careful reforms of Social Security and Medicare that have kept them solvent for the past generation.

Today, Social Security and Medicare are again in need of modest changes to the retirement age to take into account longer life spans. With just some targeted adjustment, these important programs can be strengthened for the baby boom generation now entering retirement.

And there's another growing problem that Washington should tackle. The most

crushing financial burden facing millions of Americans today isn't their mortgage or credit card debt — it's their astronomical college loans. This trillion-dollar obligation is strangling our young people with debt they will spend a lifetime repaying. It's time to pressure our colleges and universities to reduce their costs, and to withhold their generous government subsidies unless they bring the price of higher education into line with Americans' ability to pay.

Here in New York, we need to get our priorities straight, too. We're spending too much on high-priced school administrators and overlapping school districts, overpaid local police forces, and other government spending that's way out of line with the rest of the nation.

In the meantime, our critical mass-transit system is struggling with old tracks, signals and equipment that cause constant delays for New Yorkers who depend on public transit to get them to work and school. Fixing infrastructure right here in our own backyard is just as important to the state of our union as what goes on in Washington. And just as with our national challenges, rebuilding New York will require the same bipartisanship and willingness to put people ahead of politics.

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## Gold-plated hydrants for Valentine's Day?

As Valentine's Day approaches, I'm in overdrive, obsessing about how to impress, and basically ingratiate myself to, my domestic partner. Admit it: A certain anxiety fuels the hysteria over finding the perfect roses or just the right jewelry to meet expectations.

Feb. 14 triggers a commercial and emotional frenzy, with us trying to please someone when we have no idea what that someone wants. Worse, we feel obligated to buy a gift because we've been brain-washed by advertising, soppy postings on social media and reruns of "Pretty Woman," "Sleepless in Seattle" and "Out of Africa."



**RANDI  
KREISS**

Note to husband: The striped umbrella was not an inspired gift two years ago. Neither were the polka dot pajamas last year. Think 18 karats. Or, if funds are short, I'm a sucker for the written word. Pen me a pretty Valentine.

As for my gift giving, I've been living with my husband for decades, and I'm not a bit concerned about being able to make him happy on Valentine's Day. A glass of his favorite Montepolciano de Abruzzi, a homemade crab cake and he's mine. Easy peasy.

My deep, deep concern is my other housemate, Lilly Bee, our one-year-old Malagasy Coton de Tulear. As dogs take over the country, from airlines to restaurants to department stores, we need to hone our gift-giving skills to meet canine desires and fantasies. Very soon, our four-legged friends will rule the world. (This is a fake fact, but that's OK, right?)

According to recent statistics, there are 323 million people in the U.S. There are also 90 million dogs kept as pets in American households. (These are real facts. Doesn't it get confusing?) That doesn't count the street dogs, wild dogs and shelter dogs that are conspiring to get a leg up on humanity.

You think I'm kidding? Barking up the wrong tree? The 90 million dogs we know about are increasing exponentially. Visit any dog park and see for yourself what happens when any male dog gets together with any female dog. They aren't exactly discriminating in their romantic encounters.

I don't know exactly when (because I'm making this up), but pretty soon there will be more dogs than people in the U.S., and we humans better be ready to please them. We already see signs of a dog-centric culture. When did the dog stroller become ubiquitous? Why do we see water bowls for

dogs outside restaurants when homeless people have to scrounge to get a drink? And airlines? The rules state that "emotional support" dogs take priority over humans with allergies or aversions to the smells and potty problems that sometimes come with a canine passenger. Dogs are born with all the clothes they need on their backs, yet the dog clothing industry is a multi-billion-dollar business.

Guess what other dog-centered biz is booming? Products for overweight and obese pets. And they aren't fat because they patronize food courts. They're fat because their owners feed them the same way they feed themselves: too much.

According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, an astounding 94 percent of owners of fat dogs think their pets are a normal weight. When advised that their pups are putting on pounds, humans buy lower-fat dog food and other slim-down products. Thus a new industry is born.

And this is just the beginning. Come the day that dogs outnumber people, they're sure to organize. Since poodles are reputed to be the brainiacs, they will no doubt seek the vote. A poodle president? I understand that poodles can identify a number of individual toys by shape and color. I'm not mak-

ing comparisons, but that could be awesome in a president.

A dog majority would change food-buying habits, creating a rising demand for raw-meat menus and a reduction in the current consumption of smoothies and veggies. Veterinary schools would proliferate. We might see grooming taken to a new level. Aging dogs would demand hair color, and even a bit of "work" when their jowls droop.

