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The Caped Crusader at Webb Institute

Beth Evan, back, attended a screening of 'Batman Begins' with her grandchildren, Lior, left, Brandon and Lielle Dressler at Webb Institute, where part of the film was shot. In front of "Wayne Mansion" where "Bruce Wayne" lives, the family ran into Batman himself! Wayne, however was conspicuously unavailable. For more see page 9.

Backup cams now required nationwide

By LAURA LANE
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Greg Gulbransen's tragedy, the death of his 2-year-old son, Cameron, on Oct. 19, 2002, when Gulbransen accidentally backed over him in his car, could have destroyed his life. Carrying his favorite blue blanket, the toddler ran outside the family's Syosset home in the dark, getting as far as the narrow driveway before his father, who said he never saw or heard his son, backed his car which had been parked on the street into the driveway, running over the child. "Tinkle," as Cameron was affectionately called, was dead within minutes.

pened, with his wife, Leslie, and remaining son, Scott to start over. But Greg had been taught by his parents, Dorothy and Clifford Gulbransen, well-known volunteers in Glen Cove, that there is nothing more important than helping others.



Courtesy Gulbransen family

DOCTOR GREG GULBRANSEN fought for years to make sure that parents wouldn't go through what he did.

Three months after the accident, Gulbransen began what would turn into a 15-year battle for federal transportation legislation requiring car manufacturers to include rear-visibility technology — backup cameras — in most vehicles. "I decided to take my grief and channel it to make policy change," he said.

He succeeded. As of May 1, the cameras, which were once considered luxury additions, are now required on all vehicles under 10,000 pounds — including buses and trucks — showing a 10-foot by 20-foot zone directly behind the vehicle.

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Middlemen hurt little pharma

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN
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Local pharmacies are being driven out by large national chains, says Donald Cantalino, the owner of Glen Cove Chemists on Forest Avenue. Through entities called Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, explained Cantalino, a former president of the Pharmacists Society of the State of New York and a prescription benefits consultant for companies seeking health plans, the

pharmacy chains have the ability to stamp out independent competition.

PBMs are hidden among the complexities of the health care system. They first appeared in the 1980s, as middlemen between insurance companies and employers offering health plans to their workers. "Basically they started out as administrators," Cantalino said.

Since then, PBMs have morphed into "behemoth" companies. Currently, three compa-

nies — Caremark, OptumRX and Express Scripts — control two-thirds of the market, according to a study by Neeraj Sood, vice dean for research at the Leonard D. Schaefer Center for Health Policy and economics.

These companies are largely free from government oversight, according to Cantalino, and because they can drop pharmacies from insurance networks, PBMs essentially have the power to cut off their customer base.

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ANTHONY FRISA, THE city's information technology manager, expressed frustration at the current state of his server room.

New IT manager has big plans for small room

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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Anthony Frisa, the city's new information technology manager enthusiastically moved back and forth between his desk and the nearby IT room — which seemed more like a storage closet — pointing out how the equipment displayed on his computer monitor would fit into what he hoped would become Glen Cove's “robust high availability system.” In other words, how he wanted to take the tangle of wires and hodge-podge of hardware that currently supports all of the city's digital infrastructure, and turn it into an organized, efficient, well oiled machine.

“What needs to be done,” he said, “is a complete revamp of the infrastructure.”

Frisa's top priority is redundancy. It is so important to him that he un-ironically said the word five times in under a minute, explaining the different domains — servers, switches, local networks — where he wants to see it implemented.

In its common usage, being redundant is likely to mean that one is a dull conversationalist, or prone to inefficiencies. But to an information engineer like Frisa, redundancy suggests reliability; a way to spread out possible failure points to make a failure less likely; a safety net, so that if the network goes down on the second floor of City Hall, for example, it won't take the fire department, the police department, the water department and the senior center down with it.

It's part of a plan that Frisa calls, “disaster avoidance *before* disaster recovery, although on that front too, he wants to add separate storage sites to make sure that the city's valuable information is backed up in multiple locations. “I'm not a fan of the all-the-eggs-in-one-basket type system,” he said.

Right now, Frisa's plans are little more than a pipe dream. He knows the council will have to vote on — and pay for — each individual piece. But at this point, less than a month into his posi-



Courtesy Pinterest

THIS IS WHAT Frisa said he *wants* the city's cable connections to look like.

tion, he said that he's still evaluating the system he inherited.

There has been some controversy over Frisa's appointment. At a few recent City Council meetings, former Deputy Mayor Barbara Peebles raised concerns over the firing of the former IT manager, whom she had helped to hire. She said that Frisa had been passed over for the job during their search for candidates but declined to say why. Council members refused to speak publically about personnel matters.

Additionally, the issue was raised over a contract for Total Technology, a company that had worked with the city several years earlier, to work with Frisa for the coming months to get him acclimated to the system they'd put in place.

Total Technology had come in “to kind of make sure that the system would be more reliable,” said Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos. “Things seemed to just be ‘going out,’ and I think a lot of it had to do with the hardware.”

According to her, Frisa was doing well enough without the extra help. “We realized we didn't need that,” she said.

Doc turns 'travesty into something positive'

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According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, on average, 232 fatalities and 13,000 injuries occur every year in back-overs. They happen primarily in driveways and parking lots, when a driver can't see the area behind a vehicle — the "blind zone."

In more than 70 percent of these incidents, a parent or close relative is behind the wheel.

How the fight began

Gulbransen, 55, joined KidsAndCars.org and worked with Janette Fenell, the nationwide child safety advocacy group's president and founder. "A lot of other parents like Dr. Greg had this type of incident happen to them," Fenell said, adding that others are sometimes unsympathetic. "People say, 'Why don't you look behind your car?' They don't understand how large the blind zone is behind all vehicles."

Fenell said she has always found it difficult to believe that "no one did this before we did — that there's never been a visibility standard."

There were many disappointments and delays along the way. Gulbransen said that a lack of data made the effort difficult. "If a person gets backed over in a Home Depot parking lot, it isn't put into any database," he said. "If they get backed over on Jericho Turnpike, it is. No one was analyzing most back-over accidents."

He and other members of KidsAndCars.org approached police departments and hospitals, and scoured the internet for articles on victims of back-over accidents.

Congress gets involved

The Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act was passed by Congress with bipartisan support in 2008, requiring the installation of backup cameras in new cars by 2011. President George W. Bush even signed it into law, but it never went into effect because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration needed to decide when to implement it. Agency officials said they needed six more months to review the data, but years went by.

Gulbransen said that he and the members of KidsAndCars.org believed that the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, a lobbying arm of the auto industry, was delaying action. "The reason why they weren't on board was because they made more money selling the cameras as an option," he explained.

Wade Newton, a spokesman for the AAM, stressed that automakers had supported the law, but they believed consumers should be able to choose the options they wanted to buy.

In 2011, the DOT sent a draft final rule to the Office of Management and Budget, but it languished there without action for 19 months. Then it was withdrawn.

Fighting the government

Letters that Greg and Leslie Gulbran-



Courtesy Gulbransen family

THE DEATH OF 2-year-old Cameron Gulbransen led his father, Greg, to embark on a crusade to have federal transportation legislation enacted requiring car manufacturers to include backup cameras. The Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act became law on May 1.

sen sent to President Obama were never answered. But they didn't give up. On Sept. 25, 2013, Greg; Sue Auriemma, a Manhasset mother who got involved after nearly backing over her daughter; and safety advocates sued the DOT.

The suit, filed in New York state, was supposed to begin on April 1, 2014, but the Cameron Gulbransen Kids Transportation Safety Act became law the day before. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration mandated that the cameras be phased in, and that the technology be included in virtually every new vehicle by May 1, 2018.

"It's a good feeling, and a relief," Gulbransen said, adding that he believed the law would save lives. "I'm very, very lucky to be able to have turned a complete travesty into something positive."

As a pediatrician, he continues to experience the emotional pain of children dying. But he is always there to comfort parents, even if it is sometimes a challenge not to break down himself.

Leslie said she is relieved that the law honoring her son is now in effect. "The best part is Cameron's name lives on forever," she said. "It makes me feel good that Cameron was put on this earth for a

reason. He's not with us physically, but he is, with this legislation."

Preventing a backover

- **Install a rearview camera and sensors on the vehicle.**
- Walk around and behind a vehicle prior to moving it.
- **Know where children are before moving the car.**
- Make sure children hold hands with an adult in parking lots at all times; multiple children create a hand holding train; fasten the younger children into a stroller.
- **Teach children that "parked" vehicles might move and drivers may not see them.**
- Teach children to never play in, around or behind a vehicle.
- **Steep inclines and large SUV's, vans and trucks add to the difficulty of seeing behind a vehicle.**
- Keep toys, bikes and sports equipment out of the driveway.
- **Trim landscaping around the driveway so drivers can see the sidewalk, street and pedestrians when backing out of their driveway.**
- Install extra locks on doors inside the home high enough so children cannot reach them and toddlers cannot slip outside on their own.
- **Roll down the driver's side window when backing to hear if someone is warning you to stop.**

Data source: KidsAndCars.org

For information on adding a rearview camera to an older car, go to KidsAndCars.org.



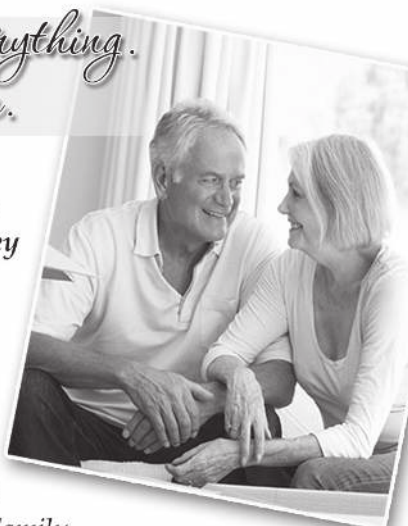
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CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ Male, 20, from Port Washington, arrested on Crescent Beach Road for making graffiti and possession of graffiti instruments on April 29.

■ Male, 27, from Glen Cove, arrested on Porter Place for DWI and aggravated DWI on April 30.

■ Male, 27 from Westbury, arrested on Forest Avenue for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, obstructing traffic at an intersection and other VTL violations on May 1.

■ Female, 23, from Roosevelt, arrested

at an unspecified location for fourth-degree grand larceny, petit larceny and two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument on May 2.

■ Male, 52, from Glen Cove, arrested on School Street for second- and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and other VTL violations on May 2.

■ Male, 26, from Roosevelt, arrested on East Avenue for fourth-degree grand larceny on May 4.

■ Male, 21, from Glen Cove, arrested on First Street Extension for unlawful possession of marijuana on May 5.



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ONE OF THE vehicles involved in the five-car accident on School Street.

Five-car accident caused by driver who 'passed out'

Around 2:19 p.m. on May 7, the Glen Cove Police Department responded to the scene of an accident involving five cars near the Regency Assisted Living Center on School Street between Highland Road and North Lane.

A driver heading northbound on School Street suffered a medical issue, according to GCPD spokesman Det. Lt. John Nagle. The driver "passed out" behind the wheel, causing his vehicle to cross over the double yellow line and sideswipe two cars driving southbound. One vehicles hit an unoccupied car parked on the southbound side of the road, pushing it away from the curb

and causing it to collide with another vehicle heading southbound.

Three of the people a 57-year-old with head and neck pain, a 48-year-old with abdominal pain and a 42-year old with back, neck and wrist pain, were given medical assistance for minor injuries.

A 54-, 37- and an 8-year old who did not need medical assistance.

While Nagle said that he was not sure what caused the first driver to pass out, he didn't think that drugs or alcohol were involved, but added that the responding officers would have made that determination.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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Walking tour of Cold Spring Harbor labs

The Gold Coast Library will sponsor this event on Tuesday, May 15 at 10 a.m. Enjoy a guided walking tour followed by lunch in historic Blackford Hall. Registration required, \$10 luncheon fee — cash only. Meet in the lobby of Cold Spring Harbor Lab, Grace Auditorium, 1 Bungtown Rd., Cold Spring Harbor, the day of the tour.

