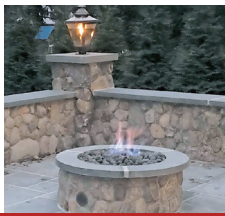




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District talks school safety with parents

G.C. students walk out despite plans to stay in

BY ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN
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In the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla., the Glen Cove school district has been working to quell parents' concerns about the security of their children's school buildings, while at the same time trying to determine how best to facilitate students' participation in the national movement for school safety.

In the run-up to a nationwide walkout scheduled for Wednesday, the one-month anniversary of the Parkland shooting, district officials said they had to weigh the concerns of students looking for a way to participate that day, to honor the 17 lost lives, and their safety if they were allowed to leave the building at a time other than their regular dismissal.

A letter sent out by high



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GLEN COVE HIGH School students walked out of their building on Wednesday to honor the lives lost in the Parkland, Fla. shooting a month ago. The walkout appeared to mark a change of plans, because the district had repeatedly stated that it would pose a security risk.

school Principal Antonio Santana said that a student-led walkout was "not a viable option for Glen Cove High School," but did not say why. The district instead

planned a number of indoor activities meant to be "meaningful, healing, and empowering."

"In our discussion with stu-

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New DPW director has decades of experience

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"When you're just driving around," said Lou Saulino, the new director of the Glen Cove Department of Public Works, "you see things that maybe regular people don't see."

The concrete spoiling in the

downtown parking garage, for example, or slabs of asphalt at risk of opening up into potholes.

"You're always observing," the 69-year-old from Farmingville said, adding that, as a civil engineer, "You always have that in your mind. It's just the nature of the beast."

Often, Saulino said, a municipi-

ality will put off regular maintenance projects, like the concrete in the garage, until they become necessary repairs, which cost more money and cause more problems. One of his top priorities is coming up with a "capital improvement plan," which will allow the city to be

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Pot o' gold at end of Glen St.?

Patrick Furlong suited up for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade, which will be hosted by the Glen Cove Hibernians. Story Page 10.

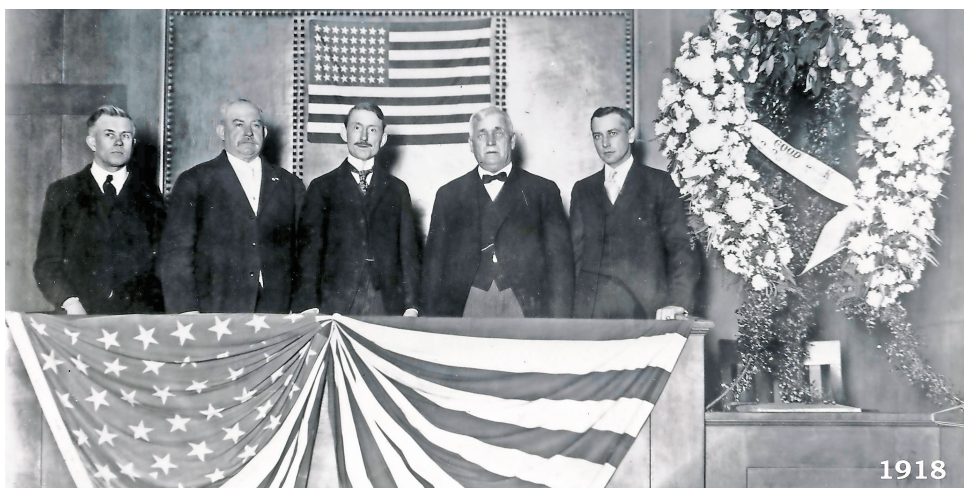
GLEN COVE TIME CAPSULE

How Glen Cove became a city

This is part three in a series.

The next step in Glen Cove's becoming a city was the election of a mayor and City Council in late 1917. The candidates formed two slates – pro-city and anti-city candidates. The pro-city group ran on the Republican ticket and the anti-city group on the Democratic ticket. But the sentiments of the public did not coincide with the major party lines, and from the outcome of the election one can only wonder whether anyone knew what they were voting for. Although two prior votes on becoming a city were both in favor, all but three of the anti-city candidates were elected, and men who had been opposed to Glen Cove's incorporation as a city became the first mayor and three of the four city councilmen.

The election strained many friendships, but it was surely one of the strangest elections in the city's 100-year history. Unfortunately, women of Glen Cove had no say in the election because women could not yet vote, however, this was about to change, at least in New York. In



Courtesy Glen Cove 350

THE FIRST INAUGURATION was held where the North Shore Historical Museum is today.

the same year as Glen Cove's first election for a local government, a referendum on the November ballot passed, changing the New York State Constitution to give women the right to vote. This was three years before the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the vote nationwide.

New Year's Day 1918, in the 250th year since Glen Cove's founding, saw a large crowd present in the Justices Court building on Glen Street to witness the inauguration of the first mayor and City Council. The Justices Court building had been

constructed 10 years prior, as a courthouse for the Town of Oyster Bay, and subsequently served as Glen Cove's first City Hall.

Glen Cove's new government appointed a city clerk and chief of police. Mayor Burns and the City Council had a number of issues to deal with as Glen Cove's first government. Among them was negotiating with the Town of Oyster Bay for Glen Cove's share of the taxes collected in that first year.

The city's last historian, Dan Russell, wrote that the Justices Court building

was "taken" by the city as compensation in a disagreement with the town, which continued to assess taxes on the city's residents after Glen Cove broke away from the town. As a result, the Justices Court building not only became Glen Cove's first City Hall but also its Police Headquarters. This building continued to serve as the GCPD headquarters and City Court into the 1990s, when the city acquired the old bank buildings on Glen Street near the center of the downtown and moved City Hall, the police department and city court to new locations. Today, the building has been restored to its configuration as it was when completed in 1908 and now serves as the home of the North Shore Historical Museum.

The City of Glen Cove was incorporated 100 years ago, and just before New Year's Eve ringing in 2018, in the very same courtroom, the current mayor and City Council re-enacted the photo taken at the inauguration of Glen Cove's first City Council on New Year's Day 1918.

This story is based on a chapter of the book, "A History of Glen Cove," co-authored by former city historians Robert R. Coles and Peter Luyster Van Santvoord, with additional information from the writings of city historian Daniel E. Russell.

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Complaints and business as usual at council meeting

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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The City Council last week did not have the opportunity to vote to secure a piece of equipment that would have helped Glen Cove stave off a looming summer water shortage caused by the closure of two wells in which contaminants were found.

The item did not appear on the agenda on March 6, several council members said, because the engineer who proposed the plan — to take a used aluminum shell and fill it with new parts to make the necessary filtration system — did not submit sufficient details, in time for the city attorney to draft a resolution.

The measures that did make it on to the agenda were all passed unanimously, including nearly \$1.3 million in budget transfers, which, Councilwoman Marsha Silverman noted, were budget-neutral and not “interfund transfers,” the type that a recent state audit report had chastised the council for making in the past.

The council also voted to establish a “voluntary separation incentive payment program,” also known as a buyout, that would give departing employees who met certain criteria a lump sum of 1 percent of their current salary, per year of service, up to 20 percent. “The city expects save an average of \$26,000 for each year for each employee that takes this incentive,” Mayor Tim Tenke said. “The cost of this program will quickly be recouped in 2018, and the savings will continue thereafter.”



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

THE GLEN COVE City Council passed a series of resolutions on March 6, and heard complaints on a variety of subjects.

Glen Cove residents raised a number of issues during the public comment session. Zefy Christopoulos claimed that Dan Cox, who ran Tenke’s campaign and transition but who is not currently serving the city in any official capacity, had been “discussing ... confidential topics with department heads” at City Hall.

“It’s a public building,” Tenke responded. “He’s allowed to walk into City Hall. He’s also a friend of mine, he visits me.”

Councilman Joseph Capobianco said that he didn’t know if the allegation was true, but if it was, “I would oppose that strenuously.”

When asked about her claim after the meeting, Christopoulos said, “I’ve worked for three mayors. After having worked in City Hall for almost 20 years, you could

say I have friends. I know things.”

Several residents, including Michael Cervini, vice president of the East Island Association, spoke in opposition to the development of Glen Cove Mansion property, which consists of a proposal to build 40 subdivisions with luxury homes. Cervini brought up a point that Silverman had made at a previous meeting, that there was language written in to the city’s 142-page master plan from 2009 that could allow the council to “revisit” projects every few years.

City Attorney Charles McQuair said that he didn’t believe the council had the right to revisit it. “The master plan is more of a guidance document,” he said.

Indeed, the language in the master plan that Silverman referenced reads,

“This Master Plan is that blueprint. But it too should not be allowed to become dated. As such, the City should review progress on its recommendations annually, and subject it to a full update ten years hence, in year 2019.”

Silverman countered that in 2010, the city “circumvented some procedures, and really codified the master plan,” which would elevate it from a guidance document to legally binding code.

Cervini and resident Gigi Ferrante also talked about a pair of wetlands, which are environmentally protected, that were being impacted by the development. The wetlands create a jurisdictional question that Tenke said could open up the council’s ability to address residents’ concerns.

Saulino brings perspective, insight to DPW

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proactive, rather than reactive, when it comes to its infrastructure.

Saulino has inheriting a host of problems that this approach might have helped prevent. The closing of East Beach Road, which leads to Prybil Beach, due to severe potholes, and the closure of Glen Cove’s wells, due to contaminants, are two examples.

In addition, less than two weeks after he was appointed to the directorship, the workers in the department’s highway division — Saulino called them a “very strong ... excellent blue-collar staff” — had to contend with three winter storms in two weeks, with high winds that blew down trees and tore out power lines.

Saulino has been a civil engineer for 40 years. He got into the field because he had a head for math, and “it just seemed like a good place to hang my hat,” he said.

He spent his first nine years after graduating from Manhattan College as a public servant, working for New York state’s Department of Transportation — “a lot of a high-accident locations, or mediation coordination with the projects that were going on in ... Nassau and Suffolk” — and then spent another year in Babylon doing roughly the same thing.

After that, Saulino moved into the private sector, where he worked for about 30 years in several firms, eventually working his way up to the executive level. Then, beginning in 2011, he took a hiatus, and began writing novels. He has self-published five books, mostly about sports, but most recently finished a murder mystery.

“I really don’t consider myself a writer, per se,” he said. “I’m more of a storyteller. It actually came pretty easily for me.” He added that his fiction writing “wasn’t



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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC Works Lou Saulino indicated the site of the Garvies Point development project, one of the major undertakings his office oversees.

really a chore,” like his work-related writing — engineering letters and reports — tended to be.

Since taking up his post in Glen Cove, Saulino said, he has made an effort to get to know the city. “I’ve done some of the tours with the key guys just to get more familiar with the roadways and the water,” he said. He had had to reschedule a facilities review because of the first nor’easter, and after speaking with the Herald Gazette, he had to run to a meeting focusing on Crescent Beach, which has been closed for almost a decade, since sewage from nearby homes began contaminating the

shoreline.

“He’s just getting in, so he’s still getting his feet wet,” Manny Grella, the DPW’s general foreman, said of Saulino, adding that, so far, “He’s been great. Very knowledgeable and smart.”

“Lou came highly recommended by public works and engineering professionals whose opinions I value,” Mayor Tim Tenke said of Saulino. “His expertise, experience and engineering credentials were an ideal match for leading the construction of the Garvies Point Road which is a priority project for our Department of Public Works.”

Getting to know the city, Saulino knows, means getting to know the people who work for him. “I really feel it’s important to say hello to every person that works with the DPW,” he said. “I’m a people person. That’s the way I like to run things.”

He added, “Ninety percent of the people who work for the city, live in the city. I just want to learn as much as I can about it.”

Among the largest undertakings he has inherited is the Garvies Point project, a \$1 billion shopping and residential center that involves both the city and a private developer. That development, and others that will require such cooperation, will require him to essentially play the role of a couple’s therapist, he said. “It’s always good to understand what a municipality’s perspective is, and then what the perspective of the developers is, and try to make that a happy marriage.”

And with any “happy marriage,” Saulino said, communication is key. “Our goal right now,” he said, “is to make sure that both sides of the equation are talking to each other; communicating and acting in the best interest of the residents of the City of Glen Cove.”

4 Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club prepares teens for the job market

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Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club invites teens between the ages of 16 and 18 to participate in the Club's Summer Youth Employment (SYE) program. The SYE program is uniquely designed to help prepare teens for the competitive job market by providing them with a better understanding of the application and interviewing process, and equipping them with the necessary presentation skills to meet the requirements and expectations of employment opportunities.

The program will take place in two sessions with each session consisting of a series of five mandatory workshops. Each mandatory workshop will focus on different aspects of career development from preparing for college, to fine-tuning job searching techniques and interviewing skills, to learning how to manage finances. Bethpage Federal Credit Union Bank will conduct the financial literacy class that is part of the program.

The sessions will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. with session one taking place on consecutive Wednesdays from March 14 to April 8. Session two will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 24 to May 8.