Canine candidates will promise hydrants in every public park and a chicken in every doghouse. Puppy classes would become passé, and higher education would be available to all dogs, regardless of breed, shape of ears or length of tail. I imagine my Lilly Bee might follow the tried-and-true advice to study what she loves: Stiffies.

In a dog-dominant America, there would be a lottery for any mutt with a dollar and a dream.

Once the dog population tops the human population, the balance of power will tip in favor of Fido. We've all seen those paintings of Rover and Lassie and their friends sitting around a poker table. Fanciful, you say? I say, stay tuned.

In the meantime, I'm hedging my bets this Valentine's Day. A box of genuine goat bones is on its way to Lilly Bee.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Hey, N.Y.C., hands off L.I.'s water

**N**ew York City wants Long Island's water. We shouldn't give it to the city, period. Here's the thing: If granted state approval, the city could just take it. Gov. Andrew Cuomo mustn't allow that to happen.

Long Island has been designated a sole-source aquifer, meaning that all of the drinking water for Nassau and Suffolk counties comes from cavernous pockets hundreds of feet below the surface. Once upon a time, these stores were the purest water you could drink. The Upper Glacial Aquifer, one of three major aquifers beneath the Island's surface, formed during the last ice age, 10,000 to 20,000 years ago — long before pollutants and pathogens had contaminated underground water stores.

Highly toxic chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, and human and animal waste have slowly been making their way from the ground into our aquifers for decades — pretty much since Levittown was built in the 1940s and '50s and Long Island became an industrial hub for the military and aerospace industries. Grumman, the Island's manufacturing giant, moved out in 1994, but the waste it left behind remains in the soil, steadily percolating downward toward our drinking-water supply.

The faster we draw water from the aquifers, the faster surface water will be pulled by hydraulic action into them — along with all those pollutants. At the same time, more and more saltwater from the Atlantic Ocean will intrude into the aquifers as well.

That's why the state Department of

Environmental Conservation must not renew New York City's now-expired permit that would allow it to take water from our supply. If the city were permitted to suck out 68 million gallons a day from these stores — more than the entire Town of North Hempstead consumes — the long-term effects could be catastrophic for us.

New York City argues that it has the right to draw water from the aquifers. Queens and Brooklyn are part of Long Island, after all, and the 68 city-owned wells from which it would draw water are old ones, located in southeastern Queens.

The aquifers from which the city would take the water, however, extend farther east into Nassau County, so the water we need for survival would go to the five boroughs. That would be unfair and unjust. The city has other sources — in particular, upstate reservoirs — from which it can obtain water, while Nassau does not.

City officials say the water would be drawn only in emergencies. That's not what they claimed in 2014, however, when they said they needed to extract water from the Island's aquifers while the city repaired two aqueduct pipes that connect those upstate reservoirs to the boroughs. According to the city's Department of Environmental Protection, millions of gallons of water were — and still are — leaking from the city's Delaware aqueduct, in upstate Newburgh. Its pipes have been leaking since the 1990s, according to the Times-Herald Record. City officials said in 2014 that they hoped to fix the problem in 2020 —

at a cost of \$1 billion.

In a 2014 Herald editorial, "L.I. is desperate for a water-management plan," we called on the State Legislature to enact, and the governor to sign, a measure that would require a long-term management plan to protect and preserve the Island's sole-source drinking-water supply. The Legislature and governor did just that.

We must remind Cuomo of the legislation's precise wording: "Long Island's water resources are unique in the region, unusual in the nation, and of exceptional importance to the state of New York because of the economic, environmental and public health values that Long Island's water resources provide to the millions of people who live and recreate on Long Island."

The measure created the Long Island Commission for Aquifer Protection, which drafted a management plan last year. It held its first hearing to seek comment on it at the Suffolk County Legislature in Riverhead on Jan. 17.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, a Democrat from Baldwin, called on the state during a news conference last week to hold off on approving New York City's plans to draw water from Long Island's aquifers until the U.S. Geological Survey completes a thorough examination of the aquifers and weighs in on the matter.

As far as we're concerned, the state DEC must never approve the city's plans. Simply put, Long Island — Nassau and Suffolk counties — can no longer tolerate the abuse of our aquifers.