'The Adventures of Gingerella'

This whimsical theatrical production is opening at The Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing, on Friday, May 18. Written by artist Ginger Balizer-Hendler, the play is based on her book of the same name. Performance dates: May 18, 19, 25, 26 at 8 p.m. and May 20, and 27 at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at: <https://pwp.booktix.com/>. Info: (516) 241-7381

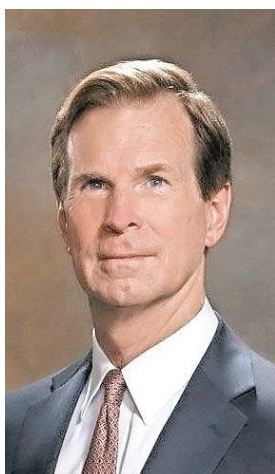


The Opioid Epidemic – How it Touches All Our Lives:

On Monday, May 14, at 7 p.m. Steve Chassman, Executive Director of LICADD presents an overview of the opioid epidemic. Learn about substance abuse and addiction, intervention strategies and treatment options. Presented by SAFE Glen Cove Coalition. City Hall Council Chambers, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove.

Art explorations at Hofstra University Museum

Set out with the kids on an "Artful Adventure," on Saturday, May 12, at 11:30 a.m., at Hofstra's museum. The program concludes for the season with this month's session. Museum educators will lead participants (ages 5-10) in a discussion about art and then guide visitors in a hands-on art project. Participants will take a walk through the blooming campus to explore the koi pond and then make a fun fish habitat. Registration is required. Info: (516) 463-5672 or www.hofstra.edu/museum.



From Princeton to Paradise: A literary conversation

On Saturday, May 12, at 3 p.m. Charles Scribner III will talk about his family's relationship with author F. Scott Fitzgerald and his own ties to "The Great Gatsby." The program is held in conjunction with the Nassau County Museum of Art exhibit, "Anything Goes: The Jazz Age." The price is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members. 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor, (516) 484-9338, www.nassauuseum.com.

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PSTA's Sunday night (casino) fever fundraiser

The Glen Cove High School PTSA Scholarship hosted a disco casino night fundraiser at the Glen Cove Mansion on April 29. Gaming tables including poker, black jack and craps kept attendees entertained as they raised money for the PTSA's various efforts.

After a cocktail hour with hors d' oeuvres and signature drinks, guests were treated to a buffet dinner, dessert and cash bar. There were also raffles and a sunset photo shoot.

KATIE PRIDENTE, NEAR right, Paul Carlson, Karen Ayala and Antonio Santana, play some rounds of craps.

AFTER AN EVENING of working hard for the money, Karen Martinez, top right, Debbi Patino and Adria Diaz danced to Donna Summers.

VOLUNTEERS MARIE RIVERA Hlatky, Jackie Vazquez, Irma Villafane, and Ingrid Yates worked the check-in table.



Photos by Tab Hauser/Herald Gazette

Meet the candidates for Board of Education

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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The candidates for trustee on the Glen Cove School District's Board of Education presented their visions and plans for the district at a forum in the high school auditorium on May 7.

Six candidates — three of them sitting incumbents — are vying for three open positions. Two of the challengers are longtime district administrators, now retired, and the third is a practitioner of holistic healthcare, himself an alumnus of the district.

Questions from the public were read aloud by moderator Judge Richard McCord, and touched on topics including district transparency, school safety, budget priorities, and civility among board members.

Voters can cast their ballots on May 15, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the back gym of the High School, or in the Connolly Elementary School gym.

To read the Herald Gazette's endorsement for the three open school board trustee positions, turn to page 24.



AMY FRANKLIN
(Incumbent)

AGE: 54

FAMILY: One senior, one graduate

YEARS IN THE DISTRICT: 25

EXPERIENCE: Accountant for the City of Glen Cove's finance department, former district and PTA treasurer, Board of Education president (2 years)



GAIL NEDBOR-GROSS
(Incumbent)

AGE: 62

FAMILY: Two graduates
YEARS IN THE DISTRICT: 37

EXPERIENCE: Thirty-five years of business and finance experience, former executive director of the G.C. Business Improvement District, Board of Education trustee (10 years)



MARIA VENUTO
(Incumbent)

AGE: 52

FAMILY: One fifth-grader (Landing), one eighth grader

YEARS IN THE DISTRICT: 19

EXPERIENCE: Executive director of an arts non-profit, recipient of the New York State School Board Excellence Award



MARY MURPHY
(Challenger)

AGE: 61

FAMILY: One senior, one graduate

YEARS IN THE DISTRICT: 36

EXPERIENCE: District special education director (28 years), GCHS special education teacher, trustee for the Ascent School for Autism



ROSE SEKELSKY
(Challenger)

AGE: 62

FAMILY: No children

YEARS IN THE DISTRICT: 29

EXPERIENCE: Connolly principal (24 years, retired), GCSO occupational education coordinator, GCHS business teacher



DANIEL RIOS
(Challenger)

AGE: 43

FAMILY: Second-grader (Deasy), fifth-grader (Landing), one graduate

YEARS IN THE DISTRICT: 43 (lifelong G.C. resident)

EXPERIENCE: Teacher's assistant, various schools for the deaf, instructor and personal trainer in holistic therapy

Lavine: Regulating PBMs 'a matter of fairness'

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"Basically we are at their mercy," Cantalino said. "Whatever they say goes."

The Herald Gazette contacted five independent pharmacies on the North Shore. Some said they could not comment for fear of reprisals by the PBMs with which they have contracts.

Sood's study found that on the whole, PBMs actually earn smaller profit margins from drug sales than most other players — pharmacies, manufacturers, insurance companies — and save insurers about the same amount of money that they make from manufacturer rebates. It also found that all stakeholders, except the manufacturer, earn higher profits on generic rather than branded drugs.

But according to Cantalino, the problem isn't merely that PBMs are profitable. It's that they profit off smaller pharmacies like his.

PBM's have the ability to audit independent pharmacies to make sure that their clients — insurance providers — aren't being subjected to frivolous claims. But in the case of Caremark, which is owned by CVS, that means local pharmacies are subject to audit by their competition, Cantalino said.

He gave several examples of audits that he described as "abusive." In most of these, the PBM said that he gave the patient too much medicine. But instead of recouping what the PBM deemed to be the appropriate amount for the claim, it simply refused to pay it altogether.

Auditors visit Cantalino on a weekly basis, he said, and a recent visit cost him \$14,000 in unpaid claims and fines. "They got us on their little rules," he said, recalling an instance when the PBM deemed the quantity of a tube of rash ointment — worth \$165 — to be "excessive," even though the doctor had written "large tube" on the prescription.

"They're coming more and more often," Cantalino said, adding that he frequently receives no warning that an auditor will show up. Pulling together the records for an audit takes time, as does sitting with the auditor and explaining the claims. "You just don't walk in here," he said, "and say, 'I want all these claims.'"

In 2015 testimony before the House Judiciary Committee, Natalie Pons, a lawyer for CVS Caremark, argued that the



Graphics by Christina Daly/Herald Gazette; Information courtesy Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
GOING TO THE pharmacy to fill a prescription might sound simple, but behind the scenes, it's anything but.

pressure that PBMs put on pharmacies is a balancing act. "We want [pharmacies] to buy [drugs] at lowest possible cost, but we also want them to get a fair margin," she said. By using the tools at its disposal to encourage the use of generic, rather than branded, drugs, Pons added, Caremark works "to get the best prices on behalf of our [insurance company] clients to help keep their premiums down for their mem-

bers and help keep costs affordable."

A state bill that passed the Assembly on March 5 would force PBMs to give two weeks' notice before an audit, establish a maximum number of randomly sampled claims in an audit, and restrict the time period of the random claims to two years. "It's a matter of fairness," said Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove who sponsored the bill and is a longtime client of Cantalino's.

The bill passed the Senate just before the end of session last year, and Lavine said he expected it to pass there again.

Regarding Caremark, Cantalino said, "I have a competitor who controls my destiny. I'm transmitting my claims, my patient data, to Caremark [CVS]. They know all my patients. They know what drugs my patients are taking." He said that on two occasions, the PBM used that data to poach his clients. "They automatically decided they were going to turn them into Caremark mail-order customers," without allowing them to opt in.

Pons said that a 2009 Federal Trade Commission investigation of the CVS merger with Caremark cleared the company of accusations of failing to adequately maintain a "firewall" between the two entities to protect consumers' personal information.

PBMs have been under scrutiny since the early 2000s, when business publications began running stories coining terms like "the Big Three" — Caremark, OptumRx and Express Scripts — and taking aim at a number of practices, including their lack of transparency, their monopolistic activities and, more recently, a gag order that prevented pharmacists from informing their clients about cheaper drug.

While there are several PBM reforms that Lavine wants to pursue, he said that smaller solutions are the most likely way to effect change. The smaller the scope of a bill, the easier it is to pass it. "Doing things more comprehensively is much more challenging," Lavine said. "There would be more stakeholders involved," which means a greater number of forces pushing legislators in different directions.

Cantalino also works as a consultant for unions and employers who offer insurance through their organizations. He said that the best way to get the best plans and the best rates is put them out for bid. "I have about 165 questions, to address fiscal issues, coverage quality and customer service," he said.

Even so, he refuses to do business with the PBMs he calls the "Big Three." Even if they were to offer a cheaper bid, he said, "I will never bring them to the table because I know the other [side of the story]. They got extremely wealthy by sucking money out of every American that takes the medication."



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

SANDRA BELZASTRO FILLED a customer's prescription at Glen Cove Chemist while owner Donald Cantalino went over some recent insurance claims.

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JACK KAFFL

Glen Cove Senior Lacrosse

THE LEADER OF the Big Red defensive group, Kaffl helped the team to a pair of important victories last week over New Hyde Park (9-8) and Great Neck North (15-0.) A three-year varsity starter and an All-Conference selection last spring, he totaled 11 groundballs, 13 take-aways and one goal in the two wins as Glen Cove moved to the .500 mark in conference games. His goal against Great Neck North on May 5 was his fourth of the campaign. Kaffl will play at the next level at Siena according to Big Red coach Steve Trippi.

GAMES TO WATCH

Thursday, May 10

Boys Tennis: Wheatley at North Shore 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11

Softball: Class AA quarterfinals at higher seed 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Class A quarterfinals at higher seed 4:30 p.m.

Boys Lacrosse: Kennedy at Glen Cove 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 12

Boys Track: North Shore Invitational 10 a.m.

Boys Lacrosse: North Shore at Bethpage 11 a.m.

Baseball: Class AA first round at higher seed TBA

Girls Lacrosse: Class B first round at higher seed TBA

Monday, May 14

Boys Lacrosse: Glen Cove at Roslyn 4:30 p.m.

Baseball: Class A first round at higher seed 4:30 p.m.

Baseball: Class AA quarterfinals at higher seed... 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15

Baseball: Class A second round at higher seed... 4:30 p.m.

Baseball: Class B semis Game 1 at higher seed. 4:30 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse: Class C first round at higher seed 4:30 p.m.

Boys Lacrosse: Oyster Bay at North Shore 4:45 p.m.

By J.D. FREDA

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With still one match remaining on its schedule, the Glen Cove Big Red tennis team has already secured the needed credentials to call itself conference champions.

Sitting at 12-1 on the year in Conference 3A, the Big Red collective has come together to pull out a few close matches and even make some look relatively easy. The secret to the success: senior experience.

"We have a whole lot of seniors that have been around for a bunch of years and have experience," head coach Chris MacDonald said.

Each of Glen Cove's singles players are all seniors with ample time playing varsity tennis under MacDonald and know the program and what is expected of them.