After completion of the SYE workshops, teens can apply to become paid group leaders for the Club's Summer Program, which runs from July 9 to August 17. Each applicant will be required to go through the Club's official hiring and interview process and attend training from June 25-29.

To learn more about the Club's Summer Youth Employment and how to qualify for the Summer Program group leader position, email Teen Program Director, Breanna Townsell at btownsell@glencovebgc.org or call 516-671-8030, ext. 107.

-- Alyssa Seidman

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ Female, 26, from Glen Cove, arrested on Lee Gray Court, for four counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on March 8.

■ Male, 22, from Glen Head, arrested on Lee Gray Court, for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana on March 8.

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 ACCIDENT OCCURRED at the intersection of Glen Head Road and Sheppard Street, above, in Glen Head.

Car accident in Glen Head leaves one dead

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The Nassau County Police Department's Homicide Squad is currently investigating a fatal car accident that occurred in Glen Head last Thursday at approximately 4 p.m.

According to detectives, a 67-year-old female was driving a 2015 Audi eastbound on Glen Head Road. The driver struck a 2015 Volkswagen coming northbound from Sheppard Street. The Volkswagen was driven by a 55-year-old female, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

The 13-year-old passenger of the Volkswagen suffered minor injuries and was

transported to an area hospital for further treatment. The driver of the Audi was transported to an area hospital by the Glenwood Fire Department, where she was treated for minor injuries.

"I was sitting in my office and heard a horrible bang, and I saw the woman in the white Audi swerving," said Diane McLaughlin who works at Swim Clean, a pool supply store located on Glen Head Road, less than a half mile away from the site of the crash. "It looked like she was going to hit the building."

McLaughlin said the 13-year-old was the daughter of the deceased driver.

Both vehicles were impounded for a brake and safety check.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Charles I: King and Collector

The Friends of the Library Art Lecture Series has invited Ines Powell to give this presentation on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. The Royal Academy of Arts in London is celebrating the legendary collection of Charles I with a landmark exhibition of over 100 works of art. The exhibition includes monumental paintings, tapestries, sculpture and miniatures. Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley. Info: (516) 671-1837.



Parade after party

After the parade procession comes to a close, the Glen Cove Hibernians are hosting an after party in St. Patrick's Church parish hall, 235 Glen St., Glen Cove, from 2 to 6 p.m. Enjoy a full corned beef dinner and an Irish soda bread contest. The cost is \$15 for adults; kids are free. RSVP via text to Ann Kelly at (516) 314-6210, or Lisa Fiorgione at (516) 360-7144.



March For Our Lives

On Saturday, March 24, the community will rally in solidarity with students across the country who are marching to end gun violence and mass school shootings. The march will begin at Robert Finley Middle School, 1 Forest Ave, Glen Cove, down Forest Avenue/Brewster Street, and end at Pratt Park.



Seals by the shoreline

Check out some of the fascinating winter harbor seals that inhabit our waters during the final guided walk of the season along the Jones Beach shoreline, Sunday, March 18 1:30 p.m. Join a park naturalist on an hour and a half leisurely beach walk to an area where up to four species of seals can be observed. Along the way, there will be opportunities to see many winter birds and to explore marine geology. Info: (516) 780-3295 or www.parks.ny.gov.

Join the 'Age of Heroes'

Superheroes are gathering at Nassau Coliseum, beginning Thursday, March 22. Marvel Universe Live unites Spider-Man, the Avengers, the Guardians of the Galaxy and Doctor Strange in a race against time to recover the Wand of Watoomb before Loki gains control. This ancient artifact would allow Loki to achieve his eternal quest to crown himself ruler of the universe. Experience cutting-edge special effects, aerial stunts and immersive video projection in this legendary adventure, which runs through April 1. Info: (800) 745-3000 or ticketmaster.com or www.nycblive.com.



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THE ANCIENT ORDER of Hibernians of Glen Cove marched in last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade, and will host Sunday's parade as well.

St. Pat's Parade Sunday

BY ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN
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The 30th Glen Cove St Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 18, through the streets of the City. The parade — hosted by the Glen Cove Hibernians — will be led by this year's Grand Marshal, Bill Dougherty, and his aide, Kevin Horton. Dougherty was instrumental in starting the tradition in the late 80s.

Marchers will start to gather at Finley Middle School on Forest Avenue around 12 noon. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. and move down School Street and Glen Street, through downtown Glen Cove to

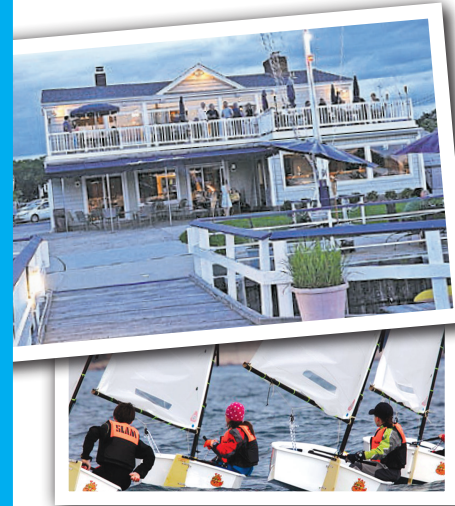
St. Patrick's Church. There will be parking in the municipal garages and at the end of the parade route, and shuttles will run between St. Patrick's and Finley.

This year's parade is followed by a family-friendly post-parade party at St. Patrick's Parish Hall, at the end of the parade route. Admission will be \$15 per person, and children under the age of 12 are free. There will be pipers, dancers, music, food from the Brookville Deli and raffles.

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HERALD SCHOOLS

G.C. juniors swing into the Roaring '20s

Glen Cove High School juniors in Allison Butler's classes embraced the Roaring '20s late last month. They toured Oheka Castle in Huntington, where they learned about its history, took dashing photos, and enjoyed a formal tea with their peers. The castle was just the right opulent setting to mark the students' conclusion of reading F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby."

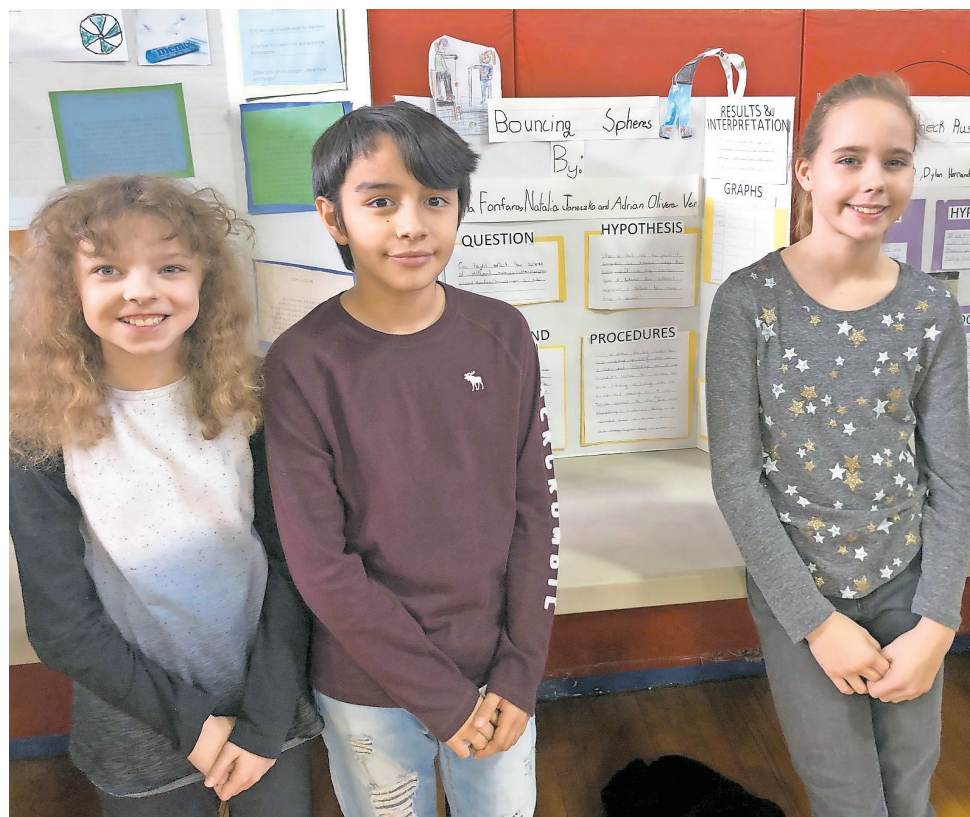
Students started their day by viewing their classmates' research papers and display boards on the 1920s, which were exhibited in the cafeteria during first period. Butler's student Andrew Wonska serenaded students with a violin solo, and Melissa Johnides' photography class served as unyielding paparazzi.

GLEN COVE HIGH School students visited Oheka Castle in Huntington as a culminating activity to reading "The Great Gatsby."



Courtesy Glen Cove Schools

New learning standards at science fair



Courtesy Glen Cove Schools

CONNOLLY SCHOOL STUDENTS Natalia Janeczko, left, Adrian Olivera and Paulina Funfara participated in the school's science fair.

Fourth- and fifth-grade students at Glen Cove's Connolly School participated in a science fair last month, which was scheduled to coincide with the newly released New York State Science Learning Standards that emphasize using scientific phenomena to engage students.

The science fair was a culminating project in a six-week scientific inquiry unit designed by the district's science coordinator, Alexa Doeschner, in consultation with Connolly School Principal Julie Mullan. Doeschner prepared more than 100 science kits for teachers to use within their classrooms.

Mullan and Doeschner facilitated meetings that helped teachers get acquainted with the new approach. The new curriculum called on teachers to take a step back from direct teaching, and

instead guide students through the inquiry process.

Students had the opportunity to engage in scientific inquiry from beginning to end. They worked together to develop their own questions and hypotheses, designed and conducted experiments, collected and interpreted data, and ultimately, came to a conclusion. Students then presented their projects at the science fair, where their work was graded by district administrators.

Community members, including parents and Board of Education Trustees Amy Franklin and Monica Alexandris-Miller showed their support for the students' hard work. The children were clearly proud of their projects and enthusiastically shared their accomplishments.

— Zach Gottehrer Cohen

Security experts: Don't talk about procedures

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dents," the letter read, "it has been agreed that no student will leave the building as part of our tribute to the victims." It went on to say that any student caught leaving the buildings without permission "will be subject to administrative action."

However, in an apparent departure from the plan laid out in the letter, approximately 200 high school students walked out of their classrooms at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday and stood in silence by the entrance to the school for 17 minutes, as Santana read the names of those killed in the Parkland shooting.

One student, Glory Mayreis, told the Herald Gazette that she had been speaking to the principal and vice principal about allowing students to participate in the walkout. "Yesterday," she said, "they finally agreed."

She added, "Overall, it went very well, and we did have full support from the teachers and staff."

District officials were unable to respond to the Herald Gazette's inquiries about the change of plans before press time on Wednesday afternoon.

"Some kids had signs," Mayreis said, "and I called my representatives and tried getting other kids to call as well, but I guess they were a bit scared to do that." She added that several of her classmates had written letters to their legislators and to the White House.

The first rule of school security

At a public meeting in the middle school library on March 9, district administrators detailed for parents and community members the current state of security at the district's buildings, and what they planned to do moving forward. Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said that one of the most important and effective security procedures was to avoid public discussions of those procedures. "Every time we discuss procedures, we're making our buildings and our staff more vulnerable," Rianna said. "We've worked with [the federal Department of] Homeland Security, our private consultants, our police, and they all say, don't tell everybody what we have."

The district's architect, Michael Marks, discussed improvements to the buildings' infrastructure, and specifically their points of entry. He displayed before-and-after blueprints of enhanced security at each building's entrance.

When parents had the chance to ask questions, Jane Suozzi, who has two children in the district, asked about the entrance to the middle school, which has what she called a "double entrance," giving visitors the option to bypass the security desk when they enter. She and several other parents also questioned how the dis-

Architect's recommendations

- Single point of entry: one set of doors used to enter the building.
- Secure vestibules: a second set of doors that visitors must be buzzed through.
- Requiring either swipe-card identification for district members or a security guard to buzz visitors in.
- Transaction windows, where security guards can take information.
- Visitor management: controlling who is in the building, using technology.
- Time-stamped, destination-stamped visitor badges.
- Perimeter security: closing the gate if there's an incident in the community or at another school.
- Classroom locks: new or upgraded doors that can lock remotely, either from within the classroom, or from other central locations.
- Hardened entrance: maximize time between alarm and entry to give police time to get there while minimizing damage.
- Kiosks: streamline secure entry for visitors without exposing buildings to risk.

trict reacted to recent bomb threats. Suozzi said that her children were told they were evacuating, and then told to shelter in place. "You cannot simultaneously evacuate and shelter in place," she said. "It's one or the other."

