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CHILDREN PLAYED in front of the stage at Morgan Memorial Park as the Glen Cove High School Select Chorale prepared for its performance in honor of the city's 350th anniversary.

Glen Cove marks 350 years

Residents crowd Morgan Memorial Park to celebrate Glen Cove's history, and future

By **SAMANTHA BARRY** and **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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On May 24, 1668, three families — early settlers of Long Island's North Shore — purchased a parcel of land from the Matinecock Chieftaincy. They called the land Musquito Cove, based on the Algon-

quin word for "place of rushes."

Three-hundred fifty years later, after two years of planning and fundraising, a celebration of all that has since transpired on that land kicked off on May 23, with the opening of the Heritage Garden at Mill Pond, next to the city firehouse on Glen Cove

Avenue.

"The garden will serve as a reminder of the pride the Glen Cove residents have in their community," Mayor Tim Tenke said at the ceremonial ribbon cutting, "and it will endure for generations to come."

At the center of the garden
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Uh-oh, gov. comes to town

Cuomo swings by parade, rankling local GOP

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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Republican city council members accused Gov. Andrew Cuomo of playing politics after he attended Glen Cove's Memorial Day parade on Monday, letting city officials know with certainty that he would be there an hour beforehand. The governor's short notice led to logistical issues and a change in the tone of the parade that left local GOP officials feeling slighted.

According to city officials, the governor's staff warned the city on the Friday before Memorial Day that Cuomo might come. Early Monday morning, Glen Cove police reported to Mayor Tim Tenke that the governor would not be there. At 10 a.m. that same day, however, Tenke had to abruptly leave a ceremony to honor GCPD officers when he learned that Cuomo would show for the 11 a.m. ceremony. Tenke said the

governor arrived 20 to 30 minutes late.

The Herald reached out to the governor's office several times, but did not receive a call back.

According to several people involved, once Cuomo's attendance was confirmed, the whirlwind of activity caused by his security personnel and staff overtook the planning of Glen Cove's Memorial Day Parade Committee.

If it was a different parade, I could see it, but not a Memorial Day parade.

MICHAEL ZANGARI
 Councilman,
 City of Glen Cove

"I had no say in how they ran their ship," Tenke said, "because [Cuomo] has his own security detail." He added that he was "extremely proud" to have the governor come to the city, and noted that most of the people he spoke with thought the same.

Councilmen Joseph Capobianco and Michael Zangari said the governor's visit highlighted Democrats and jilted Republicans on a day that they said was supposed to be above partisan-

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Keeping Glen Cove's boxing legacy alive

Local volunteer-run club helps troubled kids, produces world class athletes

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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Nestled down a long dirt driveway off of Route 107 in Glen Cove adjacent to the Glen Cove Child Day Care Center is the Howard Davis Jr. Glen Cove Boxing Club. In what used to be the city's EMS garage before it moved to the firehouse, this volunteer-operated, donation supplied club has been quietly offering troubled teens from the Glen Cove School District a productive outlet for their aggression, and, in some cases, turning them into state, national and international champions.

Emily Colon, 31, for example, moved to Glen Cove from Puerto Rico when she was 11, and got into frequent fights with other children, who she said bullied her for not speaking English. Colon's stepfather was a fan of the sport, which he frequently watched on the family's home television.

Tito, a member of the Boxing Club, approached her, and suggested she drop by the club. "I just kept saying, 'No, that's not me,'" Colon said. But after several of Tito's persistent suggestions, she decided to give it a try. "I came in the first day, and I fell in love," she said. "I fell in love with the gloves. I fell in love with hitting the bags, you know, the feelings in your hands. The, the bell ringing, you know, just, it was just like love at first sight."

Since then, Colon has worked her way up through the competitive boxing circuit, eventually landing a spot on Puerto Rico's national boxing team.

Other notable members of the club include Olympic gold-medalist Howard Davis Jr., for whom the club was renamed in 2016 after his death in December 2015, and Allen "Junebug" Hudson Jr., a U.S. Army boxer — and the father of Glen Cove High School's assistant principal Allen Hudson III — who went up against some of the biggest names in boxing, including Muhammad Ali.