No. 1 Will Casale, has faced the top singles competitors all season long and has only succumbed to a handful of losses. On May 2, the only team that had blemished Glen Cove's impressive record, East Meadow, returned to face Glen Cove again. This time, Casale led the charge for the Big Red defeating Johnny McGrath 6-2, 6-1.

At second singles, Ryan Greenfield has had a highlight of a season, securing a 9-1 record and coming in clutch in a big matchup with Oyster Bay. "Greenfield won the match for us at Oyster Bay," MacDonald said bluntly. "If he lost, it would have opened up the opportunity for Oyster Bay to take it from us."

Greenfield beat the Baymen's Michael Biggiani 6-4, 6-2 to take the match for the Big Red.

At third singles, Brandon Kolonovic has also been impressive, bringing along key senior experience to this singles trio. Despite ample varsity playing time, both Kolonovic and Greenfield had never played tennis until picking up a racquet the first day of varsity practice in ninth grade.

Ninth graders making a huge difference for the Big Red right now are Alan Gansky and Luciano Tuo at first doubles. This freshmen pairing, like Greenfield at singles, has only one loss on the season and is a revelation for MacDonald at the 1st doubles position at such a young age. "They play great together and played great when winning our first Bethpage match-



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RYAN GREENFIELD HAS come a long way for the Big Red and is enjoying a big senior season at No. 2 singles for a team in the mix for a conference title.

up," MacDonald said.

The second doubles tandem of Ze Machaca and Jelson Bonilla are soccer transplants that really bring their familiarity with one another and similar athleticism to the court. Third doubles Matthew Tran and John Dong, along with the fourth pairing, Orton Ip and Christopher Williams, all have played important roles throughout.

Glen Cove is looking to cultivate further talent in the pipeline, expanding on its first annual youth tennis program just a year ago. "Last year we had third to fifth graders and about 50 kids. This year we

will have second to sixth and will cap it at 100," MacDonald said.

With MacDonald realizing the potential of this team, he was sure to tell his players that after their first loss in just the fifth match of the season, that they could control their own destiny.

"I told them 'Hey, if we win out from here we can control everything' and we worked hard enough to be able to do that," MacDonald said. Upon going into the playoffs, MacDonald just has one message. "Believe that you can do it."

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JP MORGAN, LEFT, along with Batman, Duane Lee, Andrew Pidduck and the biggest fan of them all, Taylor Adamczyk.

Glen Cove becomes Gotham for a day

As part of the Glen Cove 350th Anniversary celebration activities the group's History Committee partnered with Webb Institute to present a screening of the classic 1995 film "Batman Forever," starring Val Kilmer and Nicole Kidman. The screening was held on Sunday, May 6, at Webb Institute, which served as Wayne Manor in the movie. Participants had the opportunity to tour Webb Institute, see the movie and enjoy light refreshments and special surprises.

Movie makers have long used Glen Cove as their choice location. From classics like "North By Northwest," which

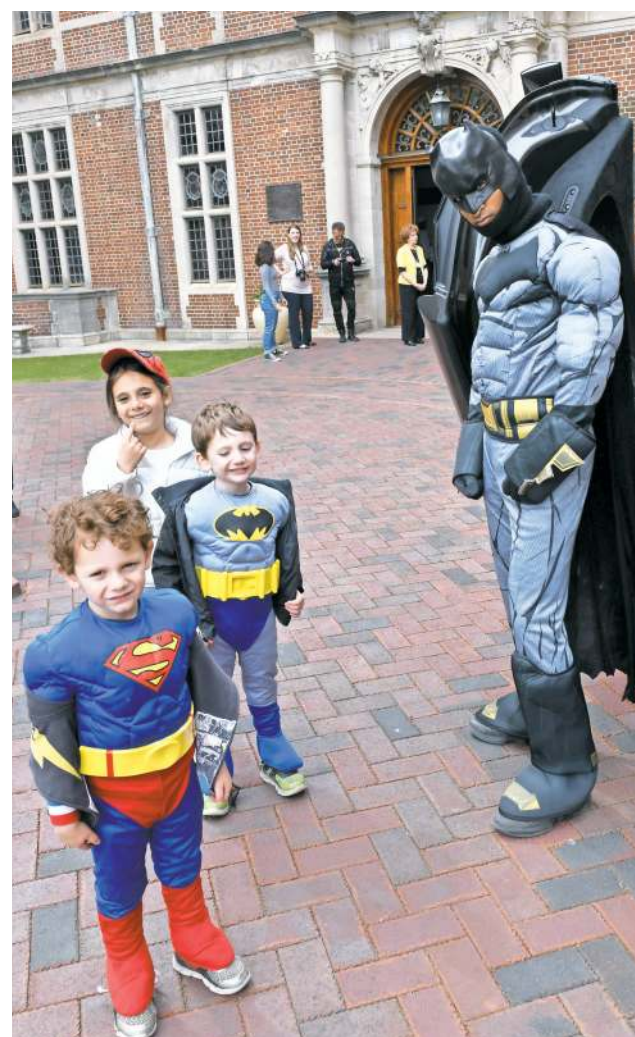
was filmed at the North Shore Historical Museum to the recent hit "The Greatest Showman" and the upcoming Adam Sandler movie, "The Week Of," producers appreciate the city's beautiful landscapes, mansions and local attractions.

Webb Institute is a unique, highly selective, full-tuition scholarship undergraduate institution specializing in naval architecture and marine engineering. Webb prides itself in 100 percent job placement for graduates, who are highly sought after by all segments of the marine industry.

— Zach Gottehrer-Cohen



LOCALS GATHERED FOR a screening of "Batman Begins" at Webb Institute, where part of the movie was filmed.



BATMAN WITH LIOR, Lielle and Brandon Dressler in front of "Wayne Mansion."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 10

Herbal walk and talk

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 11 a.m. The Herb Society of America will be host a walk and talk with stops at Sea Cliff's several parks led by resident Angus Towse. (516) 671-4290.

American Legion Post 76 meeting

Glen Cove Senior Center, second floor, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. (516) 676-1294.

Friday, May 11

Free health screenings

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nurses from St. Francis Hospital will provide free health screenings for individuals over 18, including blood pressure testing, a test for cholesterol and diabetes screening. Education and referral information will also be provided. (516) 676-2130.

Mah Jongg at the library

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Want to learn Mah Jongg or sharpen your skills? Master player Jacqui Palatnik will introduce you to the tiles and basic moves in this game of skill, concentration and strategy. Class size is limited; please register. (516) 676-2130.

Saturday, May 12

Moms in Prayer meet and greet

Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing, 3 to 5 p.m. Whether you're sending your little one off to kindergarten for the first time or have an empty nest, learn how you can give your child the gift of prayer from Moms in Prayer. For more information, contact Bonnie Watkins at (516) 671-1874.

Sea Cliff beach clean up

The Blvd, Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. Grab your friends, a rake and a pair of gloves and head down to the beach to beautify our sands just in time for summer.

Mother's Day cupcake holder

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 3 p.m. Paint colorful cupcakes on a large cake holder using enamel paints. Personalize it with your designs, then give it to mom so she can keep lots of special goodies inside. (516) 759-8300.

Tuesday, May 15

Budget vote and election

North Shore High School gymnasium, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

DIY 'whirlygigs'

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, Children love making their own brightly-colored "whirlygigs!" Whirlygigs are fun spinning toys that you design and make yourself using string, paper, markers, crayons and other materials. (516) 759-8300.

Yoga at the library

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Every Tuesday



Photos courtesy Metro Creative Connection

Treasure and Thrift Fair in Oyster Bay

The First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay, 60 E. Main Street, will hold its annual Treasure and Thrift Fair Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair offers an exciting selection of bargains, including children and adult clothing, toys, sporting goods, books/CDs/movies, collectibles, household items, small appliances, and furniture, homemade baked goods, and more. The church youth group will be selling hot dogs and soda for lunch. All proceeds benefit the Church's Mission Fund to aid the needy.

through June 5, yogi Rebecca Scaramucci will hold yoga classes. The cost is \$30 for the entire six-week session and is payable at the time of registration. Bring your own mat and water. Register in person at the Reference desk. (516) 676-2130.

Brushstroke calligraphy

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 6:30 p.m. The ancient technique of East Asian brush calligraphy is part art form and part meditation. In this presentation, you will learn how to grind ink, hold a brush, apply basic brushstrokes, and how to respect the "five treasures." Materials will be provided but you are also welcome to bring your own brush calligraphy kit. Registration requested. (516) 671-1837.

Thursday, May 17

Papercutting with Marcia Olsen

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 4 to 6:30 p.m. Learn the art of hand cutting paper into decorative design. All supplies included. Registration suggested. (516) 671-4290.

Music jam

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Bring your acoustic instrument and your voice, or just come listen to an old-fashioned music jam. (516) 671-4290.

What to do when dealing with the IRS

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Join us for a presentation by Jennifer Ann Wynne,

Wynne Law, P.C. discussing the various collection tools the IRS can use against taxpayers such as tax liens, levies, passport revocation, etc. You will also learn



Meet the Author

On Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m., author Anna Pitoniak discusses her impressive debut novel "The Futures." A book signing, Q & A and refreshments will follow the discussion. Copies of Pitoniak's book will be available for purchase. To register call the Information desk at (516) 676-2130. Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove.

what appeal rights taxpayers have and options to resolve tax debts such as payment plans, compromises, etc. The same issues with NYS will be included in the presentation. All welcome. Registration requested. (516) 671-1837.

Saturday, May 19

Foolproof Planting & Garden Know-How

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. The Seed Library at Glen Cove Library will put its new demo gardens to good use to show you the right way to plant tomatoes and peppers, and teach you about maximizing space in your own garden. Bring your own gloves and we'll provide the rest. (516) 676-2130.

Storytelling at the library

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 1:30 p.m. Each of us has a big life story made up of smaller ones. We invite everyone to come share their stories in this community-building program. Registration required (516) 671-4290.

Neighborhood garage sale

Highfield Road, Marietta Road, and La Marcus Avenue, Glen Cove, 9 a.m. Over 10 homes will participate in the garage sale. Come meet your friends and neighbors while shopping around.

Everything must go

16 Sherman Rd., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Huge three family garage sale, selling women and mens clothes, decorative pieces, shoes, toys, cookware, books and furniture. Rain date: May 20.

Sunday, May 20

Senior citizen prom

North Shore High School, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The North Shore Key Club will host its 11th annual Senior Citizen Prom. Join the fun with a DJ, raffle prizes, buffet and the selection of king and queen. RSVP to club advisor Julia Salat at (516) 603-3847.

Robotics garage sale

Faculty parking lot, North Shore High School, 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come support the North Shore High School Robotics Team. 10% of the proceeds will be donated to Guardian Angel. The team will be selling a variety of items donated by North Shore parents. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, a bake sale, and a demo of the team's robot.

Long Island Dog Festival

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Long Island Kennel Club welcomes families and their fur children to the festival, which celebrates all things canine, from impeccable show dogs and agility training to doggie diving and talent shows. For general information call (516) 378-9081.