Faith Shapiro, who has one child at Landing Elementary and another at the middle school — and is married to a Glen Cove police officer — asked whether the district was considering giving the Glen Cove Police Department access to the district's surveillance cameras. Rianna responded by noting the active-shooter drills the GCPD conducted in the school buildings over the summer, but did not answer Shapiro's question.

Janet Black, of Glen Cove, who frequently speaks at board meetings later commented that sharing the school's security camera feeds could give police more information than simply the layouts of the buildings. The district did not offer a response.

NEWS BRIEF

Twenty-two students meet to organize planned gun violence prevention rally on March 24

On Monday, Congressional representatives Tom Suozzi, Kathleen Rice, and Peter King announced a 22-member student planning committee for the March for Our Lives Rally in Farmingdale on March 24.

Twenty-two high school students from schools in Baldwin and Lindenhurst to Hicksville and Syosset, as well as the Schechter School and several schools on the North

Shore of Nassau met with Suozzi last Friday to discuss how they will get the word out about the rally to their peers, as well as decide on the rally's program and speakers.

The March For Our Lives rally will be held on Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at the Nold Athletic Complex at Farmingdale State College, 2350 Broadhollow Rd., Farmingdale.

— Alyssa Seidman



TOM SUOZZI

Sea Cliff passes 'bring your own bag' law

BY ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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On Monday, the board of trustees unanimously passed a local law to regulate the use of plastic carry-out bags, making Sea Cliff the first village in Nassau County to enact such an ordinance.

Earlier this year, the village's Environmental Conservation Commission, chaired by Trustee Dina Epstein, worked with All Our Energy, a nonprofit environmental group, to host several screenings of the movie "Bag It" to encourage passage of legislation that would limit plastic pollution in Sea Cliff. The City of Long Beach adopted a similar ordinance last April, and since then has seen a 75 percent reduction in the use of plastic bags in its major supermarkets.

Before the meeting, residents and representatives of All Our Energy gathered in front of Village Hall to voice their support for the "bring your own bag" campaign. Lynbrook resident Susan Brockmann, who is advocating for the same statute in her home village, also attended, decked out in a dress made of 500 plastic bags, the number the average person uses in a year.

The board held a public hearing to air residents' opinions on whether to amend village code and implement the law. "The ordinance allows merchants to impose a 5-cent fee on the customer for each plastic bag provided," Epstein said. "A letter was sent out alerting local businesses, explaining the law." She added that dry-cleaning services, prescription items and liquor stores are exempt from the ordinance.

Residents made clear their support for the measure on Monday. Maria Steiglitz, of Sea Cliff, called the initiative "a wonderful idea" and recommended that busi-

nesses provide their customers with reusable craft and string bags. People can buy reusable bags at K. DiResta Collective.

Elaine Neice, a representative of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor, applauded the village's support of a law that would limit plastic pollution in surrounding waterways. She explained that the coalition was working with local lawmakers to bring the initiative to more neighborhoods in the region and across the state.

Visitors from outside the village weighed in as well. Judy DiBartolo, of Glen Cove, had come to Sea Cliff to see how the ordinance was implemented and to watch a screening of "Bag It." "I was impressed with the educational piece and hope to bring this to the City Council for consideration," she said.

Mayor Edward Lieberman said the law would be enacted in the village in conjunction with Earth Day on April 22.

In other news

Girl Scout Troops 64 and 36 attended the board meeting, and proposed a community project to paint a mural at Sea Cliff Beach. The mural would stretch 50 feet along the wall of the pavilion across from the playground, and would depict a beach cleanup in progress, as the beach moved from trash-laden to pristine.

Troop leaders Kelly Arena and Allison Moss said they had been talking with local hardware stores about receiving donated materials for the project. Resident James Versocki said the girls could also solicit materials from residents. "We'd be more than happy to help," he said.

The project was unanimously approved.

HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra softball ready to soar

BY ANDREW COEN

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With all but one starter back on the Bill Edwards Stadium diamond, fourth-year Hofstra softball head coach Larissa Anderson has high hopes for the program's first NCAA Tournament berth since 2015.

Anderson set up a grueling start to the 2018 schedule featuring five teams that reached the NCAA Regional last year, and so far the Pride has shined under the bright lights. Hofstra ventured to Florida for three tournaments and entered mid-March at 10-7 highlighted by a 1-0 extra innings upset at Florida State on March 2. The Pride also led sixth-ranked Oregon late before falling 2-1 in extra innings the following day.

"Our pitching and defense have been outstanding especially with the competitive schedule," said Anderson, who took over the Hofstra softball program from former legendary head coach Bill Edwards. "We want to play the most competitive schedule we can."

Sophomore ace pitcher Sarah Cornell has progressed from a solid freshman campaign into a more elite hurler. The Clarke High School graduate tossed 14 strikeouts in a 4-0 win against East Carolina on Feb. 10 and threw a one-hitter versus Kennesaw State. Anderson said the Westbury native has greatly improved her control this season.

"She gained so much experience last year," said Anderson of Cornell, who earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association High School accolades at Clarke. "She has gotten 100 percent better."

Freshman Sophie Dandola adds a strong second starter in the circle this spring after a standout career at Seaford High School. Dandola, who earned Premier Girls Fastpitch All-American honors as a senior at Seaford, is off to a strong start to her collegiate journey with a pair of CAA Rookie of the Week awards. The Seaford native has induced an average of 13 groundballs a game, which Anderson said works well given the strong Hofstra defense behind her.

"I'm very impressed with how she has stepped up early," said Anderson of Dandola, who tossed a complete game in a 2-1 win against previously unbeaten Florida Gulf Coast on March 2. "She is doing amazing."

Hofstra boasts plenty of experienced hitters that can generate run support for Cornell and Dandola. Senior right fielder Brielle Pietrafesa and sophomore shortstop Kristin Hallam both earned second-team All-CAA accolades after strong years at the plate. Hallam led the team with a .378 batting average while Pietrafesa hit .290 with six home runs.

Senior catcher Brittany Allocca is another power threat with Pietrafesa who is looking to build on a junior campaign that featured nine home runs. Red-shirt senior Michaela Transue gives the lineup additional punch with a return to the diamond after missing all of last year with



Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

BRITTANY ALLOCCA ENTERS her fourth year in Hofstra's program and belted a team-leading nine homers in 2017.

an injury suffered in the 2016 season in which she slugged eight home runs. Senior Sarah Edwards has also joined the offensive fireworks with two early season long balls with Georgia Southern transfer Lydia Witkowski also capable of going deep.

"The potential of this lineup is scary," Anderson said. "It's pretty awesome."

Pietrafesa, Allocca, Transue and Edwards are part of an experienced lineup that features seven seniors. Anderson is also hoping for big springs from seniors Nikki Michalowski, Megan Patierno, Kristin Hallam and Kaitlyne Musa.

"Nothing takes the place of experience," said Anderson of her veteran hitters. "They know what to expect."

Hofstra opens its CAA schedule with a doubleheader against UNC-Wilmington on Saturday March 24 starting at 2 p.m. The Pride were picked to finish second behind two-time defending CAA champion James Madison, who defeated Hofstra in last year's conference final. Anderson, who led Hofstra to a CAA title during her first season as head coach in 2015, said the league is wide open and the Pride missing out on qualifying for the five-year 2016 CAA tournament was a wake-up call of how much the conference has improved.

"We know that every time we go out on the field we are going to get the other team's A game," said Anderson, who as an assistant coach under Edwards led Hofstra to 10 CAA titles. "We have to play hard every game."

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SCOTT SHARRARD, LEFT, and the Brickyard Band's Zach Jones, and Brett Bass are a stripped down, three-piece blues and funk ensemble. They laid down some heavy grooves at Still Partners in Sea Cliff last Friday.

Sharrard shreds Still Partners

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**

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"We're kind of on an endless tour right now," said Scott Sharrard, a longtime collaborator and musical director for Greg Allman, of Allman Brothers Band fame, who died last May of liver cancer.

Thanks to a tangled web of local ties to the Allman Brothers, one of the stops on his "endless tour" recently included Still Partners, a gastropub and live music venue on Sea Cliff Avenue last Friday.

Dan Roth, the owner of Still Partners, is a drummer who occasionally plays with longtime Sea Cliff resident Andy Aledort, an associate editor for *Guitar World* magazine, and a former bandmate of Allman Brothers founding member Dickey Betts.

Aledort's relationship brought Betts's son Duane to Still Partners last summer to perform a tribute to Greg Allman. Duane was to do a tribute in New York, according to Aledort. "I said, why don't you come a day early," he recounted having told Duane, "and we'll do a tribute at Still Partners?" And that's how the venue, which will celebrate its fifth anniversary in June, became a North Shore enclave for legends of American rock music.

Sharrard was Greg Allman's writing partner, and his death last



SHARRARD, LEFT, AND the appropriately named bassist, Brett Bass, opened the set on a softer note, before breaking out the harder rhythms for their second set.

year hit Sharrard hard. "There's just been a lot of loss around me right now," he said. Butch Trucks, the Allman Brothers' drummer, died last January, and Floyd Miles, a guitarist who had toured with Allman and Sharrard as part of "Gregg Allman and Friends," died this January. His 16-year-old dog died last year too. The past year 14 months were "an absolute decimation of the soul for me," he said.

Amid the loss, Sherrard's second

son, Lewan, was born. "My second son being born," he said, "it was, like, this amazing, life-affirming love to have him with me throughout that year." He called his son "Buddha-like," adding, "I don't know where this cat came from, man."

"It's a very specific period to go through," Sharrard said of his year of loss and love. "It makes me want to tell their stories."

Roth said of Sharrard, "He's one

of the bigger names we've had come through Still Partners. I think he's the full package. He writes, he sings, and he can play like nothing else. You don't usually get all three of those in one place."

Listening to his set, this reporter heard Sharrard shred his solos with the playful finesse of a jazz guitarist, the soulful intensity of a blues player, and the undeniable influence of Americana—funk and southern rock in particular—underlying it all.

Watching Sharrard's finger work—which seamlessly transitioned between complex and elegantly simple—it was easy to see how he would have had chemistry with Greg Allman. But he places more value on his songwriting than his solo technique.

"For me," he said, "the song is the most important reason to show up to the gig," he said. Songs, he added, should be "accessible"—that is, easily played with "just a single instrument and a voice."

This less-is-more approach applies not only to Sharrard's songwriting, but also to how he arranges his band, which includes himself, his bassist and a drummer. "We call it the tripod," he said. "Guitar, bass and drums. That's why I stripped my band down to three, because that's the heart of the groove and the song and the ideas."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15

Meet the Civic Progress candidates

Sea Cliff Yacht Club, 42 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 p.m. Get a chance to meet the candidates of Sea Cliff's Civic Progress party. Includes music by Jason Liebman and friends, cash bar and light food. (516) 671-7374.

Board of Education meeting

North Shore High School library, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 7:30 p.m. The board will review items in the 2018-2019 budget. (516) 277-7800.

Lecture series

Christ Church Parish Hall, 61 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. As part of the 2018 John A. Gable Memorial Lecture Series, sponsored by The Friends of Sagamore Hill, Collection Manager Darrin Lunde of the Smithsonian Natural History Museum will give a lecture. For more information, contact foshobny@aol.com.

Underwater photography

The Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 6:30 p.m. Join us in an extraordinary underwater adventure of breathtaking images of whales, sharks, and more with award-winning photographer, Tim Dalton. Light refreshments will be served. Reservations recommended. \$15 online; \$25 at the door. Members receive half price. (631) 367-3418.

Cannoli-filling demonstration

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 1 p.m. Chef Pat Moran from The Regency will demonstrate how to make the cream filling for cannoli shells. Cannolis will be sampled after the demo, and recipes will be available. Registration requested. (516) 671-1837.

Friday, March 16

Team trivia night

The View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Rd., Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Include a special trivia menu. \$5 per person to play. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams. Call to make a reservation at (516) 200-9603.

Dog tales

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 4:15 p.m. Children often feel more comfortable reading to dogs. Petting the dog lowers stress and brings positive association to reading. Register in the Children's Room, or call (516) 922-1212.

Saturday, March 17

Easter Bazaar

St. Luke's Episcopal Church parish hall, 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 4 p.m. Come and enjoy the annual Easter bazaar of the Church of Our Lady of Kazan. Enjoy homemade perog, borscht, and desserts. Shop from selection of jewelry, gift items, Russian easter eggs, and lacquer boxes. (516) 468-1579.

Nature walk

Sagamore Hill Visitor's Center, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. A volunteer naturalist will lead a nature walk



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

A discussion with the District Attorney

On Wednesday, March 21, join the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse for a presentation on Social Host Liability. The presentation will feature Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas and a representative from local law enforcement. The two will discuss the consequences for violating social host laws. Attendants will have the opportunity to ask questions regarding their concerns on the topic. The presentation will be held at Glenwood Landing Elementary School, 60 Cody Ave., Glen Head, at 7 p.m.

to Eel Creek to observe winter birds. Dress appropriately for the weather and bring binoculars, cameras, and birding guides. (516) 922-4788.