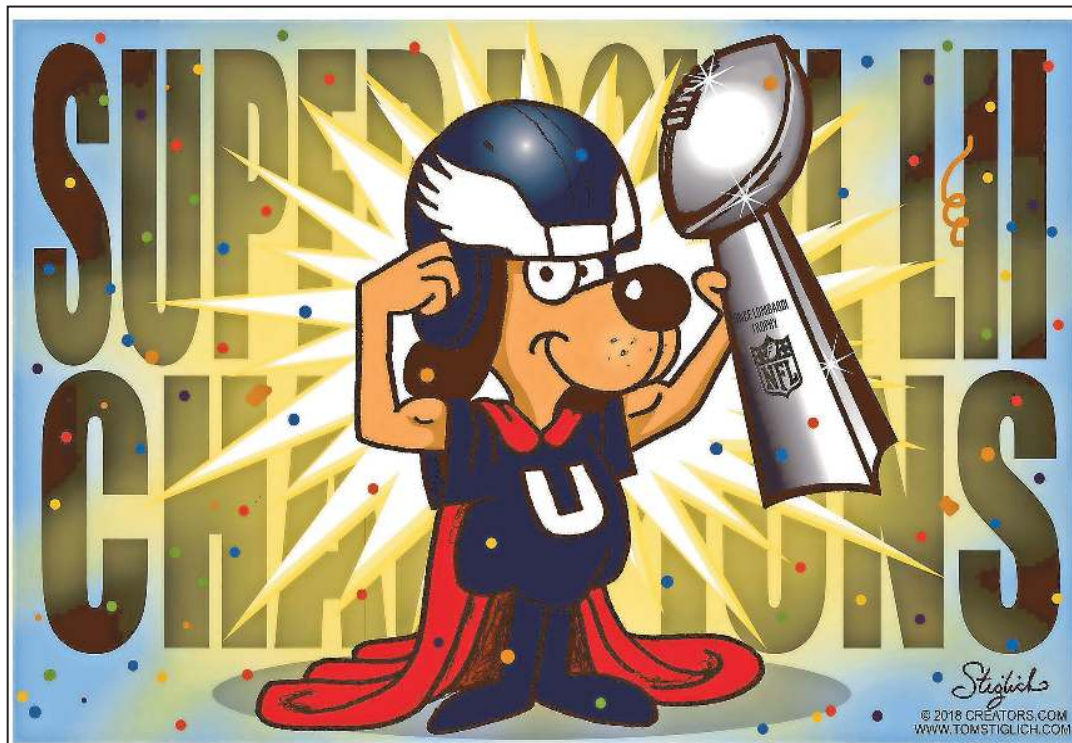
## LETTERS

### Legislator misinformed

To the Editor:

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton is egregiously misinformed about how Glen Cove's waterfront redevelopment is being financed. She recently made the following statement: "I'm concerned with how the Glen Cove residents will pay off the \$200 million-plus IDA loan taken out to pay for the amenities the [waterfront] developer was obligated to fund. The payment of this bond must be made to avoid a lien being placed on this property by the bond holders."

Here is why she doesn't know what she's talking about. For one thing, she's off the mark by \$76 million. The bonds (not "the bond," as she calls it) are not \$200 million; they're \$124 million in total. That money has been raised to pay for new infrastructure at the waterfront (roads and sewers) and public



## OPINIONS

# There has to be a better way to treat immigrants

If you hang around Congress these days or happen to visit the White House, there are three words that you dare not utter. One is “obstruction,” another is “collusion” and, for some unexplained and sad reason, the latest dirty word in the Republican-controlled House and Senate is “immigrant.” As a relative of many Holocaust survivors, I truly resent the current hateful campaign against immigrants.

There’s no doubt that there are millions of Americans who came to this country many years ago, but to this day have not attained citizenship. But they work hard, raise wonderful children, pay taxes and are the pillars of their houses of worship and communities. The vast majority of them didn’t sneak over the Mexican border, but rather came



**JERRY  
KREMER**

here by plane or boat, and may have come at the invitation of longtime citizens.

No matter where you or I go, we see these people. They staff our restaurants, cut our lawns, work at other modest-paying jobs

that no one else will take, pay taxes and eke out a meager living. But they are living their version of the American dream, and aren’t sitting around collecting welfare checks. They aren’t criminals, and they raise their children to be studious and hard-working. Their children are the so-called “Dreamers.”

Despite the fact that these people take those jobs that no one else will, there are many members of Congress who want them immediately deported to the countries they left 20 or more years ago. These lawmakers stand on the floor of the House of Representatives and pontificate on how we have to deport these people en masse. There isn’t one member of the U.S. Congress who can trace his or her family lineage to the Indians who were in this country long before the rest of us arrived. There might be one whose family came to America on the Mayflower, but those family members were immigrants at the time.