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GRAND MARSHAL BILL Doherty presented a check for \$5,000 to representatives from St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

St. Patrick's pride pays off

The Glen Cove St. Patrick's Day Hibernian Parade Committee donated \$5,000 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Each year, the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade decides where he or

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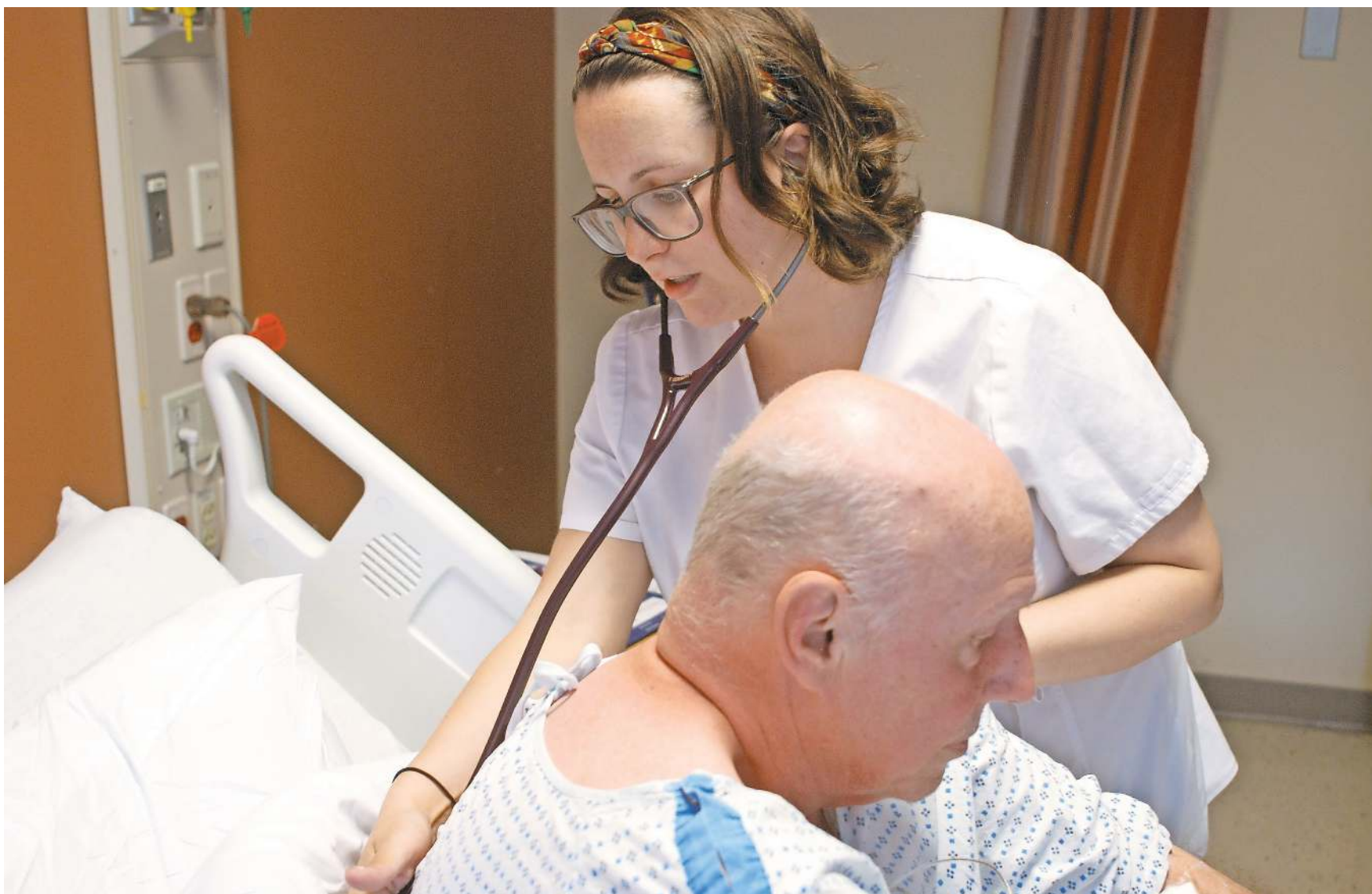
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KATHRYN GERAGHTY, A registered nurse in South Nassau Communities Hospital's geriatric wing, checked the lungs of John Bores, of Oceanside, who suffers from a heart condition.

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Help wanted: highly skilled nurses

Demand for RNs growing as baby boomers retire, age

By **SCOTT BRINTON, JAMES MATTONE, BRIAN STIEGLITZ and ZACHARY GOTTEHRER-COHEN**

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In South Nassau Communities Hospital's geriatrics wing on a recent Friday, the nurses' station in the center of the ward was a swirl of activity at midday.

Registered nurse Kathryn Geraghty, dressed in white, and Nurse Manager Joan Riggs, dressed in blue, were speaking intently with patients' families and doctors by phone and inspecting charts. Off to one side, Dr. Sue Penque, South Nassau's chief nursing officer and senior vice president for patient care, and Damian Becker, a hospital spokesman, stood taking in the scene.

Penque and Becker likened nurses to air-traffic controllers, coordinating a department's complex flight patterns as surgeons, physicians, residents, nutritionists, pharmacists, lab technicians, attendants, EMTs, police officers, custodians and visitors move about.

They are also the hospital's first-responders, the women and men who must hurry at a moment's notice to patients in distress, perhaps on the brink of death.

"Nurses are the core," remarked Penque, as she dodged orderlies pushing sophisticated diagnostic equipment through the brightly lit corridor. "You can't run a hospital without nurses. They're here 24/7."

South Nassau is able to meet its staffing needs, employing roughly a thousand nurses — 700 of them at the hospital's main campus in Oceanside and 300 at its



VANESSA DEJESUS, A maternity nurse at South Nassau, stopped by to chat with new mother Erin Colgan, of Long Beach, who was holding her 3-day-old daughter, Gianna.

other facilities spread across the South Shore.

Keeping up with demand for highly skilled nurses has not been easy for many hospitals, though. Long-term shortages have plagued the profession in the past, according to a 2016 study by the Center for Health Workforce Studies at the State University of New York at Albany. Demand is expected to become increasingly acute in the coming decades.

Celebrating nurses



This year, National Nurses Week, sponsored by the American Nurses Association, is taking place May 6 to May 12. This year's theme is "Nurses: Inspire, Innovate, Influence." For more, go to nursingworld.org.

The first baby boomers turned 65 in 2011, according to the Centers for Disease Control. The baby-boom generation, born between 1946 and 1963, was, until the millennials, the largest generation in U.S. history. As of 2014, there were some 76.4 million boomers, according to the census.

Never before has the U.S. seen such a large generation of people growing older. On top of that, exponential advances in medical technology are expected to keep boomers alive longer than previous generations.

By 2030, some 37 million boomers are expected to be living with chronic illnesses, from arthritis to dementia, the CDC says. Enter nurses. They will be responsible for providing the round-the-clock care that so many boomers will require.

As a result, the American Association of Colleges of Nurses is predicting a nationwide shortage of nurses, with the need for new nurses increasing by 16 percent by 2024. The nursing workforce is expected to jump from 2.4 million nurses currently to 3.2 million that year.

Keeping up with demand

Because New York colleges and universities, includ-

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MARTINE MARSAN, a nurse assistant manager at NYU Winthrop Hospital, left, consulted with one of her fellow nurses in the Ambulatory Surgical Unit/Post-Anesthesia Care Unit.



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AT MOLLOY COLLEGE'S Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing, student-nurses train on mannequins that can mimic sudden changes in a patient's condition.

Education is key to meeting demand

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ing Adelphi, Molloy, Hofstra and Nassau Community locally, have expanded their nursing education programs, the state is now in relative equilibrium, with slightly more nurses graduating than are now needed, according to the SUNY Albany study. New York has roughly 288,000 nurses across the state, the study states.

Colleges and universities are under increasing pressure to maintain or continue expanding their nursing programs, however. If New York's "current training and retirement patterns remain the same, the supply of nurses is expected to grow and continue to meet projected demand," the study states. "However, changes in the estimated number of nursing graduates or retirements could lead to nursing supply-and-demand imbalances" — that is, shortages.

Dr. Eileen Mahler, South Nassau's director of nursing education, noted that a number of New York's most experienced nurses are themselves baby boomers. At age 60, she is one of them.

"Over the next decade, there will be a number of nurses in that boomer range" who will retire, said Mahler, who has been on staff at South Nassau for four decades and earned her doctorate in nursing last year.

New York, she noted, might not see a gap in the number of nurses that it needs, as is likely to be the case in other states, but there could be an experience gap when thousands of boomer nurses retire.

"When I came out as a new graduate," Mahler said, "I learned from a nurse with 30 years of experience." She wonders how many such seasoned nurses will remain when the boomers leave the profession en masse.

Dr. Valerie Terzano, chief nursing officer at NYU Winthrop Hospital in Mineola, shares that concern. Over time, experienced nurses develop a "sixth sense"



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AT NASSAU UNIVERSITY Medical Center in East Meadow, nurses Marian Jacobs and Valerie Brown readied to escort a patient to a room.

that allows them to quickly react to patients' changing conditions, she said.

Technology advantage

Today's nursing students, though, have access to new learning technologies that previous generations did not.

At Molloy College's Barbara H. Hagan School of Nursing in Rockville Centre, mannequins simulate the radical physical changes that a patient might experience if a nurse were to miss a subtle sign of illness or make a wrong move. Simulation mannequins were first used in the 1960s, but they were crude by comparison to today's models. Fifty years ago, the mannequins more resembled those that one might encounter in a CPR class. Today they're loaded with sensors that allow

instructors to simulate real-life scenarios. Certain ones even change color or talk.

Dr. Marcia Gardner, dean of Molloy's nursing school, compared current mannequins to the highly advanced airline simulators that commercial pilots must practice emergency landings on. The goal, she said, is to improve nursing students' "critical thinking and clinical decision-making skills."

Kathy Skarka, senior vice president of patient care services at Nassau University Medical Center in East Meadow, said the technology training that younger nurses receive in college allows them to offer "a new perspective" when they enter the workforce, adding that she believes they will be able to adapt quickly in the modern era.

Specialty challenges

Still, it can be challenging to find nurses for demanding specialties such as perioperative care and emergency room medicine.

Theresa Criscitelli, assistant vice president for perioperative and special procedures at NYU Winthrop, said surgical nurses act as liaisons between patients, doctors and families, and are critical to ensuring that patients' needs are met, particularly when they are under the knife. In her role as an Adelphi faculty member, Criscitelli said she encourages nursing students to consider specializing in perioperative care.

It is a long road to become a surgical nurse, however. Criscitelli's students begin their training while in nursing school, in a class in operating room procedures that she teaches at Adelphi in January. After that, those interested in continuing spend 200 hours in an OR, observing and reviewing best practices. Then they must finish their classes and pass the National Licensure Examination to become a registered nurse, and complete a fellowship at NYU Winthrop, which is a rigorous, 10-month program that might lead, Criscitelli said, to a post in the hospital's surgical suite.

Hofstra University and Northwell Health have partnered on their new School of Graduate Nursing and Physician Assistant Studies, which will graduate its inaugural class this May. The program, said Dean Kathleen Gallo, prepares students for work immediately after graduation. All 28 graduates of the first class have already secured employment with Northwell, she noted.

Communication is key to nursing, said Kerri Scanlon, deputy chief nurse executive at Northwell Health's North Shore Hospital. She tells her staff, "You don't know when *you're* going to be in that bed. You need to treat that patient as if they were your mother, your sister, your brother, your child."

TPS termination erodes immigrants' trust

Sources say new policy is causing fear of police in the most vulnerable communities

By **RONNY REYES**

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Part five in an ongoing series.

Elise Damas, director of the Pathway to Citizenship Long Island Program at the Central American Refugee Center in Hempstead, says she is really worried about the possible end to the Temporary Protected Status program for El Salvadorans, Hondurans, Haitians, Nicaraguans and Guatemalans because it could lead to a rise in crime.

TPS gives certain immigrants from war-torn or weather-ravaged countries work visas and defers them from deportation action. The program's end, announced recently, could create nearly 10,000 new undocumented immigrants in the county when they lose their TPS status at the end of 2019. Damas said she believes the end of TPS, combined with a Nassau County Police Department policy of working with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, are eroding the trust immigrants have with police and causing fewer crimes to be reported.

"In trying to prioritize and comply with ICE, they're making communities less safe," Damas said.

Too afraid to seek help

Silvia Finkelstein, director of immigrant affairs for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, agreed, saying undocumented immigrants have grown afraid of law enforcement in the past year. While she and the Police Department stress the fact that undocumented victims and witnesses will never be questioned about their immigration status, fewer people have reported a crime to her office. Finkelstein said her office received more than 70 calls in 2016, but last year, she has only had three calls so far.