Sunday, March 18

30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Downtown Glen Cove, 1 School St., Glen Cove, 1 p.m. Organized by the Glen Cove Hibernians.

On the water

The Whaling Museum & Education Center, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attend this special program featuring hands-on activities that reflect Long Island boating and fishing traditions. Meet local artists and fishermen in this family-friendly maritime exploration. Recommended for all ages. (631) 367-3418.

Paint nite

The View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Rd., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Glen Cove Rotary Club. \$50 per ticket. For tickets, call Paul Beeber at (516) 238-6170 or Richard Wilson at (516) 909-7588.

Monday, March 19

Marketing your own business

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Learn how to develop a marketing plan, perform market research, and advertise and promote your business. Registration suggested. (516) 671-4290.

Tuesday, March 20

Village elections

Department of Public Works, 66 Altamont Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 9 p.m. The Village will hold elections to elect two Village trustees and a Village Justice.

Regency University Series

Regency Assisted Living, 94 School St., Glen Cove, 2:30 p.m. Italian-born musician Rosalba Ranieri will share her family's heritage with accordions, showcase her collection of vintage instruments and even play a tune (516) 674-3007.



Courtesy Metro Creative Connection

Author visit

Join us in welcoming author Rhiannon Navin to the Gold Coast Library on March 22, at 7 p.m. Navin will discuss her novel *Only Child*, which deals with the trauma and tragedy of a school shooting as seen through the eyes of its six year old narrator. Includes a Q&A and a book signing. 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, (516) 759-8300.

Meet the author

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Author Min Jin Lee will discuss her new novel. "Pachinko" tells of the extraordinary difficulties Koreans faced under Japanese colonization. A book signing and Q & A will follow. Registration is suggested. Call the Reference Desk at (516) 676-2130.

Teen book club

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Students in grades 6 to 9 may join the fun with other teens. Pizza will be served at each session of this book club. Register and pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Services area. Contact Jessica for more information. (516) 671-1837.

Wednesday, March 21

Diabetes support group

Glen Cove Hospital, Maxwell board room, 101 St. Andrews Ln., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. For more information, call Chris Reynolds at (516) 674-7833.

Caregiver support group

Glen Cove Hospital, St. Andrew's conference room, 101 St. Andrews Ln., Glen Cove, 1 p.m. For more information, call Kettly Meekins at (516) 674-7435.

Friday, March 23

Bingo

James Norton Council Knights of Columbus, 83 Sea Cliff Ave., 7:15 p.m. Every Friday. Bingo benefits local charities like Mutual Concerns and the St. Boniface Outreach Center. Snacks and beverages available.

Saturday, March 24

Knitting with Nancy

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Whether you're new to knitting or have some experience, come and learn how to start and end a knitting project. You'll knit a table runner with lace and textured border. Register at the Reference desk and pick up a list of what you'll need to bring to class. (516) 676-2130.

Catchy comedy for kids

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 2:30 p.m. This is a fast-paced variety show incorporating magic, ventriloquism, whip-cracking, "daring" feats of balance, circus skills and more to create a family-friendly show that is way more than just another juggling act. Recommended for children ages 4 and up. No registration required. (516) 671-1837.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@lherald.com.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

SECOND GRADERS FROM Glen Cove's elementary schools got the opportunity to tour City Hall, and ask the mayor questions like, "What's your favorite thing about Glen Cove?" and "What's it like being mayor?"

Second graders tour City Hall

Glen Cove's youngest residents have had a first-hand opportunity to learn about their local city government with their recent visits to Glen Cove's City Hall. Over the past two weeks, second graders from Gribbin and Deasy schools, along with their teachers, have visited with Mayor Tenke to gain an understanding about the mayor's responsibilities and to get a special tour of City Hall hosted by the mayor himself. In his question and answer ses-

sions with the students, Mayor Tenke has answered questions about how he was elected, what he likes about his job and what are his favorite places to go in the City of Glen Cove.

"Each time I meet with our students I am so impressed with their enthusiasm, their smart questions and their knowledge about our city celebrating its 350th Anniversary this year," said Mayor Tenke. "I greatly appreciate the chance to speak with the children."

Spaghetti Dinner raises \$1,500 for CYO Basketball

The 'Nonnas' of St. Rocco's Church held their annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser to benefit the St. Rocco's CYO basketball program. "Thanks to the generosity of the Glen Cove community and the hard work of the Nonnas who prepared the delicious dinner, we raised \$1,500 this year" said Lou Larice, St. Rocco's CYO basketball league commissioner.

Under his leadership with support from Father Daniel Nash, Councilman Michael Zangari and the Glen Cove Parks & Recreation Department, the St. Rocco's CYO basketball league provides boys and girls ages pre-K to second grade with an outstanding recreational program. Program registration for next season will begin in the fall of 2018.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

MAYOR TIM TENKE, back left, Councilman Joseph Capobianco, St. Rocco's basketball league Commissioner Lou Larice and a young diner join the Nonnas of St. Rocco's Church, second row, along with Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, Councilman Michael Zangari, front row, and two CYO players.

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With TPS cancelled, families are on edge

Many fear that nixing of program could separate parents from their children

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Part two in a series.

Flooded by clients who are now likely to lose their Temporary Protected Status, Freeport immigration attorney John Barrera is busy these days.

Congress created the TPS program in 1990 under President George H.W. Bush. Ever since then, it has granted TPS holders who have faced wars and natural disasters conditional resident status in the United States. It was intended as a humanitarian measure. President Trump, however,

recently canceled the program for Salvadorans and Haitians, and Hondurans might be next.

Barrera is scrambling to help his many clients who fear that they will be deported back to their home countries, often after

living for decades in the U.S. The cancellation of the program, many fear, could separate mothers and fathers from their children.

“They’ve been Americanized,” Barrera said of TPS holders. “And they’ve established their finances here in the United States. On a humanitarian level, taking away the TPS is going to be a disaster because it’s potentially destroying lives.”

Barrera has more than 20 years of immigration law experience, and in the last year opened an office on Sunrise Highway in Freeport. He also has offices in Kent, Wash., and Nampa, Idaho.

Among his local clients are Miriam Cota Ruedas, 36, and her husband, Julio Ochoa, 38, of Babylon. They recently came to Barrera seeking help with filing U.S. permanent resident papers for Ochoa, who is among the 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants living in the U.S. under TPS — roughly 12.5 percent of the total Salvadoran population here. Ochoa is among the estimated 20,000 Salvadorans on TPS who are married to U.S. citizens or legal residents.

A family in fear

Though Ochoa is married to a U.S. citizen, a pending deportation notice could cause problems over the next 18 months with securing permanent resident status for him. Cota Ruedas said she was hopeful, and thought Barrera would resolve the family’s immigration issues. Still, the possibility that Ochoa might be deported to his hometown of Santa Ana, El Salvador, because the TPS program was canceled hangs over the couple.

“This is causing our family psychological stress,” Cota Ruedas said.

The Trump administration has given Salvadorans formerly protected by TPS until September 2019 to leave the country.



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THE MANY IMMIGRANTS whose Temporary Protected Status is set to expire soon are weighing their options, and hoping for a pathway to citizenship or permanent residency.

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JOHN BARRERA

Freeport immigration attorney

applied for the renewal, he had to have his handprints taken and undergo a criminal background check conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.

The fees, Cota Ruedas said, “start to add up. We’re not just sustaining a living for our lives, but we’re also paying to keep his legal status current through TPS.”

An uncertain future

In El Salvador, Cota Ruedas was a family studies professor at the Universidad Nacional de Santa Ana and Universidad Modular Abierta in San Salvador. Now she works as a technician for a Bay Shore lab, drawing blood from patients. Ochoa works for a Long Island construction company.

Before TPS was canceled, the couple was planning to buy a home here and start a college fund for their 18-month-old daughter. With their future now uncertain, they have put those plans on hold.

The thought of being separated from his wife and baby girl is daunting, Ochoa said. Cota Ruedas said she would not take their baby to El Salvador after experiencing the extreme violence there. “Returning is not an option,” she said. “I don’t even want to think about him being sent back to El Salvador. He has nothing to return to. Our home is here.”

In a 2017 crime and safety report, the State Department’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security stated: “San Salvador, El Salvador’s crime is unpredictable, gang-centric, and characterized by violence directed against both known victims and targets of opportunity.”

Ideally, Cota Ruedas said, permanent residency and a pathway to citizenship are what she and Ochoa hope will happen.

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen has said that the destruction caused by the earthquake in 2001 in San Miguel and other regions has been repaired. That is why, she said, TPS has been canceled for Salvadorans. Nielsen added that El Salvador is preparing for the return of its citizens from the U.S.

A year and a half, she said, should be enough time for TPS holders to make living arrangements in their home countries. Barrera, however, said that’s relatively little time for them to upend their lives here and start anew in their home countries. He added that he fears that many will go into hiding, living in the shadows as undocumented immigrants. “They’ve invested their money and lives to the U.S.,” he said.

Myths and facts about TPS

Myths	Facts
TPS recipients don’t pay taxes.	Over the past 10 years, TPS recipients from El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti have contributed almost \$7 billion in Social Security and Medicare taxes.
TPS recipients take jobs from American citizens.	About 11 percent of working TPS recipients are self-employed, comparable to the 10 percent of Americans as a whole. On average, a self-employed worker employs two other people, which means that TPS recipients actually create jobs.
The TPS program allows criminals to stay in the United States.	Any TPS recipient convicted of a felony, or two misdemeanors, is not eligible for status renewal. Further, their convictions are often flagged by ICE databases, frequently leading to prompt deportation.
TPS recipients are living off the hard work of American citizens, through welfare programs.	TPS recipients are not eligible for food stamps, Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid, and are barred from several other forms of government assistance.
TPS recipients’ native countries have recovered from the circumstances that required humanitarian intervention.	Even if the initial impetus for TPS has ended, there is often a related long-term side effect that still lingers.

Ochoa was granted TPS 17 years ago, he said. Before coming to the U.S., he spent his early years watching a civil war that raged for decades. After the war, the country was in recovery mode, but it would take years to rebuild.

In 1998, with no hope of an education or ability to find work, the 18-year-old Ochoa emigrated from El Salvador in the hope of escaping the wrenching poverty in which he was raised. In the mid- to late 1990s, there was a mass exodus from El Salvador to the U.S. and Canada.

Ochoa acknowledged that his arrival in

the U.S. was not legal, and he spent a handful of years undocumented, living in the shadows. His status changed in 2001 after an earthquake 60 miles outside San Miguel, El Salvador, destroyed homes and killed hundreds. Then Salvadorans were granted Temporary Protected Status.

Before meeting Barrera, Cota Ruedas and Ochoa had spent more than \$15,000 in legal fees trying to obtain permanent resident status for him, with no success. In addition, the family had to pay \$495 in fees to the federal government every 18 months to renew his TPS status. Each time Ochoa

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How to create storage magically when you don't have many closets or cabinets

BY KRISTEN CASTILLO

No matter how many closets and how much cabinet space you have, it might not seem like enough.

Ben Soreff of House to Home Organizing says that one of the biggest challenges his clients face is to simply acknowledge the situation. "I have homeowners with no garage, no basement, no attic and limited closets," says Soreff. "I always advise my clients to lean into it."

Once they acknowledge their storage limitations, homeowners need to adapt to a pared-down lifestyle.

"You can't buy a 12-pack of paper towels or keep your skis in the living room," he says, noting that the best way to live easily is to remove items you don't use often. (Hint: Rent skis instead of owning them.)

Keep only what you need and frequently use. That means holiday decorations and your bread maker (used once a year) shouldn't be vying for cabinet or closet space in your main living areas.

Getting Started

From storing kitchen and bath items to streamlining your closets and organizing your bedrooms and living rooms, it can be difficult to find a place for everything.

"Shelves and containers are cornerstones to organization, so if your home is not designed with enough cabinet or closet space just create your own," says Jim Ireland, owner of White Glove Elite, a cleaning company, who recommends buying a portable wardrobe to store clothing and using a shoe rack to keep shoes off the floor.

Cute Cubes

Storage cubes, which are available in a variety of colors, patterns and materials, can be a quick and stylish storage option around the house.

Canvas containers fold flat when not in use. Use them to store anything: seasonal clothes, toys, papers around your home office and more.

Ireland suggests using fabric bins for

under-the-bed storage, saying they provide "a softer, more elegant look."

Another option: consider building your own cube shelves, typically made of laminate or plastic. They can be used alone or stacked together to create a modular shelving unit. Those canvas foldable cubes can be stored inside these shelving units.

Up and Down

Maximize your walls and other hidden storage spaces.

"Vertical becomes the solution when space is an issue," says Soreff. "Items that are used less often must go up."

He also tucks shoes and other similar items in boxes under the bed, even putting lifts on the legs of the bed to create more space.

Another suggestion is to keep surplus items, such as paper towels, water bottles and party supplies, out of the main living areas.

Double Duty

Be smart about your storage options by investing in items that can do more than one thing. Benches, for example, can double as shoe racks.