Five years ago, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg released a study on the economic impact of the city’s immigrant population. It concluded that immigrants

accounted for over \$3 billion in revenue for the city, state and federal governments, and that they had jobs that would go unfilled if their population disappeared. Last year, on a trip to California, I drove through hundreds of square miles of vegetable and fruit farms, all of which rely on migrant workers, who are also a target of this Congress.

I’m not soft on immigration policies, and believe that any immigrant who has a criminal record should not enjoy the benefits of living in America. I also know that our current immigration system is flawed and badly in need of repair. Repair is the right word, not destruction. If President Trump could have his way, incoming immigrants, it appears, would be all white, and would probably be coming from Scandinavian countries. Citizens of Africa, India, China, Vietnam and other far-off places would be barred from entry.

I’m sure that some of you have had the misfortune to spend some time in a local hospital emergency room. If and when you do, take a good look around and notice how many of the doctors, nurses and physician’s assistants appear to be from countries that

are now on the forbidden list. They are professional, caring and know how to treat your condition. Who would replace them if the current occupant of the Oval Office has his way? If you look around your village, town or city and don’t notice how many non-Americans are serving you, then it’s time you took an eye test.

Beyond reform of our system is the issue of the Dreamers. They face deportation unless Congress finds a way to allow them to stay. If you ever need a heart transplant, ask House Speaker Paul Ryan for his, because chances are it isn’t being used. Watching him sit on his hands at the State of the Union address when the Dreamers were mentioned was a lesson in cold-hearted leadership.

Let’s hope, for the sake of our country and people like you and me, that this year the word immigrant will cease to be a Congressional expletive.

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**T**hey take jobs no one else will, but plenty of members of Congress want them deported.

## LETTERS

amenities (parks and piers, walks) for use by Glen Cove’s residents free of charge.

The most important feature of these bonds is that they are “non-recourse” obligations. This means that Glen Cove’s taxpayers are not required to pay them back, only the developer is. The collateral that guarantees payment of the bonds are Payments in Lieu of Taxes to be made to the city by the developer.

A PILOT is just what it sounds like. The developer has agreed that in exchange for certain tax benefits offered by the city as an inducement to develop property in Glen Cove, the developer will make substantial agreed upon payments to the city over a negotiated period of time. It’s through the PILOTs the developer pays back the bonds, not the city’s taxpayers. The bonds are not guaranteed by the City of Glen Cove or any of its agencies. Only high net worth investors who have chosen to buy the bonds are at risk. Not a single homeowner in Glen Cove will ever be called upon to pay these bonds.

In the meantime, while all of this is going on, the developer has already made millions of dollars in payments to the city,

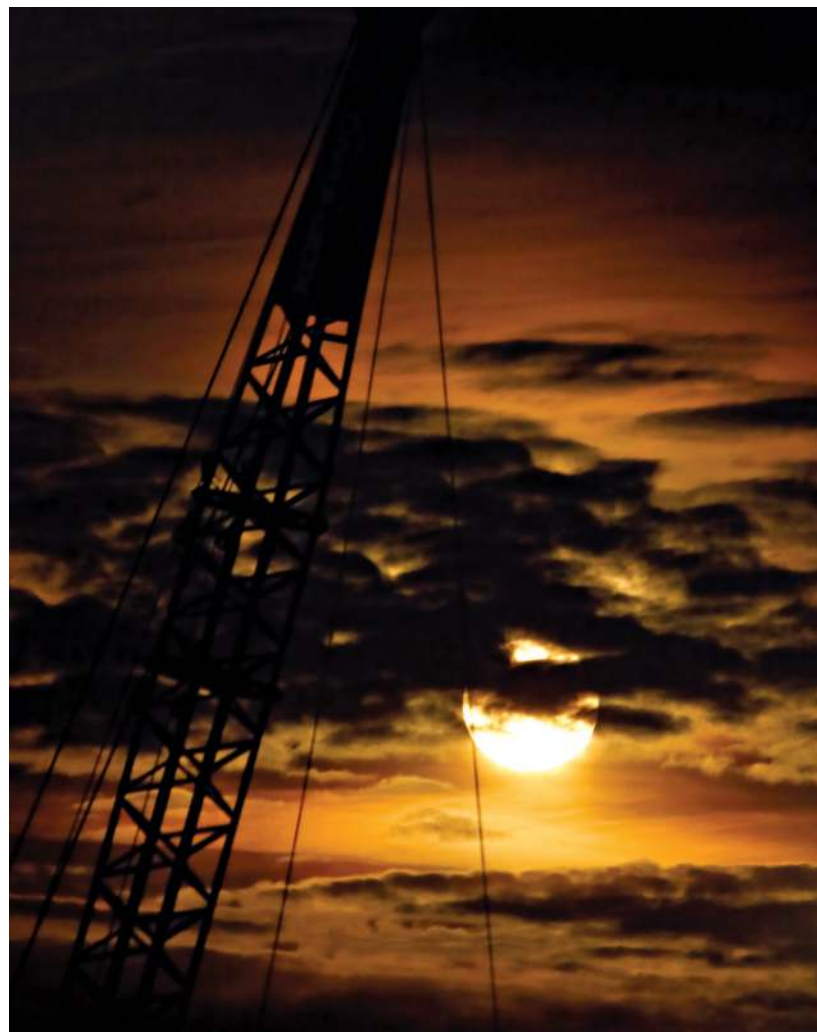
which will be used for city purposes — a huge benefit to Glen Cove’s taxpayers. No matter what happens, Glen Cove is, and will continue to be, far ahead of the developer in benefits derived from the sale of bonds to finance infrastructure public amenities that the taxpayers will never have to pay, despite DeRiggi-Whitton’s false and uneducated assertions to the contrary.