"We did have more people coming in-person than last year, but it was through church and community groups," Finkelstein said. "This means that people would rather reach out to their priests or community leaders than to police when they experience crime. There is a great reluctance to communicate with us."

"I don't plan on interacting with them anymore," Cecilia, a TPS holder who works on Hempstead Turnpike, said. She asked that only her first name be used. "I won't report anything."

With the termination of TPS, there has been an influx of scams targeting TPS holders, offering them help to become permanent residents, according to many immigration advocates and local officials. The district attorney's office says there have been recent arrests in those cases.

Finkelstein said the actions of the federal government, such as the sudden can-

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If you are arrested by an immigration officer:

Talk to a lawyer before signing anything or making a decision about your situation. If possible, carry with you the name and telephone number of a lawyer who will take your call. Immigration law is difficult. You may have options that immigration officers will not explain.

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You do not have to answer questions. You can

tell the officer that you want to consult a lawyer before talking. You may say, "I will remain silent until I speak to an attorney." You do not have the right to an appointed free lawyer, but you do have the right to hire one on your own.

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Source: New York Civil Liberties Union

celation of TPS, also give abusers tools to continue their crimes. While she would not comment on specific cases because of their sensitive nature, Finkelstein said Nassau has seen several incidents in which abusers and their families threaten to call police and ICE on their victims if they try to seek help.

"People see the undocumented population as the perfect victims because they think no one will help them," she said.

NCPD Assistant Commissioner Mariana Casas, who is in charge of community engagement for the NCPD, urged immigrants not to be victims.

She also said the cancelation of TPS

would undermine all the department's recent efforts to build positive relations with the county's residents. "It's wreaking havoc on local communities," Casas said. "And we're the ones dealing with the fallout. It's not us. It's the White House."

County officials have said that the NCPD would continue to police as usual, which would include working and complying with ICE. County officials added that they might be arresting former TPS holders who drive with expired licenses — which lapsed along with their TPS — despite acknowledging that these immigrants would not have many alternatives to get to work or buy food. Officials hope



Peter Belfiore/Herald

SILVIA FINKELSTEIN, DIRECTOR of immigrant affairs for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office, talked about the rising fear of law enforcement among immigrants at a conference in Oceanside earlier this year.

Congress can pass legislation to fix TPS before residents begin losing.

The county's policy of working with ICE has been the subject of controversy.

ICE detainees honored

CARACEN and a local, undocumented woman filed a lawsuit against Nassau over Policy 3610 last November. Hofstra Deportation Defense Clinic attorneys Emily Torstveit Ngara and Roni Amit, who are representing both CARECEN and Jane Doe in the suit, said that if NCPD continues to honor ICE detainers and warrants, Nassau's undocumented immigrants would be put in danger.

Former NCPD Deputy Commissioner John Haviken issued Policy 3610 in 2007, which outlines the department's procedure when arresting foreign-born defendants. It instructs officers to work with ICE, despite no federal or state law requiring them to do so. State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman recently reminded police chiefs across the state that local governments could face suits for complying with ICE warrants and detainers.

"New York state law says warrantless arrests can only be made when there is probable cause that the suspect has committed a crime," Amit said. "Nassau doesn't have the authority to do this, and Schneiderman has sided with similar arguments in previous cases."

Ngara and Amit argue that Nassau's policy violates state law and are seeking to have Policy 3610 declared unlawful. They said that since 2017, Nassau has honored all the ICE detainers that it receives. Amit explained that because Jane Doe is currently seeking political asylum, her request would probably be denied if she were detained by the NCPD and turned over to ICE, as requests for asylum while under detention have a statistically low chance of being granted.

Donna Zak, of the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County, said the county has handed over more than a thousand people to ICE. County officials would not comment because of pending litigation, but the county is asking that the suit be thrown out, arguing that it shows no proof of injury.



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EILEEN AND CHERYL Backus, above, sipped on a special batch of pineapple-jalapeno tequila, made by Alex Firoentino and Chef Howard Fry of Meritage Wine Bar.

MARIANN D'ABROSIO, LEFT, Alex Morra, Lisa and Alexa Sacchetta served up some popular pastries from St Rocco's Bakery.



VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

THE QUESTION:

What makes your Mom the best Mom in the world?



She is nice and sweet and gives me lots of hugs and kisses!

ABIGAIL BRUNSON
2nd Grade



She has a strong faith in God. She is kind, caring and respectful. She's a very good cook and cleaner. I really love her!

LEONARDO BURGOS
6th Grade



She takes me to do all the things I want to do and she helps me with my homework. She's going to try to help me get to the Olympics for gymnastics!

REBECCA KIGHTLINGER
1st Grade



She gives us a lot of gifts and is really nice. She lets us go places and let's me play Xbox, sometimes when I'm not even supposed to.

CHRIS BIONDI
3rd Grade



She gives me lots of things and lets me eat cupcakes and go on trips. And she bakes with me, especially brownie cookies! She really loves me!

ALEXIS LOEFFLER
3rd Grade



She'd die for me! She pays for my education, feeds me even when she's really tired and works really hard so that I can get a house when I'm older.

NATHANIEL DAROCHA
4th Grade

Small plates, big hearts

By **ALYSSA SEIDMAN**
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Foodies from all across the North Shore crowded the Glen Cove Mansion on April 30 for the Chamber of Commerce's annual Culinary Delights event. For over 20 years, the chamber has brought the best local restaurants, gourmet eateries, bakeries, and spirits purveyors under one roof to give residents a chance to feast on the best bites the community has to offer.

"For many people this is coming home," said chamber member Maxine Mayreis.

Walking through the gilded halls of the mansion during Culinary Events was like being a kid in a candy store: It hard to know which sweet to sample first. The air was sumptuously scented with flavors from all over the world, tempting the taste buds even before taking the first sample.

The offerings were varied and numerous. Guests were treated to authentic El Salvadoran papusas from El Tazumal in Glen Cove, flavorful gazpacho from Metropolitan Bistro in Sea Cliff, gourmet hors d'oeuvres from Gemelli's Market in Glen Head, house-flavored tequila from Meritage Wine Bar in Glen Cove, and sinfully good sweets from St. Rocco's Bakery in

Glen Cove.

"The tasting event originated with the chamber 21 years ago," said Mayreis, who has chaired Culinary Delights for over a decade. "The event was created with the purpose of allowing our great restaurants to showcase their wares, so that everybody could come and taste and sample and fall in love with them, and then patronize those establishments."

Creating an interface between merchants and consumers, diners are able to better appreciate where their food comes from. "It's a good thing for you to get to know who your artisans are," she said. "These are mom and pop hometown people, and they deserve our support."

She admits the event has come a long way in the last 20 years. "We started in the dining room of The Regency," she said. "We pushed all the tables to one side of the room and we charged \$15 a person."

Even so, there is a certain philosophy for the event that Mayreis said remains the same: "Eat until you explode, drink until you're blind and go home happy," she said.

Chamber president Lisa Cohn credited the continued success of the event to one simple fact: "People like to eat."

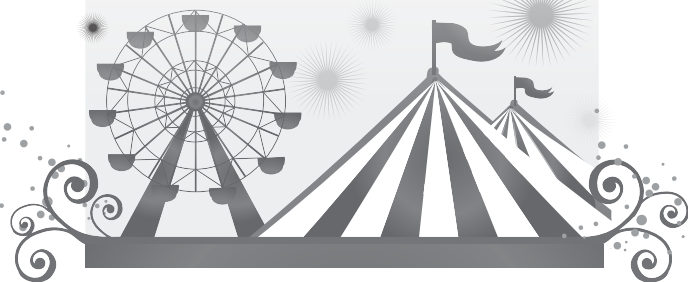
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Danielle Agoglia/Herald Gazette

THE OLD COLES School building will soon house another educational service, when Tiegerman's adult services program for people with developmental disabilities moves in next summer.

New special needs school could bring business to city

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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The new occupants of the old Coles School building — Tiegerman, a non-profit education organization that works with people with disabilities that affect their ability to communicate — will move into the property by next July, according to Dr. Ellenmorris Tiegerman.

"It's a very short timeline," Tiegerman said. "The renovations need to start this summer."

She added that she was grateful for the opportunity to continue the Cole School's legacy of education "I think there's a lot of heart and soul about that building because a lot of people in the community went to that school, and I think they'd like to keep it a school."

"Having gone to Coles School, I am overjoyed that it is remaining as an educational conduit," Councilman Joe Capobianco told the Herald Gazette in December, after the city voted to sell the building to Tiegerman for \$2.1 million.

Tiegerman already operates a pre-K and elementary school on Glen Cove Avenue, as well as a middle school in Woodside, Queens and a high school in Richmond Hill.

The new building would house a program for adults that will teach vocational retail skills that would give the students — who have trouble communicating in unfamiliar contexts — the practice they need to feel comfortable in a workplace. The program is done in partnership with retailers like Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger.

Beyond the sentimental aspect of the move, turning the building over to Tiegerman could help revitalize the area on Cedar Swamp Road. Joseph Geraci, Tiegerman's director of institutional advance-

ment, said that since they moved into the Glen Cove Avenue property, the surrounding area has been revitalized, and for that, he places some of the credit for that on the organization's "good neighbor policy." He added, I think [the city is] looking for us to do the same thing over there," on Cedar Swamp Road.

Patricia Holman, executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, said that Tiegerman had had an impact not only on the surrounding area, but on commerce in the city as a whole. "It's schools like this," she said, "and organizations like this that bring people to the downtown area."

The school doesn't just bring in students, Holman said. It brings in parents, too; parents who drop their kids off and then spend some time walking around the city, spending their money in local businesses and restaurants.

Holman recalled her own experience owning an antique shop on School Street and having parents from as far away as the Bronx shopping at her store while their son was evaluated for admission to the elementary school.

When the Herald Gazette went to interview Tiegerman in her office at the Glen Cove Avenue school, she had the book, "Miracles Happen," on her desk.

"Every day is a miracle here," she said. But after 33 years of working with children, she said the most powerful miracle is when a former student comes back to visit.

"What we started out with is not what we ended up with," Tiegerman said. "Here is this young man, or young woman who is going to work, getting married, having a family, going to college, having a life. We were part of that gift."

Danielle Agoglia contributed to this story.

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Action along the midway

The Empire State Fair settles in at Nassau Coliseum

Fair season has arrived — just as the warmer weather lifts our spirits. The Empire State Fair, which made its debut last summer, is back to kick things off.

Circus-type spectacle, including animal acts, plenty of thrill rides for all ages, and midway action are all a part of the extravaganza, which runs for 10 days, opening tomorrow.

For those who are still enticed by circus acts, Hansen's Spectacular Acrobatic Thrill Show is ready to dazzle fairgoers. It's a family affair for Shane Hansen, his wife Alecia and their three daughters, 14-year-old Olivia, 12-year-old Madison and 8-year-old Ella. They entertain everyone with their fast-paced act that includes high speed juggling, extreme hula hoops, Olympic trampoline stunts, and aerial acrobatics over 30 feet in the air.

And then there is that fair favorite — Swifty Swine's Racing Pigs, which delighted visitors to last summer's event. A mainstay of the fair circuit, all the way from the "great state of Texas," those pigs and their handlers will have fairgoers going "hog wild." Watch this group of potbellied speedsters sprint, oink and jostle their way around the track at "Pork Chop International Speedway" and cheer on your favored porker to win. Everyone has plenty of chances to see these hogs gone wild, since they do five races per day.

More animal antics can be found at the Commerford Petting Zoo, where kids can get up close and personal with a variety of exotic animals from across the globe — a favorite spot to take selfies. Kids can meet and greet the animals and even go for a pony ride.

The entertainment lineup also includes the Sea Lion Splash, a unique education show with a "splash." Both California and South American sea lions cavort around performing handstands, and show off



Courtesy Jean-Phillipe Photography

THOSE CROWD-PLEASING RACING pigs are off to the races.

their tricks as they balance balls and shoot hoops.