"I don't advise hanging too much, but behind-the-door shoe holders work better for jewelry and scarves than they do for shoes," says Soreff, who also advises using one set of bins to store and swap seasonal items. "Take the sweaters out and replace with bathing suits."

Go Outside

If you have more space outside your home than inside, it might make sense to install a storage shed. Designs have come a long way. Today's stylish sheds look nothing like the aluminum-box structures you remember.

Some modern sheds resemble mini-homes and are made with durable, weather-resistant materials.

There's even a trend for "she sheds," a fashionable storage structure with windows that can double as a reading nook, a home office or an art or yoga studio. ■

OUTDOOR LIVING

The latest trends in patios and walkways

BY SHARON NAYLOR

Homeowners dream about gorgeous patio space for entertaining, al fresco family dinners and relaxation. Those with existing patios seek to improve upon them, and those without patios seek to design them and have them installed. The desired result is wow-factor beauty in a new space for togetherness and celebrations. You've most likely spotted a few jaw-dropping designs online and on your favorite HGTV shows. Perhaps you envision your circle of friends and family sipping iced tea or cocktails at your outdoor bar and then venturing to cozy seats around the fire pit. It's *The Good Life: Outdoor Edition*.

Joining patios on the homeowner's wish list are stunning walkways, patterned paths of beauty leading to your front door or your patio, and perhaps throughout your garden grounds. The walk to your outdoor spaces and to your home becomes lovelier, adding greater curb appeal and even more value to your home.

As you seek to design or upgrade your patio and walkways, keep these rising trends in mind.

Spacious Patios

Whether or not you have French doors opening directly to your patio, spacious outdoors creates the effect of an additional room for living, dining or entertaining. Outdoor seating areas with cozy, upscale couches, chairs, coffee tables, end tables and outdoor rugs are on trend as spaces for gathering.

Double up on cooking prep space with an outdoor bar and kitchen. Ones with elite designer grills, refrigerators, wine chillers and stone pizza ovens are rising in popularity as we become more inspired by the "after" images on design shows (and the designs of our friends, family and neighbors).

Natural Materials

Pete Houghton, owner of Limbach's Landscaping, says: "We're currently seeing a swing away from pavers and manufactured blocks towards reclaimed, used brick and natural stone, or a combination of the two, in patio and walkway design, such as reclaimed brick and bleached pavers." There will be a swing back toward new and innovative construction materials, such as concrete surfaces that look like wood, as the industry continues to evolve.

Mix-and-Match Stone Color

These days, homeowners are stepping away from neutral colors. "We're using a lot more bluestone, that when used with brick creates a blue and red palette," says Houghton. "In many



A patio with true bluestone flat work and natural Boston Blend stone is just one example of the many design trends in outdoor spaces and walkways.

stone designs, each piece has a range of colors from tans to pinks to purples, allowing for an interesting range of hues in the construction of a patio or walkway."

Wall Benches

Rather than patio furniture sets, folks are building low benches right into walls. These add even more seating space for gatherings and can be accessorized with outdoor cushions and pillows.

Fireplaces and Fire Pits

The benefit of these fire features is threefold: They add ambiance and elegance, offer a cozy gathering space for loved ones and extend your outdoor-living season by providing warmth during chillier spring and fall days, or perhaps even winter. Varieties include freestanding, 360-degree fire view, propane-fueled and more.

Patio Covers and Overhead Effects

Pergolas and retractable awnings are a beautiful aesthetic touch that increase opportunities for outside enjoyment. Open pergolas are on trend for providing a bit of shade and an attractive contrast in wood and stone natural materials.

Some homeowners train vines to grow up and over, even adding seasonal variations like lush greenery in early spring and a sea of lilac or other blooming flowers in summer. Strings of patio lights above create an intimate lit setting for dinner parties and gatherings.

Stone Edging

Create an interesting visual perim-

eter to your patio and walkways with stone edging. It keeps mulch, gravel, stones and weeds away from the walking path and looks so much prettier than that old black rubber barrier line. It may even be color-stamped for a more defined perimeter.

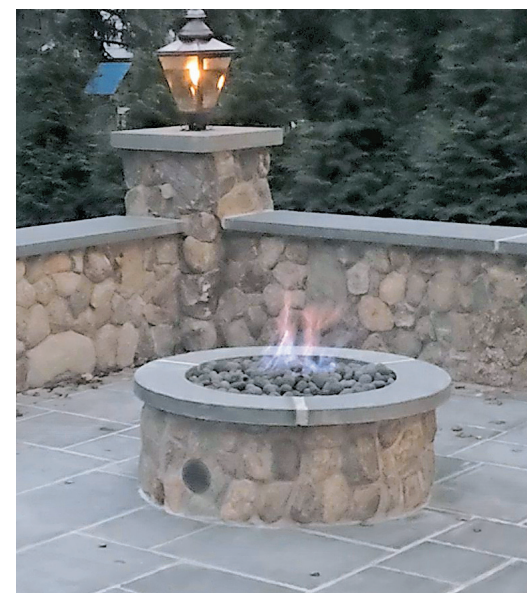
Personalized Design Elements

When getting creative with design, it's fun to take the opportunity to personalize. Houghton says, "We've done stone rondels with the house number etched into it as a personalized, visual piece on a front walkway." The same effect can be created on a patio with monogrammed letters sandblasted into the center stones or the stone steps.

The idea of seemingly endless choices might be overwhelming, but have no fear. Speak with a reputable landscape designer about the space first. It could be that only certain types of stones can endure the dramatic temperature changes.

Stamped concrete designs may be ideal for your particular patio location, or it might be best to go with bricks or pavers that can be easily removed to access underground pipes. This guidance and more will help you make informed decisions.

Upgrading your walkways and patio will enhance your living experience and potentially increase the value of your home. Follow any of these trends and you are sure to love the finished product for years to come. ■



People have started to embrace the idea of having a 'room of your home that is outdoors'. Fire pits are a key component of that concept.

Home is where the hearth is

Outdoor fire pits are a popular gathering spot

BY JOHN EGAN

As more homeowners seek to bring the indoors to the outdoors, fireplaces and fire pits are becoming an even hotter commodity — literally and figuratively.

Outdoor fire pits are one of the most popular outdoor living design trends right now, and with good reason: they add a unique, fun and relaxing element to any outdoor space.

Fire features such as fireplaces and fire pits "not only add ambiance to an outdoor space but also provide heat and light that allows you to use your deck later into the evening and into the year," says design expert Kate Campbell, one of the stars of HGTV's "Decked Out."

Outdoor fireplaces and fire pits also make great focal points and gathering spots, Campbell says.

"Once upon a time, the living room fireplace was the favored gathering spot for family and guests, and roasting marshmallows over a campground fire was part of the annual family vacation. Modern outdoor living combines these two traditions into one with outdoor fireplaces and fire pits," according to Belgard, a maker of outdoor living products.

The Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association says linear fireplaces and smokeless fire pits are growing in popularity.

Homeowners are drawn to linear fireplaces because of their "sleek, modern design," the patio association says. Gas-powered models, which are up to 12 feet wide, come equipped with glass that can tolerate high heat as well as with no-trim options for homebuilders and homeowners. Consumers also are attracted by the "sophisticated, contemporary style" of electric-powered models that feature realistic-looking multicolor flames, the association says.

Explaining the outdoor fireplace and fire-pit trend, home remodeling and design website Houzz says: "Not unlike water, the natural element of fire is simply a primal source of satisfaction." ■

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LOW MAINTENANCE

Easy tips for taking care of your plants

BY SHARON NAYLOR

Plants are a beautiful addition to any home or apartment. They liven up the room, add color and provide the calming benefits of nature. However, while there are many wonderful bonuses to having plants in your house, one potential negative is maintaining your plants on a regular basis, especially if you're someone who travels often or works long hours.

Some people just might not have the greatest track record when it comes to keeping plants alive. Luckily, there are various houseplants to choose from, some of which are incredibly low maintenance.

If you're a new plant parent, succulents are very easy to care for and a great place to start your houseplant journey. Within the succulent family, the snake plant is one of the front-runners for the "most tolerant plant" award according to Gardening Know How.

These elegant plants grow upright and can go for weeks without being cared for or watered. They don't require much light and won't attract insects as some others may. There are different kinds of snake plants, so check out your local nursery to find the one that works best for your home!

Another way to ease into the plant game is with an aloe plant, which is also a succulent. When watering the aloe plant, you will

want to soak it in water, but it's equally as important to have draining holes so that the plant doesn't drown; leave it dry between waterings. Unlike snake plants, you'll want to keep this succulent in direct bright light for most of the day, so if you live in a darker home, this isn't the plant for you. Aside from the ease of caretaking, aloe vera is also used as a medicinal solution for many different ailments such as burns, cuts or dry skin. This plant can be cooked or eaten raw – in fact, many juiceries charge a pretty penny to add a touch of aloe to their green juice or smoothie options on the menu.

Another plant that requires minimal upkeep is a tall, beautiful ficus called a rubber tree plant. You should keep it in an area of the house that gets sunlight, but not direct sunlight for long periods of time; it thrives in temperatures between 60 and 80 degrees. Keep in mind that this houseplant can grow up to 8 feet tall, so make sure you've got the space to host it!

If you're looking for a shorter candidate on height spectrum, you can purchase yourself a spider plant, which, as you may have guessed, has long leaves that thin out in a way that makes them look like spider legs. Unlike the other plants, spider plants require consistent watering, so if you're constantly on the road, you may want to wait



Enhance your indoor space by designing with houseplants.

on this little beauty. It's common for the leaves to turn slightly yellow or brown, so trim them when needed.

When it comes to low maintenance plants, succulents really make the perfect introductory plant. They can be purchased in different sized pots and baskets and thrive in most situations. Plus, they are absolutely adorable to look at and can be moved from your desk to your nightstand to the kitchen!

You may also want to consult your local

nursery or garden store to hear any additional suggestions they may have. And of course, starting small and working your way up to bigger or higher-maintenance plants is a surefire way to get your confidence up. Many gardeners recommend either naming your plants or communicating in some way — whatever works for you if you believe in that. Hey, it can't hurt, right? Happy gardening, and congratulations on your new plant babies! ■

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SEEDS OF POTENTIAL

Planning a vegetable garden for success

BY JEFF RUGG

Have you received any garden seed catalogs yet? Developing a vegetable garden site takes time and resources — a home vegetable garden can take three to five years to start producing well. Container gardening is a more short-term gardening option that works well with locations that have space restrictions, such as patios.

There are a few conditions needed to constitute a good vegetable garden location.

First, most vegetable crops need at least six hours of direct sun each day. Select the location with the best sunlight. A south-facing gradual slope is ideal; the next best location is the area with the least shade. Less sunlight will cause the plants to produce less. Be aware that south-facing slopes warm up earlier in the spring but could get too hot in summer.

The second most important feature is the proximity of the water source to the garden. Gardens in the corner of the yard can be difficult to water and will suffer accordingly, but there are some solutions. Drip irrigation, rain barrels, plastic row covers and abundant mulch can all help reduce water demand. Timers attached to hoses help water plants and reduce disease problems. Watering early in the morn-

ing prevents sun damage to wet plants and allows plants to dry before nighttime. Wet plants at night will increase the plants' chance of contracting disease.

The condition of the soil prevents many gardens from producing well from the start. Subdivision soil is often thin, compacted and low in organic matter and has drainage problems. Soil tests can be beneficial in determining the acidity of the soil and whether any nutrients are lacking. Using composted organic matter as a supplement is very beneficial to almost all soil types. If it is not composted, such as fresh leaves or grass clippings, additional fertilizer may need to be added.

After removing any grass and before rototilling, add several inches of compost and 1.5 pounds of 10-10-10 fertilizer per 10-by-10 foot area, and till both into the top 10 inches of soil. Do not use a fertilizer that has herbicides or insecticides. Do not add lime, gypsum or sulfur without a soil test showing a need for them.

A Square Foot Garden, an EarthBox and adding new soil to create a raised bed are all good vegetable gardening methods to get around poor soil on site. The Square Foot Garden and EarthBox use a soil mix of peat moss, perlite, vermiculite and compost to create a weed-free well-drained soil that easily grows garden vegetables.



Prepare now and yield beautiful results later.

The last environmental aspect is wind. Gardens in windy locations dry out quickly, and strong winds can knock over tomato plants in cages, corn plants and trellises of peas, beans and melons. Make sure everything is anchored securely.

Weeds harbor insects and diseases and can cause a complete loss of harvest due to competition for water and sunlight. Start weed control early and don't give up. Pre-emergent herbicides, weed barrier cloth and mulch help prevent weed growth. If weeds get the upper hand, cut them down to prevent any seed production.

Consider the kinds of vegetables your family will eat and what you will do with them before you buy seeds or plants. Are you going to can or preserve them, or eat them fresh?