What she is not saying is that Glen Cove’s former mayor, Reggie Spinello, negotiated a brilliant PILOT financing package that will give Glen Cove a finished waterfront no matter what, and the city won’t be responsible to repay any of the money borrowed to build it. For years to come, Glen Cove will receive tens of millions of dollars in revenue from this project. No other mayor who preceded Spinello was able to accomplish that.

**ZEFY CHRISTOPOULOS**  
Glen Cove

*Zefy Christopoulos ran unsuccessfully for legislator against DeRiggi-Whitton in the last election.*

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### Correction

Brenda Weck, who wrote the letter to the editor “Get on the ball, Mr. Mayor,” in the Feb. 1-7 issue of the Herald-Gazette was never employed at the private legal practice of Charles McQuair.



## GLEN COVE SCHOOL DISTRICT MARKET REPORT

January 15th – January 31st

### NEW TO MARKET

ADDRESS	TOWN	LIST PRICE	STYLE	BEDS	BATHS
18 Craft Ave	Glen Cove	\$410,000	Hi Ranch	5	2
35 Chestnut St	Glen Cove	\$495,000	Colonial	3	2
122 Sea Cliff Ave	Glen Cove	\$538,000	Colonial	3	2
2 Henry Dr	Glen Cove	\$539,000	Split	3	2
2 High Pine Rd	Glen Cove	\$575,000	Exp Ranch	3	3
12 Walnut Rd	Glen Cove	\$775,000	Colonial	4	4
81 Crescent Beach Rd	Glen Cove	\$1,179,000	Colonial	7	6
7 W Stuart Dr	Glen Cove	\$1,229,000	Farm Ranch	4	4
91 Highland Rd	Glen Cove	\$1,399,999	Colonial	5	5

### UNDER CONTRACT

ADDRESS	TOWN	LIST PRICE	STYLE	BEDS	BATHS
75 Glen Keith Rd	Glen Cove	\$240,000	Co-Op	2	1
7 Hilldale Rd	Glen Cove	\$450,000	Split	3	3
4 Prospect Ave	Glen Cove	\$529,000	Victorian	4	2
92A Dosoris Ln	Glen Cove	\$579,000	Farm Ranch	5	5
29 Laurel Ave	Glen Cove	\$699,990	Colonial	4	3
5 David Ct	Glen Cove	\$850,000	Colonial	5	5
3 Beatrice Ln	Glen Cove	\$1,095,000	Post Modern	5	4
1 Jackson Ln	Glen Cove	\$1,575,000	Colonial	6	6

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ADDRESS	TOWN	LIST PRICE	STYLE	BEDS	BATHS
210 Cambridge Ct	Glen Cove	\$219,000	Condo	2	1
25 Ford St	Glen Cove	\$249,000	Colonial	2	1
66 Dosoris Ln	Glen Cove	\$379,000	Colonial	3	2
26 Ravine Ave	Glen Cove	\$485,000	Colonial	3	2
18 Mckinley Pl	Glen Cove	\$535,000	Cape	3	3
10 Helen Pl	Glen Cove	\$529,000	Split	4	3
57 Continental Pl	Glen Cove	\$525,000	Colonial	4	3
2 Birch Bark Ln	Glen Cove	\$799,999	Colonial	4	4
17 Hitching Post Ln	Glen Cove	\$697,500	Colonial	5	3
27 St Andrews Ln	Glen Cove	\$875,000	Colonial	3	3
8 Sea Isle Landing	Glen Cove	\$1,799,000	HOA	4	3

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