Or take in the watery antics of the Arctic Olympic Games High Dive Show. "It's really quite spectacular," says Empire State Fair Managing Director Michele Tartaglione. "You'll see high divers doing daredevil routines in a pool, diving off different boards of varied heights, including one that's 80 feet high." These daredevil divers perform Olympic-style dives and high dives with some comic flair.

Another attraction, the Batcopter, is sure to draw attention. For all those Batman fans in attendance, one of most famous helicopters of all time — N3079G, otherwise known as the

Batcopter from the '60s Batman TV series and the original Batman movie makes an appearance. Visitors can make their way up in the air on a sightseeing ride and check out the scene below.

And, of course, there are the rides. The carnival midway features over 100 rides and attractions, including a large

Kiddieland for younger visitors. From the thrilling roller coaster and the Cliffhanger to Dodge 'Em bumper cars, slides, and the large Ferris Wheel, there are enough rides to keep all ages having fun.

"Whether you like new thrills or old fashioned simple fun, such as the Tilt-a-Wheel, you'll find it all here," says Tartaglione. Once you

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HOLY SMOKE! IT'S the Batcopter!



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THE GIANT FERRIS Wheel commands attention throughout the fairgrounds.

have had your fill of the rides, check out the Midway and try your luck at one of the classical carnival games.

The fair offers plenty of fun to keep everyone amused for hours. "There's plenty going on that will keep all ages entertained," says Tartaglione. "Wholesome family fun is tremendously important to us. "We're a family business and we are thrilled to have branched out from New Jersey to Long Island. Our goal is to provide quality, affordable family fun. That's what we specialize in."

Stop on by and see for yourself.

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IN CONCERT Oleta Adams

The soulful chanteuse shares her evolving musical odyssey on her current concert tour. She continues to inspire her growing legion of fans — in both the U.S. and internationally — with journeys of the heart through her songs and her eight CDs. She draws deeply from her roots in gospel, while crossing effortlessly into the realms of soul, R&B, urban, and popular music. Adams first came to the attention of the music world with the runaway success of her 1990 Platinum debut album "Circle of One." It included the impassioned hit single, "Get Here," the Brenda Russell composition that became the unofficial anthem of the 1991 Gulf War. Her



WEEKEND Out and About

concert will include songs from her most recent CD "Third Set," along with other tunes that highlight her seemingly bottomless well of creative energy. *Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m. \$58, \$48, \$38. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (631) 698-9696 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.*

ON STAGE Eglevsky Ballet's Cinderella

It's all about the right shoe...or glass slipper in this case. Eglevsky Ballet's Executive Artistic Director Maurice Brandon Curry has put his stamp on a new version of the beloved ballet, set to Sergei Prokofiev's jubilant lush score. Curry takes this timeless tale and sets it in the 1950s in this production, which offers a modern take on an old story. Eglevsky's Ali Paige Block, based in New York City, dances the role of the title character. See how Cinderella meets her Prince



Charming and reaches her "happily ever after" moment in the premiere of this refreshed ballet, which includes guest dancers from the renowned troupe Les Ballets Trockadero. *Saturday, May 12, 1 and 6 p.m. \$61, \$51, \$41. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.*

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage

Indigo Girls

The folk-rock music duo in concert, Thursday, May 10, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

An R&B Mother's Day

The Whispers, The Dramatics and Lenny Williams in concert, Friday, May 11, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Jack O'Neil Quartet

The tenor-saxophonist and his ensemble in concert, Friday, May 11, 8 p.m. With Al MacDowell, piccolo/electric bass, pianist Vinny Loccisano, drummer Bob Leto, and vocalist Paige Patterson. Program includes jazz standards and original compositions. Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.



Pat Travers Band

The blues rockers in concert, Friday, May 11, 8 p.m. With special guests the Mark Newman Band and Kerry Kearney. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Precious Little

Madeline George's comic play about love, language, memory, culture and commitment, Friday and Saturday, May 11-12, 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

The Fab Four

The acclaimed Beatles tribute band in concert Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Jim Breuer

The Valley Stream-raised comedian continues his residency, in "Comedy, Stories & More," with special guest Joe Sib, Saturday, May 12, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Jack Kohl

The pianist in concert, Sunday, May 13, 1-3 p.m. Coe Hall, Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.

Long Island Baroque Ensemble

The ensemble performs "The Magic of the Madrigals," Sunday, May 13, 3 p.m. Program includes cherished Italian, French and English songs performed by a vocal



Fab Faux

The Fab Faux brings their acclaimed tribute to the Fab Four to The Space, on Saturday, May 19, at 8 p.m.

With a commitment to the accurate reproduction of The Beatles' repertoire, the band — featuring "Conan" show bandleader Jimmy Vivino and legendary bassist Will Lee — treat the seminal music with unwavering respect, and are known for their painstaking recreations of the songs (with emphasis on the later works never performed live by the Beatles).

Rounding out the ensemble are lead-singing drummer/producer Rich Pagano, guitarist Frank Agnello and keyboardist-guitarist Jack Petruzzelli. All five principals contribute vocals, making the Faux's soaring harmonies as resonant as their multi-instrumental chops, which are further enhanced with special guests the Hogshead Horns (with Blues Brothers, Blood, Sweat & Tears and SNL band alums) and the Creme Tangerine Strings.

Tickets are \$89.50, \$79.50, \$59.50; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury.

quartet with lute accompaniment. Christ Church, 61 E. Main St., Oyster Bay. (212) 222-5895 or www.libaroque.org.

Alice Howe and Freebo

The acclaimed bass player/singer-songwriter Alice Howe, presented by the Folk Music Society of Huntington's Hard Luck Cafe series, Thursday, May 17, 8:30 p.m.; open mic at 7:30 p.m. Sky Room Cafe, Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Blackberry Smoke

The country rock band in concert, Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m. With special guests Tyler Bryant & the Shakedown. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.



Cirque du Soleil

The inventive circus troupe returns to Long Island with their "Big Top" show "Volta," Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, May 18-19, 4:30 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 20, 1:30 and 5 p.m. Through June 10. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.tickmaster.com or www.nassaucoliseum.com.

Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.



The Oak Ridge Boys

The country-gospel vocal quartet in concert, Thursday, May 17, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Singin' in the Rain

Musical adapted from the 1950s MGM movie musical, Thursday and Friday, May 17-18, 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 19, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, May 20, 2 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

For the Kids

Eat Up: What's Cookin' in the Gardens

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



Butterfly Workshop

Discover the life cycle and anatomy of butterflies and learn how they use their unusual senses to find food, with the Science Museum of Long Island, Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m. Take home a caterpillar and watch it change into a beautiful adult. For grades 2-6 Registration required. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Studio Saturday

Families are invited to drop by the Manes Center to create projects inspired by the art on view in the current exhibition, Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Spend up to an hour exploring a range of materials, techniques, and themes. Free with admission; no reservations needed. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Snacks and Stories

Enjoy some favorite stories with some snacks, Tuesday, May 15, 6 p.m. For ages 3-5. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Steam Storytime

Design and create a whirlygig, Tuesday, May

15, 4 p.m. For grades K-2. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Museums/Galleries and more...

Between the Lines

A solo exhibition by Barbara Grey. Mixed media works (watercolor, pen, ink, oil pastels) are on view, inspired by the landscapes of New Mexico. Through May 27. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

The Age of Tiffany:

Between Nouveau and Deco

An exhibition that places Tiffany within the context of other decorative art from the Heckscher Museum's permanent collection. Through July 22. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

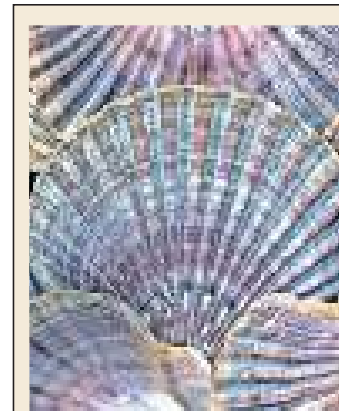
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-Mother's Day Celebrant



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(Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow, etc.) all of which come together to show the tragic and avoidable aftermath of the American Civil War, when the rights of freed black men and women were taken away by greed, cowardice and malfeasance. After Lincoln's assassination, efforts were made by some to right the wrongs of slavery but to little avail. It was not until 1964 when Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act did the protections purposed 100 years before came into effect. The individual tales of the heroes and villains that made up the famous "team of rivals" make for a fascinating, albeit troubling read. Highly recommended!
Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

Dear Resolute Reader,
I just finished reading a wonderful book: "After Lincoln," by A.J. Langguth. I think you will enjoy and find much in it to discuss. The book is divided into 20 chapters, each devoted to one character (Charles Sumner; Rutherford B. Hayes, etc.) or topic

OBITUARY

Irene Helen Truitt

Irene Helen Truitt, 89, of Glen Cove, formerly of Oakdale, died on April 25, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Ralph "Grandpa," and former wife of the late Charles E. Yold (proud WWII Veteran of US Navy); loving mother of Christine Warner (Gregory), Jeanne Skripkin (the late Mikhail) and Laraine Palmere (Donald); dear sister of Mary Beach; proud grandmother of Andrew John Warner, Arianne Irene Gardner, Armin Carlton Warner, James David Palmere, Jeremy Matthew Palmere and Anya Grace Skripkin; special great-grandmother of Mikey, Rowan, Brennan, Aoife, Alex, Maeve, Veronica, Vivian and George. She is also survived by her niece Jennifer and nephew Stephen "Holby". Irene attended St. Raymond's Grammar School, Cathedral High School and Hunter College. On May 8th, 1945, Irene and her classmates processed up 5th Avenue in NYC to St. Patrick's Cathedral while singing "Te Deum" in celebration of V-E Day,

the end of WWII in Europe. She also helped in establishing the East Islip Public Library. She enjoyed summer vacations boating on the Great South Bay with her family. She will be greatly missed. A visitation was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral Mass at St. Patrick RC Church. Interment is private.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE

GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
GLEN COVE, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for the qualified voters of the Glen Cove City School District, Glen Cove, New York, will be held in the following locations:

School Election Districts

A, B, C

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Location of Polling Place

High School, Dosoris Lane, Back Gym

Connolly School, Ridge Drive - Auditorium

in said district Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by voting machine upon the following items between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time.

PROPOSITION 1 - SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of said school district for the fiscal year 2018-19 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBER(S)

To elect three (3) members of the Board of Education of said School District as follows:

A. Three (3) members to be each elected for a term of three (3) years, commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.

B. AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of voting at such meeting, on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, the polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time to vote upon such proposition(s) by voting machine.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 02, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove High School Auditorium, Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York prior to the regular Board of Education meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing time with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, on or before Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing time. Such petition must be directed to the District Clerk; must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district; must state the name and residence of the candidate.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS

HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the main office of each of the school buildings of the district and the office of the District Clerk in the Administration Building during the school year, and only in the Office of the District Clerk during the summer months of July and August. The final date to register for the annual meeting to be held on May 15, 2018 is Tuesday, May 1, 2018. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Education, and has voted at any Annual School District Election and Budget Vote or special district meeting within the last four (4) years (2014), or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. Any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed on such register, provided that he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk, and the Board of Registration to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote for which the register is prepared and that the register so prepared pursuant to Education Law and the registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District Clerk of the Glen Cove School District, in the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on and after Tuesday, May 1, 2018, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday and Sunday, including the day set for the meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Registration of the District will also meet from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on May 15, 2018, at each of the polling places to prepare the register for meetings and elections held subsequent to such annual meeting or election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the election of a school board member and proposition(s) may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk at the Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time on any school day. However, such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter's ballot shall be canvassed unless it is received in the office of the District Clerk of the said School District no later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, during regular office hours until the date of the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes may be obtained by any resident in the district upon request on May 1, 2018, and during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding such Annual School District Election and Budget Vote at the Administration Building - 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove High School - Dosoris Lane, Robert M. Finley Middle School - Forest Ave., Deasy School - Dosoris Lane, Gribbin School - Walnut Road, Landing School - McLoughlin Street, and Connolly School - Ridge Drive, Glen Cove, New York during regular school hours; and on the Glen Cove schools website (www.glen Cove.k12.ny.us).