Sweet corn, for example, is great fresh from the garden, but it takes up lots of space for a small harvest, and fresh sweet corn at the store is very inexpensive. So is it worth growing? As far as tomatoes go, to have enough to can all at the same time, get a determinate variety that bears its crop all at once. For fresh eating over a long period of time, buy an indeterminate variety. ■

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STOP WEEDS BEFORE THEY TAKE OVER

Keep those pesky lawn invaders away

Few things can be as troublesome to gardeners and landscapers as weeds. Weeds seemingly spring up overnight and quickly can overrun lawns and/or garden beds. Landscaping enthusiasts may spend countless hours and weekends coping with weeds without truly getting to the root of the problem. However, preventing weed growth need not be so difficult.

According to the experts at "This Old House" and The Family Handyman, the secret to preventing weeds is to maintain a thick, healthy lawn. A vigorously growing lawn will crowd out weeds and block the sun weed seeds need to germinate and thrive. As a result, fewer herbicides may be needed and homeowners can spend less time on their hands and knees pulling out weeds.

Mow at the right height. Crabgrass is a notoriously virulent weed that can quickly snuff out blades of grass. Crabgrass likes hot, dry conditions, and it only takes one plant to spread the seeds that can overtake the lawn. Preventing these conditions can stop crabgrass from flourishing. Mowing at higher heights and leaving grass blades taller can shade the soil, helping to prevent the germination of crabgrass. Shady conditions also will help the soil retain moisture and prevent the arid conditions crabgrass likes so much.

Water deeply. Weeds are accustomed to growing in adverse conditions, including especially hot temperatures. When such conditions arise, weeds establish deep roots while the roots of the grass can easily die off. Instead, when watering, wet the soil to a depth of four to six inches. This helps grass to establish strong root systems that will help lawns overpower pesky weeds.

Time weed killers. Whether you manually remove



Weeds, such as dandelions, can quickly take over lawns and gardens.

weeds or apply weed killers, timing is key. Combat weeds in the early spring before they have a time to fully form and start proliferating through seed dispersement. Once seeds spread, their growth is difficult to control. Recognize that no single herbicide or weeding tactic will work for every type of weed. Broadleaf weeds, like dandelions, unwanted grasses, and sedges are the three most common types of weeds. Homeowners will have to adapt

based on the type of weed that is most prevalent in their lawns.

Watch fertilizer amounts. Strike a balance with fertilizer, finding the right amount to deliver continuous nutrition to the lawn, but not overfeed it so that weeds can thrive. Many lawns only require fertilizer once or twice annually, in the autumn and spring. ■

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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

When dinosaurs roamed the land

PREHISTORIC CREATURES ROAR into Long Island Children's Museum

Travel back in time to the age when dinosaurs ruled the landscape — even here on Long Island. It may be hard to believe that our beaches and parks were once a dinosaur swampland, home to woolly mammoths and iceberg lakes.

That prehistoric time awaits visitors to Long Island Children's Museum, where families will find themselves face-to-face with some fascinating creatures in the immersive exhibit "Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice."

The interactive bilingual traveling exhibit, created by the Minnesota Children's Museum, transports everyone to the Cretaceous Period (145 to 65 million years ago when dinosaurs last lived on earth, through May 13.

"Dinosaurs are generally a child's introduction to science," says Maureen Mangan, the museum's marketing director. "Kids are fascinated by them and every generation has a touchstone moment that keeps them interested.

The focus is on dinosaurs in North America in warm weather and cold weather environments. As visitors move through the exhibit space, they encounter unfamiliar landscapes, touchable dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes. Building on the popular fascination with dinosaurs, the exhibit features science activities to challenge all ages and opportunities to investigate clues about what dinosaurs left behind.

While families are exploring dinosaur habitats, they are encouraged to use scientific thinking skills. "They are also getting a sense of geography, climate and weather," Mangan explains. "The exhibit ties into school curriculums and promotes interest in science."

"It also flips learning between children and adults," adds Mangan. "Frequently kids are more experienced in the subject of dinosaurs than their parents or grandparents. They are able to become the 'teachers' and share their knowledge with the adults."

Families will explore two dynamic landscapes that enable visitors see and understand the dinosaurs' immense scale.

In the steamy Land of Fire everyone can visit the Montana of 70 million years ago and inspect realistic sculptures of the mighty Tyrannosaurus Rex and the horned Triceratops. Discover the latest scientific thinking about the colors, textures and look of these fearsome beasts. Crawl through a smoldering volcano that oozes lava on



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Visitors become junior paleontologists as they put on goggles and research vests and search for fossils at the bottom of the dig pit. (Photo to the right) Climb on a T-Rex and imagine life 60 million years ago.

one side and is flanked by an icy river on the other. Use good balance and coordination to climb up and down a squishy bog where the spongy surface replicates a forest floor. Become part of the dinosaur ecosystem by putting on a dragonfly, bee, or baby Troodon (small, two-legged dinosaur) costume and then fly, flutter; or crawl through the exhibit.

Trek north in the Land of Ice to what is present-day Alaska to learn about cold-weather dinosaurs. Take a picture with an Edmontosaurus (a four-legged herbivore) and inspect the nest of the Troodon. Learn about the dinosaur food chain and enjoy an "eye spy" game featuring some of the animals and plants of the period, such as the conifer tree and magnolia flower. An ice cave beckons guests to climb, crawl, and slide through a frozen dinosaur habitat.

Also experience the work of paleontologists at the Field Research Station. In the Big Dig, put on goggles, grab some tools, and try to find the remains of ancient dinosaurs, including the Tyrannosaurus rex and ferocious Velociraptor. Play a matching game at the fossil identification table and try to figure out which fossils came from each dinosaur. Create stories about dinosaurs



at a series of play tables featuring three-dimensional landscapes from the Cretaceous period and then view maps of North America to see how these have changed over 30 million years.

Work together with friends and family to complete an oversize dinosaur puzzle and then craft a dinosaur ecosystem using a variety of techniques, including fossil rubbings, partial tracings, and free-hand drawing.

"It's a crowd pleasing exhibit that keeps families coming back," says Mangan.

As always, the museum's staff has planned themed activities to enhance the overall experience. Upcoming programming includes a "Discovering Dinosaur Eggs" workshop on March 24, at 2 p.m. Participants can create a "fossilized" dino egg by mixing and molding, and practice excavation skills by breaking into the new discovery.

At "Ponder with a Paleontologist," on April 8, 12:30-3 p.m., museum visitors can meet paleontologist Dr. Mike D'Emic, an assistant professor at Adelphi University. He'll discuss his work and fossil identification, bringing fossils from digs in Wyoming and Montana, along with dinosaur casts to view.

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'DINOSAURS: LAND OF FIRE AND ICE'

Where: Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City.
Admission: \$13 for adults and children, \$12 seniors. Additional fees for theater and special programs apply. View the LICM events calendar at www.licm.org for additional information or call (516) 224-5800.



ON STAGE

Amazing Grace

A touring production of the new musical, which had its Broadway debut in 2015, makes its way to the Tilles Center stage. Based on the inspiring true story behind the beloved song, it tells the story of John Newton, a former slave ship captain who later joined the abolition movement. A tale of romance, rebellion and redemption, this production follows one man whose incredible journey ignited a historic wave of change. Newton, a willful and musically talented young Englishman, faces a future as uncertain

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as the turning tide. Coming of age as Britain sits atop an international empire of slavery, he finds himself torn between following in the footsteps of his father — a slave trader — or embracing the more compassionate views of his childhood sweetheart. Accompanied by his slave, Thomas, Newton embarks on a perilous voyage on the high seas. When that journey finds him in his darkest hour, a transformative moment of self-reckoning inspires a blazing anthem of hope that will finally guide him home. Friday, March 16, 8 p.m. \$79, \$69, \$59, \$49. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

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Dave Mason

The rock 'n roll hall of famer in concert, with special guest Richie Furay, Thursday, March 15, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Dixie Dregs

The jazz fusion rock ensemble in concert, Thursday, March 15, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Emily Barnes and Emily Mure

The singer-songwriters in concert, Thursday, March 15, 18, 8:30 p.m. (open mic at 7:30 p.m.). Hard Luck Cafe at Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 425-2925 or www.fmsh.org or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Berkley Square

The swing jazz ensemble in concert, Friday, March 16, 9:30 p.m. Sky Room Cafe, Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 432-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.



The Clairvoyants

The innovative mentalist duo perform their popular tricks, Friday, March 16, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

God of Carnage

Yasmina Reza's award-winning drama about two contemporary Brooklyn couples who meet to discuss a playground fight between their sons, and the aftermath of that meeting, Friday and Satur-



VoicePlay

VoicePlay, the imaginative a capella ensemble, visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Saturday, April 21, at 8 p.m.

The Orlando, Fla.-based singers, who garnered much acclaim on Season 4 of NBC's "The Sing-Off," recreate the orchestrated sound of an entire musical production with nothing but the human voice. What began quite literally as a street corner barbershop act has now evolved into an international touring sensation.

day, March 16-17, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 18, 3 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

Half Step

The Grateful Dead tribute band in concert, Friday, March 16, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

The Beach Boys

The iconic band in concert, Saturday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.



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The legendary heavy metal band in concert, Saturday, March 17. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.nassaucoliseum.com.

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The singer/songwriter/parodist in concert, Saturday, March 17, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Kevin James

The "Kevin Can Wait" star appears in his comic residency, Sunday, March 18, 8

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Marc Cohn

The folk-rock singer-songwriter in concert, with the Blind Boys of Alabama, Sunday, March 18, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

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The alt rock-ska-reggae band in concert, Wednesday, March 21, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Lettuce/The Motet

The funk bands in concert, Thursday, March 22, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



Trace Adkins

The country singer in concert, Thursday, March 22, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

For the Kids

Irish Pirates

Sail the Seven Seas to learn all about the Irish pirates of yore, presented by the Whaling Museum, Saturday, March 17, 2 p.m. Create a Jolly Roger flag to take home, along with other pirate crafts. For grades K-5. Registration required. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.



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Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rinsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

Art Hour

Children ages 5 to 10 and their families are invited to join Heckscher museum educator Tami Wood for a family-friendly tour of "Long Island's Best: Young Artists at The Heckscher Museum," Sunday, March 18, 1-2 p.m. With hands-on activities. Registration recommended. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.



On the Water: At Work and Play

Participate in hands-on activities that reflect Long Island's boating and fishing traditions, Sunday, March 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Meet local artists and fisherman in this maritime exploration for all ages. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.

Museums/Galleries and more...

Expo 37

An exhibit of works by 20 artists, winners of B.J. Spoke Gallery's 37th annual national juried fine art competition. Through March 30. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

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.

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. Through April 1. Gold Coast Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck. 829-2570 or www.goldcoastarts.org.

Long Island's Best: Young Artists 2018

This juried exhibition, now in its 21st year, features 80 works of art by students in grades 9 through 12 attending public and private schools throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Opens March 17, through April 15. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

The Jazz Age: Picasso, Matisse, Chanel, Gershwin, Joyce, Fitzgerald and Hemingway

The wild times and brilliant work of a tightly connected group of musicians, artists and writers during the 1920s are the subject of this exhibition. On view are masterpieces of the 1920s, including neoclassical paintings by Picasso. Opens March 17, through July 8. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.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.

Having an event?

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OBITUARIES

Midge Ravener

Midge Ravener, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on March 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Gerard E.; devoted mother of Paul, Robert, Joseph, John and the late Thomas and Gerard Jr.; loving grandmother of seven and great grandmother of seven. Religious service held Thursday, March 15, followed by an interment at Long Island National Cemetery.

Vivian D. Burns

Vivian D. Burns, 86, of Glen Cove N.Y., died on Feb. 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Rev. John Jr. (the late Robin), Jill Nardone (Mike) and Bonnie Gasparre (Louie); adored grandmother of Jayson (Anna), Rachel, Tricia (Jeremy), Shannon, Daniel (Corinne), Bonnie and Sarah; cherished great-grandmother of Aria and Marlee. Visitation and funeral service held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Vivian was buried at St. Patrick Cemetery.

Norberto A. Valle Rivas

Norberto A. Valle Rivas, 90, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Feb. 23, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Segunda; his children Guillermo Alvarenga, Arely Flores

(Santos), Norberto Jr. (Maria), Guillermo (Amy), and Pio; his grandchildren Marvin Flores, Steven, Keyri, Jeff, Yenci, Jesse Flores, Kevin, Cynthia, Kimberly, Ashley Flores, Michael, Stephanie, Adriana, Mario Rivera (Elizabeth), Teresa Rivera, Gorge Rivera, and Lucrecia Rivera; his great-grandchildren Alex Rivera, Selvin Rivera, and Aura Rivera. Dear brother of Victor, Emilio (Paula), Juan (Soila), Alidio. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. He is predeceased by his six loving siblings. Visitation held at Oyster Bay Funeral Home. Funeral mass at St. Patrick R.C. Church in Glen Cove. He was buried at East Hillside Cemetery.