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with the rules adopted pursuant to 2035 of the Education Law, any qualified voter may have a proposition or an amendment placed upon the ballot, provided that such amendment (a) be typed or printed in the English language; (b) that it be directed to the District Clerk of the said School District; (c) that it be submitted to the District Clerk no less than sixty (60) days preceding the date of the Annual School District Election and Budget Vote, i.e. no later than Friday, March 16, 2018, 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, at the District Office, Administration Building, 154 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, New York; and (d) that it be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the district. However, the school board will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition for the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Real Property Tax Exemption Report prepared in accordance with Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law will be annexed to any tentative/ preliminary budget as well as the final adopted budget of which it will form a part; and shall be posted on District bulletin board(s) maintained for public notices, as well as on the District's website. Dated: Glen Cove, New York
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF GLEN COVE PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Planning Board on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y., when all interested persons will be given an opportunity to express their views on the following applications:

The Continued Public Hearing will be on the application of Glen Cove 2017, LLC (Contract Vendee), which seeks Site Plan approval for the construction of a three-story, 108,000 square-foot Self-Storage Facility on vacant land located at 30 Sea Cliff Avenue, Glen Cove, N.Y. on the north side of Sea Cliff Avenue west of Pratt Boulevard in the I-2 Light Industrial District, as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 21, Block H, Lots 37, 273, 314 & 320, in accordance with the Glen Cove Building Zone Ordinance & Map. Dated: May 2, 2018
BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
THOMAS SCOTT,
CHAIRMAN
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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF GLEN COVE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals on Thursday May 17, 2018, at 7:30 pm, at the Council Chambers, City Hall, 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, N.Y. when all interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views on the following applications:

Case # 3 - 2018
14 Glengariff Drive Glen Cove
Applicant proposes to construct a screened in porch with less than the required rear yard setback. Applicant is proposing 12.98 ft. when 25 ft. is required. The structure also extends above the sky plane exposure. This property is located in the R-2 Residential Zoning District as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 79, Lot 5. Case # 4 - 2018
22 Lincoln Place, Glen Cove
Applicant proposes to maintain a finished basement resulting in a floor area ratio (F.A.R.) of 41% when 30% F.A.R. is permitted. Said property is located on a non-conforming lot. With a lot area of 6,250 sq.ft. when 6,500 is required. This property is located in the R-3A Residential Zoning District as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 31, Block 15, Lot 268. Case # 5 - 2018
298 Crescent Beach Road, WEBB Institute

The applicant is proposing the construction of a new academic center with greater than the allowable land coverage. Applicant is proposing 7.11% land coverage when 4.0% is the maximum allowable. This property is located in the

N.S. Soup Kitchen to hold fundraiser

The North Shore Soup Kitchen volunteers are holding a fundraiser on Thursday, May 31 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Shelter Rock Road in Manhasset. The event will raise money to support the community organization, which is the only soup kitchen on Nassau County's North Shore.

The event includes a light supper, catered by Elegant Affairs, music by Alibi, and irresistible raffles. Most importantly, it is the community's opportunity to make a difference for some of Long Island's most vulnerable children, families and individuals.

Make a reservation by visiting www.uucsr.org/soupkitchen. To make a contribution, send a check payable to North Shore Soup Kitchen and mail it to the organization, P.O. Box 168, Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542.

-- Compiled by Alyssa Seidman



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PUBLIC NOTICES

R-1A Residential Zoning District as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 22, Block 801, Lot 73
Dated:
BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD
May 4, 2018
OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
DONNA M. MCNAUGHTON,
CHAIRPERSON
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District as shown on the Nassau County Land & Tax Map as Section 22, Block 801, Lot 73
Dated:
BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD
May 4, 2018
OF ZONING APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE
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Federal Regulations. These determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to adopt or show evidence of having in effect to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. For more information on the proposed flood hazard determinations and information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, please visit FEMA's website at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/bfe, or call the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627). 95470

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OPINIONS

If we make peace with North Korea . . .

It is premature to predict that the upcoming summit between President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will produce any breakthroughs, like North Korea's elimination of its nuclear arsenal. After all, it has promised to do so before and then gone back on its commitment, all the while building its offensive nuclear capability.



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But let's assume for a moment that a miracle does happen, and Kim finally comes to his senses and decides to denuclearize. Given Trump's previous hard line — and the serious skepticism of his national security team, led by new Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and new National Security Adviser John Bolton — there's only one way such an agreement should be acceptable to the U.S.: It would have to impose ironclad enforcement and verification requirements, including stringent international inspections to guarantee that all nuclear weapons and long-range missiles are destroyed and no new ones are built in their place.

That's a tall order indeed, and one that may well elude the Trump administration.

Yet should a viable denuclearization agreement with North Korea come to pass — and particularly if it leads to a peace treaty that finally and formally ends the Korean War, 65 years after it ended in bitter stalemate — it would represent an enormous diplomatic success. That might open the door to other denuclearization agreements that could follow the implementation template it lays down.

Let's start with Iran. It too pledged to suspend its nuclear program in exchange for relief from punishing international sanctions, such as North Korea repeatedly promised and failed to do. And like North Korea, Iran's previous actions offer little credible evidence that it will keep any commitment to actually give up its nuclear capability. In fact, the current nuclear deal with Iran is so full of holes and blind spots that Trump is right to insist that unless it is strengthened with real enforcement and inspection mechanisms, it will be scuttled by the U.S.

The recent intelligence trove of Iranian nuclear documents uncovered and released by the Israeli government confirm this hard reality. The Iranians have cheated on nuclear arms issues before and can be assumed to be cheating now — and to cheat again in the future — without

constant international monitoring and oversight.

There's precious little time to correct the deep flaws in the current agreement before the president must recertify continued U.S. participation in this deal. But suppose the U.S. firmly communicates to Iran's ayatollahs what Trump essentially said to Kim: Give up your nuclear ambitions and stop threatening your neighbors with nuclear holocaust (and in Iran's case, stop exporting terror) or you, too, will face the fire and fury of a determined America. Change your ways or the U.S. will lead a punishing quarantine of your country, reimposing harsh sanctions, including squeezing off revenue from Iranian oil.

If our Western allies are serious about containing Iranian nuclear capability and terrorist activity, a successful North Korean nuclear agreement could produce major leverage to finally bring Iran to heel. A deal with Kim would send a powerful signal to Iran to rethink its own nuclear ambitions.

And that brings us to Russia, which has cast its lot with Iranian and Syrian aggression and also threatens to restart a hugely expensive and expansive nuclear arms race with the U.S. A successful denuclear-

ization summit with North Korea, followed by a meaningfully strengthened international nuclear agreement with Iran, would make it clear to Russia that sparring with the U.S. over nuclear weapons supremacy is a losing proposition. Just like the old Soviet Union finally recognized the futility of a nuclear arms race with us, Russian President Vladimir Putin's regime would be well advised to avoid one today.

If North Korea and Iran can ultimately be made to see the light on nuclear proliferation, why not offer an opening to Russia to do likewise? It is unfortunate that the endless Russia probe in the U.S. stymies any moves to reopen arms-reductions negotiations between the two countries. Current estimate peg the cost of updating the U.S. nuclear force at over \$1 trillion. And if the U.S. and Russia make good on plans to continue building new nuclear forces to counter each other, the cost could run to billions more. That's money that Russia could use to strengthen its own shaky economy and the U.S. could use to rebuild crumbling infrastructure here.

So yes, a Korean-Iranian-Russian nuclear arms triffecta may be a long shot, but it's worth the bet.

Al D'Amato, a former U.S. senator from New York, is the founder of Park Strategies LLC, a public policy and business development firm. Comments about this column? ADAmato@liherald.com.

The liar calls the killer an 'honorable' man

He is the boogeyman in our worst nightmares. Kim Jong-un, absolute ruler, Dear Leader and beloved father of North Korea, is the 30-something tyrant who inherited his seat of power from his father and his grandfather before him.

He rules a rogue nation that presents a real and present danger to our security.

Since his ascension to power, Kim has revved up testing of nuclear weapons, threatened our leaders, sanctioned the torture of American prisoners and kept his people in an unrelenting death grip.

President Trump has hurled epithets Kim's way and belittled his

manhood, but that was before. In a bizarre turnabout, Trump is now holding out an olive branch, promising to meet with the dictator in the interest of world peace. Two weeks ago, the president called the dictator an "honorable" man. We know the president is a proven liar, but calling the North Korean madman "honorable" is a whopper.

North Korea has a population of more than 25 million people who are held under rigid control by a national policy of terror;

famine and secrecy. The story of a hermit kingdom seems incredible, not possible in this day and age of smartphones and the internet, but the truth of life in North Korea is worse than we can imagine.

How do we get to this truth? By reading fiction, of course: the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Orphan Master's Son," by Adam Johnson, a writer who *can* imagine life in Pyongyang and beyond.

Think of blurring boundaries — the boundary at the 38th parallel that has kept families separated, and ignited conflicts including the Korean War, in 1950, and other boundaries, like the soft edge where truth seeps into fiction, and the other edge, where fiction imagines the hard facts that can't be verified. The boundary where a child's love for his parents is subordinated to his devotion to the state, and the boundary where a husband's devotion to a wife turns into a self-serving need to denounce her.

Johnson explored these boundaries in his 2013 novel, which recounts the lives of a small group of people living under the regime of Kim Jong-il, the father of Un. The book has four narrative voices, moves back and forth in time and features two characters with the same name. Johnson went to North Korea as part of his exten-

sive research. He got permission for only a one-week stay, during which he was escorted 24/7 by minders who controlled and limited his access. What he did notice: no mail service, no fire trucks and, strangely, no wheelchairs. How are disabled people

cared for, or aren't they?

The author said that the most bizarre elements of his novel are not the things he invented; they are the atrocities that actually occur in North Korea. People do not go to prison; they go to labor camps, where they work until they die. Stupid Americans, the Korean leaders say. Why put people in prison and feed them when they do nothing in return? Why not work them nearly to death and then drain their blood for medical transfusions?

Criminal acts against the state include speaking to a foreigner, or not hanging a picture of the Dear Leader over one's doorway, or not tuning into the constant propaganda piped out to the populace over loudspeakers. Starvation isn't considered justification for taking a fish from a pond or a chestnut from a tree. People are routinely swept off the streets and sent to the countryside to work in the fields. In Johnson's book, all old workers are sent to a "beach resort" for their retirement, although no one ever hears from them again.

Let's assume for a minute that a miracle does happen, and North Korea does come around.

President Trump has belittled Kim Jong-un's manhood, but that's all in the past now?



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Since the book's publication, we've learned that Kim Jong-un killed his uncle to consolidate power, and had assassins kill his half-brother in the Kuala Lumpur airport by wiping a nerve agent on his face.

According to Adam Johnson, human decency is nearly extinct in North Korea, destroyed by decades of deprivation and fear that have left the population unable to feel anything they aren't told to feel.

The state-approved AP coverage of the public mourning of Kim Jong-il in 2011 was a revelation. Millions and millions of people seemed truly grief-stricken, sobbing in the streets, beyond consolation, bereft of their fatherly leader. That is what total isolation, information control, torture and brainwashing can do to a nation.

Johnson said he wrote his book for the people of North Korea, to tell their story and give voice to the silent screams coming from north of the 38th parallel.