Mary E. McDonnell

Mary E. McDonnell (nee Conologue), of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Feb 26, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Martin J. She is survived by her children, Kathleen (Peter), William (Marge), Michael (Antoinette), Matthew (Nancy), Mary (Marie), Patricia (Alan), Margaret (Anthony), Martin (Erina), James (Nicole); her seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and her siblings, Margaret and William. A funeral mass was held at the Church of St Rocco. She was buried at Calverton National Cemetery.

Suoizzi to join anti-gun march

By BRIDGET DOWNES

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Long Island activists and elected leaders — including U.S. Representatives Peter King and Tom Suozzi — are expected to flood the campus of SUNY Farmingdale on March 24 to march in solidarity with students from across the country who are protesting gun violence.

The Farmingdale march is scheduled to take place at the Nold Athletic Complex at the college, at 2350 Broadhollow Road in Farmingdale, at 11 a.m.

Long Beach is also expected host a march on March 24. Organized by Long Beach Board of Education Trustee Darlene Tangney and former Long Beach Councilwoman Fran Adelson, the event will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. in Kennedy Plaza.

The two local marches are to take place in tandem with the March for Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C., where thousands of people are expected to gather and advocate for stricter gun-control legislation.

"We are inspired by the teenagers and high school students who are standing up collectively and demanding 'not one more,' and we want to help them organize across Long Island and beyond," Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said in a statement. "This is a young people's movement, and it's our job as elected officials to shepherd this passion so meaningful action is taken at the congressional level to address gun violence prevention."

The rallies come on the heels of last month's shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., that claimed the lives of 17 students and teachers and spurred a range of proposals to curb gun violence. In the days after the Feb. 14 shooting, student survivors took to national media outlets and announced their plans to march.

King, a Republican from Seaford, said he would "continue to advocate for policies that prevent gun violence and keep our communities and children safe. I have continually been a lead sponsor of legislation which would expand the current background check system and look forward to working with Congressman Suozzi to make sure it becomes law."

The representatives said they believe rallying for responsible gun legislation is a bipartisan issue.

Student activists were also to take part in a national school walkout on March 14, after press time. The rally was to be organized by Women's March Youth Empower. Students planned to leave their school buildings and stand in silence for 17 minutes to honor the 17 victims of the Parkland shooting.

"I feel that the rest of us need to stand up behind [the students] and support them, because I truly believe they are going to be the ones to make the change in the gun control laws," Adelson said. "They're engaged, they know what's going on, and they faced the guns firsthand."



VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

THE QUESTION:

Do you have a favorite Irish saying or family tradition?



"May the road rise up to meet you and the wind be always at your back" was always one of my favorite sayings.

KATHY HOGAN
Retired



My Irish mother-in-law always told us stories like, if you were a bad child, the "Tinkers" would take you. Another tale was that the "banshees would keel" if somebody died, to announce their death.

VICKI BRANDOFF
Retired



I think "The Luck of the Irish" has special meaning for all of the immigrants who fought their way through hardship to make a successful life here in the United States.

MARION JAFFE
Insurance Broker



When our children were little, we would make leprechaun traps that were propped up on pretzel legs. We used golden chocolate coins as their bait. A few times, my kids swore they caught one, but that he got away.

JENNIFER DERRIG
Shop Owner



My father always said "God Bless the Union" because after leaving Dublin where he was a builder of double-decker buses, he was one of the first members of the Transport Workers' Union here in New York.

RITA TRENZ
Retired



A family favorite... "May those who love us, love us. And for those that don't love us, may God turn their hearts. And if he can't turn their hearts, may he turn their ankles, so we may know them by their limp!"

DEIRDRE O'FLAHERTY
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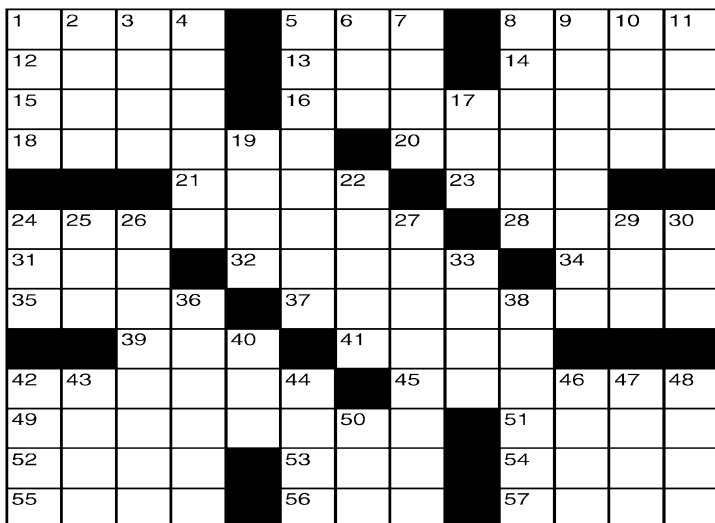
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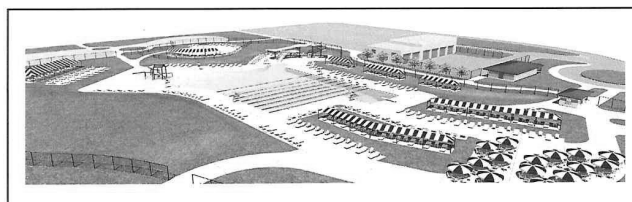
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A Pymian pilgrimage

Dear Great Book Guru, This weekend, a number of my friends and I will be attending a literary conference at Harvard's Law School on the British author Barbara Pym. They are huge fans of hers, but I have never read any of her novels. Would you suggest one to start my Pymian adventure? — Preparing for Pym



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distract us, envelope her readers in a familiar yet unique world. This weekend's conference at Harvard will be focusing on one novel in particular, "The Sweet Dove Died."

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

Dear Preparing for Pym, Like your friends, I too am a huge Pym fan. She has written about a dozen books, each a jewel to be read and reread many times. Her novels are about the exquisite loveliness of everyday life with each word, each gesture, each character treated with humor, care, and respect, offering gentle, but frequently biting insights into the human condition. Her descriptions of food, clothing, and those daily rituals which consume and

ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Trails to takeout menus

BY CATHI TUROW



CATHI TUROW

Walking is great exercise. Some walk to relieve stress. Some walk to raise funds. I walk to get takeout. I actually plan scenic walking routes in our area that take me to eateries where I know there will be something delicious for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Here are some of the latest upcoming foods in our local cafes and the possible walks you might want to take to get there.

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- Meritage Wine Bar (90 School St., Glen Cove). To get here take another scenic walk down any hill in Sea Cliff that leads to Glen Cove. The chef just added three gorgeous, gourmet plates to the menu: Red Snapper with toasted Israeli cous cous; Braised Beef Short Ribs with celery root mashed potatoes;

and Bacon Belly (pork belly wrapped in smokehouse bacon, over pineapple pan reduction). The blue cheese and hazelnuts crumbled together over the new grilled endive salad is another winning dish. For dessert, walk over to:

- Henry's Confectionary (8 Glen St., Glen Cove)

This week, all the milk and dark chocolate homemade Easter bunnies, as well as homemade chocolate baskets, eggs and doves will fill the shelves. The bunnies come in all sizes — two to 36 inches tall! My favorite? The Easter bunnies carrying chocolate baskets on their backs filled with Easter eggs and jelly beans.

- Toast & Co. (62 Steward St., Huntington). Lastly, if you're up for a road trip to Huntington, take a walk in Caumsett State Park. Then, drive to this funky, 50's style café and definitely leave extra time to look over the innovative menu. For breakfast, you might want to create your own avocado toast; have a kale, feta and cherry tomato omlette; order coconut oatmeal; or a have chocolate stuffed cannoli cream waffle. New on the spring menu is a Thanksgiving sandwich with fresh roast turkey, sweet potato spread and cranberry sauce on a roll. Also, check out the three, new variations on mac and cheese.

After all this great food, you might have to waddle home instead of walk. See you next month!

- Sea Cliff Bistro (230 Sea Cliff Ave.) In Sea Cliff, walk up the hill on Prospect Avenue, turn onto Sea Cliff Avenue and continue until you reach it. Beginning at 7 a.m. (Wednesdays through Sundays), this homey café turns out different toast extravaganzas every day. Freshly prepared each morning on sprouted seven grain toast, it's hard to choose between the toast with chopped kale in lemon vinaigrette, topped with sliced avocado, hardboiled egg slices and chia seeds and the fruit toast made with sunflower seed butter, berries, walnuts and honey. Each toast variation is a little masterpiece, and the lunch sandwiches and soups served there are equally fresh, creative and healthy. (Last week, I devoured their coconut vegetable soup.) You can also enjoy seven kinds of homemade muffins, coffees and teas galore, freshly extracted juices, and smoothies. Or, for a different, fun takeout experience, cross the street and eat at:

- Still Partners (225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff). Every week, the chef lets his creative culinary juices flow and comes up with amazing additions to the main menu. Though the zucchini linguine with chicken and marinara sauce is one of my regular favorites, the fish taco special with avocado mousse blows me away. There's one upcoming special you won't want to miss. On Saint Patrick's Day, Partners will be

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OPINIONS

On trade, let's make peace, not war

Trade deficits and their long-term effects on the nation's well-being aren't something Americans tend to think much about. We buy cars, clothes, TVs and appliances without looking at labels or paying much attention to where things are made. What drives our buying decisions most often are price and quality considerations, whether for an individual buying a new SUV or an auto



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manufacturer buying the steel that's used to make that vehicle.

Looked at in other ways, however, the cumulative effects of Americans' buying practices are more complex and problematic. Each year we're buying much more from other countries

than we're selling them. The 2017 trade deficit alone was over \$500 billion. From 2001 to 2018, U.S. trade deficits totaled over \$13 trillion. Yes, that's trillion with a T.

Where does the money come from to finance these massive trade deficits? Much of it comes from the very countries with which the U.S. has big trade imbalances. As foreign companies pile up U.S. dollar profits on all the products they

flood the American market with, a good portion of those profits end up being loaned back to Americans. In a very real sense, we buy that flat-screen TV or foreign-made car on credit from the countries selling them to us.

Over time, that debt has accumulated to dangerous levels, especially when it's added to the federal government's deficits, which pile up from year to year. The national debt today stands at almost \$21 trillion, and as much as a third of it is held by foreign lenders. And then there's the \$14 trillion in business debt and \$13 trillion in individual debt that weighs down our economy.

All that American debt adds up to an astronomical \$61 trillion, give or take a trillion. That's more than three times the \$18 trillion per year our national economy generates. And it's about \$200,000 of debt for every American. (If you doubt any of these numbers, check out www.usdebtclock.org.)

All of which leads to the current debate raging over President Trump's decision to impose a 25 percent tariff on imported steel and 10 percent on imported aluminum. His aim is to help U.S. steel and aluminum producers and workers, who have felt the effects of cheap, foreign-

made steel and aluminum dumped below cost into the U.S. And despite his usual unhelpful bluster that trade wars are good and easy to win, Trump is onto something important. The U.S. has suffered financially because of the repeated dumping of these metals into our country.

While that may help make things built with these metal cheaper here, there is a cost in American companies' lost profits and American workers' lost jobs. It's impossible for our companies and their workers to compete fairly with the low wages and lax labor and environmental standards in China and other Asian nations. And the president's assertion that our national security is threatened by

this dumping also has merit. The harm done by the dumping may not make us more vulnerable militarily, but it does make us more vulnerable economically and socially, which also affects the nation's security.

So what should Trump and Congress do now? They should *not* get into a war with each other over trade unfairness created by other countries. They should instead firmly demand that our trading partners open up all relevant trade agreements to incorporate a fair-trade standard

that reduces dumping and lowers tariff barriers to American products shipped overseas. It's not fair that China dumps steel around the world for less than it cost to manufacture. Nor is it fair, as Trump points out, that German cars are imported into the U.S. with a 2.5 percent tariff, while American-made autos shipped to Germany face duties as high as 10 percent.

The U.S. goal should not be to simply increase our tariffs, which will only invite higher tariffs on products we ship abroad. That could lead to the kind of spiraling trade war that hobbled the world economy during the Great Depression. Any of us who studied the onerous Smoot-Hawley tariffs of the 1930s will recall that the ensuing trade conflicts only made the Depression worse.

Instead of stumbling into a trade war, the U.S. and its trading partners should open a "trade peace" process that lowers high tariffs abroad and imposes real restrictions on below-cost dumping of foreign products here, including voluntary restraints on steel and aluminum shipped to the U.S. On trade, let's make peace, not war.

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Imagine dozens of Adolf Hitlers

ra Levin imagined it in 1976. The novelist wrote "The Boys from Brazil," fictionalizing the story of Nazi war criminal Dr. Josef Mengele.

In Levin's book, which became a blockbuster movie starring Gregory Peck, Dr. Mengele, who (also in real life) escaped from the ashes of the Third Reich to South America, continued his horrific

medical experiments by implanting zygotes with Hitler's DNA into dozens of unknown Brazilian women.

Nine months later, 94 little black-haired, blue-eyed Hitlers were let loose on the world via international adoption. It was fiction, of course, but it bor-

rowed from the emerging science of human cloning.

Since then, cloning has moved into mainstream research. The possibility of cloning organs for implantation, cloning endangered species or even cloning extinct species (see "Jurassic Park") is actively pursued in laboratories around the world.

Scientists have successfully cloned

entire animals, like Dolly the sheep, who was genetically identical to her mother. She was reproduced at the Roslin Institute in Scotland from cells taken from her mother's mammary gland. She lived a normal although abbreviated life, and today enjoys an afterlife, stuffed and on display in the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh.

I suppose it isn't surprising that use will lead, eventually, to abuse. We learned recently that Barbra Streisand had her beloved Coton de Tulear dog, Samantha, cloned at a reported cost of \$50,000. The cloning produced two puppies, genetically identical to Samantha: Miss Scarlett and Miss Violet.

Perhaps "abuse" is too strong a word for Streisand's self-indulgence. Egregious abuse, so far as we know, has been evidenced only in the world of science fiction, where novelists have written about entire populations of humans cloned to work as slaves, or reproduced to provide needed organs for transplantation. To date, for more benign reasons, scientists have successfully cloned monkeys, cows, sheep, horses, mules, goats, rats and carp, among other species.

We know, however, that in our culture, when we learn *how* to do something, we

tend to do it. And overdo it. What needs to be asked is, "Should we do it?" Scientists are actively debating the bioethical issues surrounding animal cloning. How many cloning experiments lead to malformed offspring? Does the cloned animal enjoy a full and normal existence?

Are diseases passed on? One scientist suggested that Dolly the sheep lived only to age 6 because the donor mother was fully mature, and Dolly was "born" at an already advanced age, at the cellular level.

The positive possibilities of cloning could lead to medical advances, but with cloning, we mortals are wading into philosophical and ethical quicksand (see

"Frankenstein").

As for Streisand cloning her dog, it was wrong-minded, I think. In August 2016 our sweetie, Zoe, also a Coton de Tulear, died at age 16. She was our adored pet, our playmate and soul mate, bright and beautiful. But even if I had the \$50,000 to spend, I would never consider cloning her. She was unique, her own self, and as much a product of her life with us as her own DNA.

The grief over our lost loves runs deep. We loved Zoe and we always will, but it feels foolish and perhaps transgressive to think that we could somehow recreate

her. Or that we have the right to. In truth, we cannot mitigate grief.

John Woestendiek, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and the author of the book "Dog, Inc.: The Uncanny Inside Story of Cloning Man's Best Friend," said in an interview that cloning dogs is a very bad idea. He said that Streisand did it because she could and because she is accustomed to getting what she wants. He said that if she had asked his advice, he would have said no. Among his reasons is the fact that so many existing dogs desperately need homes.

For us, the way forward after Zoe was to adopt another Coton de Tulear, a super hypoallergenic breed that doesn't shed or produce dander. She is Lilly Bee, and she is our companion, resident clown and adored pet. She could not be more different from Zoe, although they look identical. Different breeder, different personality, different abilities, and that's just the way we want it to be.

Zoe rests in peace. There's no pseudo-Zoe running around with our expectation that she could replace the original.

While no great harm was done, what the Streisand dog-cloning story does for the world is remind us to be vigilant and alert to the frightening possibilities of evil-doers messing with Mother Nature.

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Teachers carrying guns? Not here.

In times of crisis, it's easy to overreact. President Trump overreacted when he called over the weekend for funding to train and arm teachers, in the wake of the attack at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14. Teachers teach. They are not police. They are not trained in the use of firearms. In college, they studied English literature, calculus and phys. ed. At best, they might have fired a weapon at a deer in the woods. The idea that they would somehow be able to fend off an intruder armed with an assault rifle that fires 90 rounds per minute is ludicrous.

Still, nine states — Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Mississippi, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin — allow teachers to arm themselves, according to CityLab.com. Florida is now the 10th. On March 7, the Florida House voted to allow some

teachers and staff to carry firearms in schools. Gov. Rick Scott signed the measure on Friday.

New York should not be next to consider such legislation. We are, however, starting to see guns creep onto campuses here. On Feb. 27, the Miller Place School District, in Suffolk County, assigned four former NYPD officers to act as security guards. They will be armed.

Could we eventually see armed teachers here? As things stand now, no. Both Democrats and Republicans in the State Legislature have come out against the idea. As noted, though, rational thought doesn't always follow a crisis.

That is why State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, held a news conference on March 3 at South Side High School in Rockville Centre to propose legislation that would have banned districts

from arming teachers. Republicans immediately accused him of grandstanding. GOP lawmakers said they had no intention of allowing teachers to carry weapons, and so, two days later, the Republican-controlled Senate voted down the measure.

Miller Place is a potentially slippery slope, however. If one district hires armed guards, others will feel pressure to as well. The next step beyond that could be armed teachers.

So, while there might have been some grandstanding involved, Kaminsky wasn't wrong to call for a ban on arming teachers in New York. Standing side by side with him were a cadre of educators, including Rockville Centre Superintendent Dr. William Johnson.

Now is the time to support our teachers. They are afraid, like everyone else. Arming them will solve nothing.

Avoiding the pitfalls of pothole season

In late winter and early spring, Nassau County roads become minefields of sorts, full of potholes that can severely damage vehicles, particularly their suspension and tires. At times potholes even cause accidents. The damage is often an expensive fix.

Potholes are formed when moisture collects in small cracks and holes in the road surface. As temperatures fluctuate, the moisture expands and contracts because of freezing and thawing, which breaks up the pavement.

The American Automobile Association recommends the following safety measures during pothole season:

- Inspect your tires to make sure they are properly inflated and have enough tread. An underinflated or badly worn tire is more likely to suffer damage if you hit a pothole.

- Inspect your suspension to make sure struts, shock absorbers and other parts are in good condition.

- Look ahead to make sure the road does not have potholes. When it does, they are easier to avoid if you spot them sooner.

- If you can't avoid a pothole, slow down. Reduce your speed safely, and check the rearview mirror before braking abruptly.

Hitting a pothole at higher speeds greatly increases the chance of damage. Braking directly over a pothole could also end up causing more damage.

- Beware of puddles, because they can disguise deep potholes.

- Check your alignment, because hitting a pothole can affect your steering.

- A vehicle's parts can be dislodged on impact. Be aware of noises and vibrations.

To report a pothole in Nassau County, call the Department of Highways at (516) 571-6900.

LETTERS

Volunteers needed for audit committee

To the Editor:

Nassau County is reconvening its Independent Audit Advisory Committee, and is now accepting applications for new members so the group can begin its review of the county's finances.

The advisory committee plays a key role in providing much-needed fiscal oversight. It acts as another set of eyes and ears, and its feedback will help us develop solutions to address systemic problems like poor fiscal controls and inefficient management practices.

The committee, created in 2003, will be tasked with reviewing the county's financial reporting processes and providing oversight of its internal fiscal controls. It will also play an important role in regularly examining the county's annual external audit. Unlike in previous years,



OPINIONS

Stamping out this spate of hate

Over the past year and a half, the incidence of hate crimes has skyrocketed across the nation, and Long Island. Just a few weeks ago, swastikas were scrawled on sidewalks outside homes in Oceanside and Wantagh. A few months ago, while playing with our toddler in a Baldwin park, my wife found the same hateful epithet etched into a playground slide. Before that there was an incident in Oceanside in which a Jewish Community Center was a target of bomb threat.



**TODD
KAMINSKY**

Sadly, these vile messages, and worse, have become far too common, and it seems that perpetrators feel emboldened by the national discourse. We have no choice as a community but to take a strong stand against such intolerance.

According to a report last month by the Anti-Defamation League, anti-Semitic incidents in New York state soared by an unprecedented 90 percent last year. That is remarkable, and highly disturbing. Marked by bomb threats to community centers and swastika graffiti, nearly 2,000 cases of hate-fueled vandalism, assault

and harassment were reported, the most since the ADL started tracking this data in 1979. More anti-Semitic incidents occurred in New York than in any other state in the nation. This trend is alarming, but we can do something about it.

As Long Islanders, we take pride in our small communities, which make the Island one of the most special regions of the nation. Our neighbors — regardless of color, creed or faith — are like family; we sink or swim together. And a bias assault on one should be seen as an affront to our larger community.

Here are some steps we can take to fight back:

First, we need to embrace our neighbors' differences and the diversity of our communities. By doing this, we can strengthen the neighborhoods that make our Island, state and country so special. Through mutual respect, we can achieve a society that we can all be proud of — one in which all our children and grandchildren can live, work and play together in harmony and prosperity. After all, that's the essence of the American dream. Respecting others in our everyday lives is something each of us can practice on a daily basis. It sounds simple, but we have to start somewhere.

Albany can do more, too. We must edu-

cate our children about the importance of tolerance. By understanding the horrors of the Holocaust and the pernicious effects of hatred and bigotry against any minority, we can build a solid foundation of mutual respect in the next generation. To that end, I sponsored legislation to ensure that

schools across the state instruct students about the atrocities of the Holocaust. Can you believe that wasn't happening in some schools in our state?

We must raise the consequences for perpetrators of hateful acts to provide a strong deterrent for those who would terrorize others. I cosponsored legislation to increase criminal penalties for bias-motivated graffiti, and it should be passed into law. We must also train our law enforcement officers to identify and stamp out vile messages in our communities, which is the objective of a new bill that legislators in Albany are currently working on. It would require police academies to train officers in recognizing and responding to hate crimes. I also strongly support a new initiative by Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas in which hate crime offenders are counseled by Holocaust survivors.

Securing funding to bolster security at

potential targets in our communities is also key. To that end, I worked hard to advance Governor Cuomo's grant program, Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes, throughout the state, which will bring money back to our community institutions and houses of worship to protect them from anyone seeking to do harm. It will fund additional security, training, door-hardening, cameras and other related upgrades to help keep our neighborhoods safe.

And in the event that a community is subjected to a hate crime, we need to come together and send a clear message that an attack on one group is an attack on us all. I witnessed this unity when I joined hundreds at a rally on the South Shore following the neo-Nazis' march in Charlottesville, Va. Our community stood together against hatred and bigotry, and I was proud to be part of it.

Regardless of the color of our skin, the nations from which we originate or our religious practices, we're all Americans, New Yorkers and Long Islanders. Our shared destiny depends on our ability to co-exist — and the quicker we understand that and our laws reflect that, the better off we'll be.

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a former federal prosecutor, represents New York's 9th District.

LETTERS

the committee will meet on a quarterly basis so it can generate timely public reports.

The voting members of the committee will include five members of the public who have no conflicts of interest or business related to county government and hold no position in any political party or local government.

The comptroller, the county executive or her designee, and a majority and minority member of the Legislature's Finance Committee or their designees will serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

The committee will first be tasked with reviewing last year's external audit findings to ensure that the county is currently addressing the corrective actions recommended in the report and adhering to a sound system of internal controls.

This committee gives local experts who are not connected to government a seat at the table, and its role is too important to not have a consistent meeting schedule or clear goals. We committed to starting this process in our first 100 days in office so this group can get to work helping restore accountability to government.

Nassau County residents with governmental accounting, auditing or finance experience who are interested in serving on the committee are asked to visit the county's website to download and fill out the required form. All positions on the committee are unpaid.

I will be announcing other citizen-involved committees in the coming months that will be established to provide feedback

on areas central to the work of the comptroller's office and moving Nassau forward.

JACK SCHNIRMAN
Nassau County comptroller

New York opposes offshore drilling

To the Editor:

I recently joined former Vice President Al Gore at New York University to announce that New York has formally requested an exclusion from the new five-year National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

New York is making the largest commitment to renewable energy by a state in U.S. history — \$1.4 billion — which will advance 26 large-scale renewable energy projects across New York. The competitive awards, driven by the state's Clean Energy Standard mandate, are expected to generate enough clean, renewable energy to power over 430,000 homes and create more than 3,000 short- and long-term good-paying jobs. In the face of a concerted federal assault from Washington, New York is taking aggressive action to protect our environment for future generations.

Instead of protecting our waters from another oil spill, like the one that devastated the Gulf of Mexico in 2010, the new federal plan to expand offshore drilling only increases the chances of another disaster taking place. This is a total disregard for science, reality and history, and the federal gov-

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Anyone up for a parade? — Glen Cove

ernment's actions defy everything we know. We believe that a clean-energy economy is the future, and New York will lead a counter-movement to what the Trump administration is doing to the environment and illuminate the path forward.

In January, the federal government unveiled the Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas program, which proposes to make more than 90 percent of the total offshore acreage in the U.S. available to oil and gas

drilling. This plan would open two areas of the North Atlantic coast adjacent to New York state for fossil fuel exploration. An exclusion from offshore drilling program was granted to Florida shortly after the program's launch, on the grounds that the state relies heavily on tourism as one of the nation's top ocean economies.

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