Poised as we are at this moment, in the weeks before a Trump-Kim meeting, the ends may actually justify the means. If Trump can secure a complete denuclearization of North Korea, with oversight and ongoing verification in place, I say bravo. It doesn't make him less of a liar or make Kim less of a monster. But it could give peace a chance, and that passes for encouraging news these days.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Vote 'yes' on Glen Cove's school budget

The Glen Cove School District has gone above and beyond to show taxpayers what their money is being spent on. Each month, members of the public, and the press, are invited to hear the head of an academic or administrative department explain their role in the district's ecosystem. So far, we've liked what we've seen and for that and several other reasons, we support the \$68 million adopted budget for the 2018-19 school year.

We are pleased that the spending plan — 2.6 percent larger than the current budget, with an increase in the tax levy of 1.9 percent — has a clear emphasis on self-directed learning, and includes an extra salary for a new science, technology, research, engineering, arts and math — STREAM — librarian, which will help students apply those skills outside the classroom, of their own volition and on

topics that inspire them.

The history curriculum shows tremendous depth. Students are asked to analyze primary sources to decide whether prevailing narratives could be wrong. The science curriculum calls on teachers to step back and let students' hands-on, minimally guided experimentation lead to insight.

We are also excited about the district's initiative to replace one social worker with a psychologist. The factors that impact the developing emotions of our children are growing more complex every year, and more support to help them cope will go a long way toward teaching those students who most need it to be kind to themselves, and to one another.

Acknowledging the demands of district parents — and students themselves — to shore up the security of Glen Cove's school buildings, the Board of Education

and the district administration have acted quickly to begin the process of upgrading them. The \$250,000 in security measures in the budget will fund necessary improvements, like screening vestibules, to be put in place at all of the schools by the start of the next academic year.

In addition, the board's bond committee is moving quickly to determine what facilities improvements the district needs. Members were expected to present their findings and suggestions at a public meeting on Wednesday, after the Herald Gazette went to press. Bond repayments could cut into future years' budgets, and voters should raise their concerns at upcoming school board meetings. In the meantime, we urge them to approve the budget.

For trustee, Venuto, Sekelsky and Franklin

The Herald Gazette is endorsing Maria Venuto, Rose Sekelsky and Amy Franklin, the standout candidates for the three open seats on the Glen Cove Board of Education. We believe they are best suited to the job.

Venuto, an incumbent, responded to question after question with a fresh approach, prescribing specific examples of creative solutions to the challenges the district faces. She is sharp as a tack, refreshingly candid and appears to have a good sense of humor, all assets she could use to defuse the tension between the board and the public as well as the faculty, and sometimes among the trustees themselves, which is occasionally seen at school board meetings.

With eighth- and fifth-grade children, Venuto will be a district parent for at least seven more years, making her the only qualified candidate with a vested interest in the district's success that lasts beyond next year.

Although she has served only one term so far, she has already earned an award for excellence from the State Association of School Boards, and we trust she will continue to bring that excellence to Glen Cove in the future.

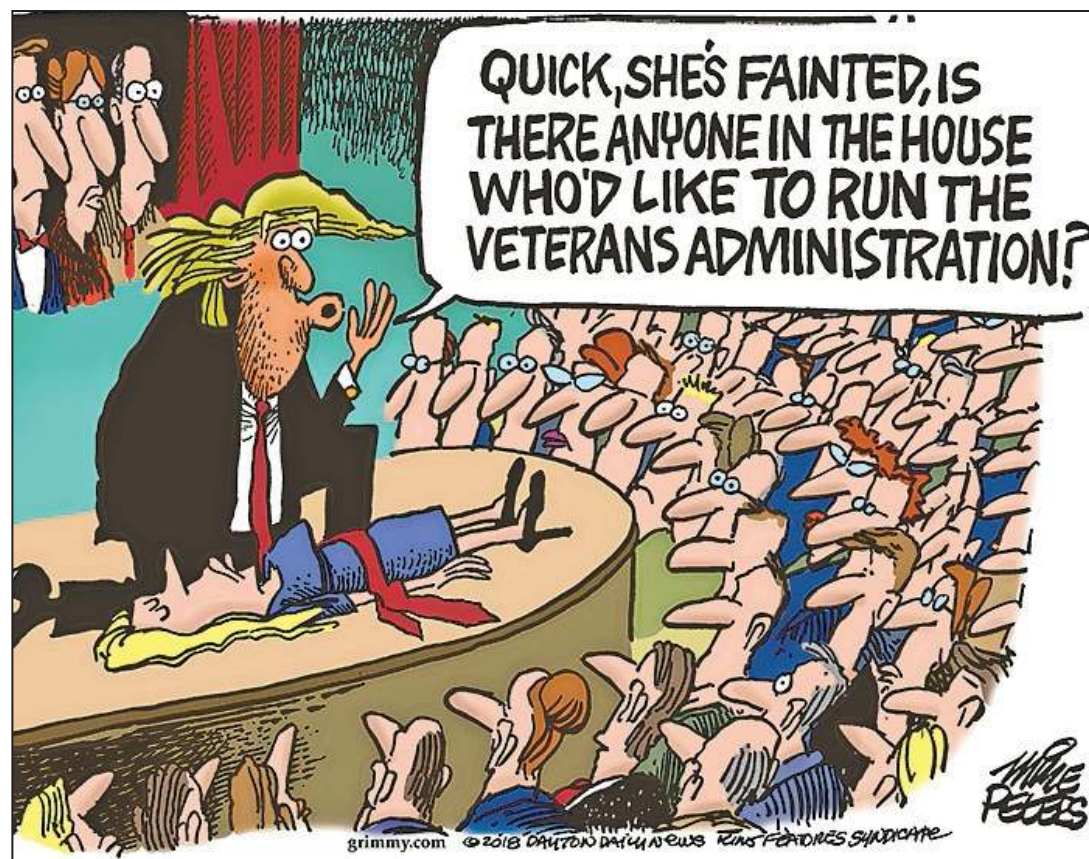
Although Sekelsky has no children herself, she spent 24 years before retiring as the principal of Connolly School, where she has acted *in loco parentis* to about half of all the students in the district over the past two and a half decades.

She worked with the board and the superintendent to craft an effective budget for her school. We believe that experience will make her an effective watchdog,

sitting on the other side of the table — more effective at finding fat to cut, because she has a better idea of where to look for it. The wisdom of a seasoned educator on a board otherwise devoid of career educators would be a welcome addition.

Three of the four remaining candidates could capably fill the board's third open seat. Amy Franklin has run the district well as school board president for the past two years; Mary Murphy, now

retired, who used to head the district's special education program, has an insider's perspective, and Gail Nedbor-Gross, a board trustee for 20 years, knows how to cut through nonsense and ask the right questions. But given her experience as a municipal accountant and the firm yet genial manner in which she has run board meetings thus far, we give the nod to Franklin, and urge voters to show her — and Venuto and Sekelsky — their support on Tuesday.



OPINIONS

Journalism might be bruised, but it lives

I was hurrying on Broad Street in Philadelphia on April 22, headed to Temple University, when I happened upon a terrifying sight. It was early morning, with orange sunlight slanting in from the east. I hadn't expected to come upon the former Philadelphia Inquirer office, an 18-story, off-white skyscraper that stretches upward like a church spire, topped by an imposing Romanesque dome. But there it was, a lifeless shell of its former self.



SCOTT BRINTON

I was in the City of Brotherly Love for a Society of Professional Journalists regional conference. Clearly, the Inquirer needs a little love.

The paper once boasted a circulation of nearly 650,000 on week-

days and more than 900,000 on Sundays at its height in 1968. It's still alive — thank goodness — but its circulation is a third of what it once was, according to Philadelphia Magazine.

Back in the day, journalists streamed in and out of the austere Inquirer building, which was constructed in 1924 with the clear intention of instilling awe in all who gazed upon it. The winner of 20 Pulitzer Prizes, the paper was — and, to my mind, still is — an institution.

As a journalist, though, it was a frightening to see the iconic structure, in the center of Philadelphia, abandoned,

as it has been since the paper moved out in 2012.

I crossed Broad Street to check out the building up close. The exterior light fixtures were ripped out, likely the work of vandals. The massive front windows were coated with dust, with plywood sheets covering parts of them. Banners stretched across other sections of windows. Their words were so faded that they were no longer decipherable.

I stood thinking about this great newspaper's having lost its home base of 88 years. Are we journalists losing the battle? I wondered. Has the public given up on newspapers, which have been the core of American journalism for more than three centuries?

No, I thought, people can't give up on newspapers. They mustn't.

Of late I've heard so much at newspaper conferences about how we journalists do an awful job of defending our profession. For decades, politicians, egged on by corporate lobbyists, have screamed of liberal bias in a continual campaign to discredit the media. President Trump has inflamed an already inflammatory conversation by labeling journalists enemies of the people. Yet journalists have done little to respond. We simply take it, believing our work must speak for itself. We needn't defend ourselves. We needn't promote the profession.

The Philadelphia Inquirer building tells us otherwise.

So here goes: Journalism — particularly newspaper journalism — is the glue that binds our democracy together. The founders wrote press freedom into the Constitution's First Amendment for a reason: They understood that the press, now the media, acts as a check against government power — that is, against tyranny.

We mustn't lose newspapers. Our nation would be poorer for it.

Imagine that there had been no Washington Post or New York Times to call out the Nixon administration's malfeasance. Imagine that there had been no media on Sept. 11, 2001, to beam out on-the-spot information to help inform, and calm, an anxiety-ridden nation.

As much as Facebook and Twitter help us reconnect with long-lost family and friends, they also sow confusion, discontent and animosity. They are social media platforms. They mustn't be confused with newspapers, which rely on discernible facts arrived at through the push-and-pull testing of information that, in many ways, resembles the scientific process. The modern notion of objective reporting, in fact, grew out of that process.

Journalists are a quirky, non-conformist breed that resist groupthink. Their essential job is to question authority. That is why they resist the very notion of a professional certification or license. They do not wish to operate according to government rules. They cherish press

freedom.

I arrived a day early for the Society of Professional Journalists conference and spent the evening of April 20 wandering around downtown Philadelphia, through its vibrant arts scene and then east to Independence Hall, where the Constitution was signed in 1787, when the dignified red-brick structure was called the Pennsylvania State House. I peered at the Liberty Bell through an oversized viewing window and strolled across the massive green before it, and then returned on Market Street to my hotel.

Along the way, I stopped briefly in front of the humble, three-story row house where Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence in 1776. A block later, I came upon it: the Inquirer's new office, in a building shared by the Philadelphia County Assistance Center. Its news ticker hung above a Century 21 department store, in the middle of "a dowdy collection of low-price chain stores, cheap eateries, high-security government buildings and surface parking lots," as one Inquirer critic wrote in 2012.

Journalism might be battered, but it lives. It's up to the people to support newspapers and ensure that they remain for future generations.

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Imagine that there had been no Washington Post or New York Times to call out Nixon.

LETTERS

Can't justify town lawsuit

To the Editor:

I have decided not to hire outside counsel to represent me in a lawsuit filed by Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen against the Town Board. Rather, I have decided to represent myself. I cannot justify spending taxpayer dollars on lawyers in a suit that could have been negotiated at the bargaining table with union employees.

I agree with Supervisor Gillen that the no-layoff provision, enacted in December under the previous administration, is a danger to the town's fiscal condition. However, I do not feel that a lawsuit is the proper way to proceed.

I voted against the no-layoff amendment, but I was outvoted by my board colleagues. Although I would like to see it overturned, I don't see a legal basis for the supervisor's lawsuit. All parties should return to the collective bargaining table and try to work this out.

BRUCE BLAKEMAN

Town of Hempstead councilman

Congratulations to the Heralds

To the Editor:

Congratulations on winning 29 New York Press Association awards in the 2017 Better Newspaper Contest. These impressive and prestigious honors are a direct result of hard work and leadership, as well as skilled, diligent reporting and the tenacious acumen of your media organization. The Heralds represent excellent community journalism, and have truly become a pillar of Long Island.

The Heralds highlight the best of our communities, as well as their challenges. I enjoy reading the papers each week, and look forward to seeing the Herald team win many more awards in the years to come.

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