The club moved into the old EMS garage several years. Volunteers painted and refurbished the building. They hung heavy punching bags from the high ceiling, which bob back and forth gently from the force of quick punches. Upbeat music plays from unseen speakers, which emit a periodic "beep" to let the trainees know when to rotate exercises.

Luis Garcia, who had been sparring with Viviana Melgar, ducked under the ropes of the makeshift boxing ring. Then he took a swig of water, and started his next workout, lifting a sledgehammer over his head and swinging it straight down onto a large truck tire, which dutifully bore the repeated blows.

The club is run entirely by volunteers, including trainers Francisco Pena and Mike Graziose, who said that in some ways, their work with the club is like a full time job. When this reporter arrived at the club to speak to them, Graziose was on the phone with a gloves supplier, navigating the logistics of a delivery. He said that even when he's at home he gets pestered with questions about when the studio will be open next. "I'll be with my family," Graziose said, "and I'll get 15 texts [from kids]. Are you opening? Are you opening?"

The club is free for participants, and runs entirely on donations. Pena said that frequently, the volunteers have to pay out of their own pockets for necessities like bottled water and paper towels. Sometimes, they pay for a young athlete's transportation and food when they compete in the city, or at other Long Island venues.

Why do Pena and Graziose do it? "Watch the kids' faces," Graziose said, "when you teach them something and all of a sudden it clicks, and you see a light bulb go off. They feel proud, and feel that they accomplished something. And if they can accomplish something in here," he gestured around to the empty studio, and then pointed out the open door, "they can accomplish out there."



VIVIANA MELGAR, TOP, practiced shots to the torso with Mike Graziose, top, while coach Francisco Pena, left watched and offered advice.

MELGAR SPARRED WITH Luis Garcia, above.

EMILY COLON, 31, an alum of the Glen Cove Boxing Club, showed off some of the medals she's won, and the titles, in the form of belts, that she's currently defending. Colon is currently a member of the Puerto Rican Olympic team.



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FORMER SUPERVISOR JOHN Venditto, second from left, with his son, former State Sen. Michael Venditto, left, his wife, Chris, and his daughter, Joanna, outside the courtroom.

John Venditto cleared of all charges of corruption

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Former Oyster Bay Town Supervisor John Venditto was found not guilty of all corruption-related charges against him on May 24, after a jury deliberated for five days.

“Not guilty does not mean innocent,” said James Versocki, of Sea Cliff, who ran unsuccessfully for Oyster Bay trustee last year. “Especially when someone bankrupts a township and presided over a system of nepotism and favoritism that was exposed at the trial and exists to this day.”

The jury remained deadlocked, according to court officials, on the charges against former Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and his wife, Linda.

“I think the jury has spoken, and they came out with the proper verdict,” said Mike Rich, 69, a lifelong Oyster Bay resident. “We try cases in court, not public opinion. I think coverage by [some media] was slanted, especially when they repeated the charges every day. I’m very proud of my town.”

Mangano and Venditto were both facing multiple charges of bribery and corruption, and restaurateur Harendra Singh, who has pleaded guilty to bribing

the former officials in exchange for help for his struggling businesses, was the government’s key witness.

Venditto was charged with unlawfully securing town guarantees for millions of dollars in loans for Singh’s businesses.

According to Singh’s testimony, Venditto was largely hands-off during the negotiations that led to Singh’s being granted the loan guarantees, but made it clear that he supported the deal, and would make sure it was passed by the town council.

“When John Venditto referred people to Singh, he took care of them,” said U.S. Attorney Raymond Tierney. “Venditto got prestige.” And free meals, limo rides totaling \$11,400, use of Singh’s conference room, trips and hotel stays, too, which Venditto’s friends and family also enjoyed, Tierney said.

“I’m disappointed and shocked at the verdict,” said Bob Freier, a Democrat who ran unsuccessfully for Oyster Bay trustee last year. “I think John was a very corrupt supervisor.”

Freier added that he was certain that Venditto was used by Mangano “based on Lenny Genova’s testimony. John was there for everything and knew everything. The verdict, I think, is an unfortunate miscarriage of justice. All that being said, I respect the jury’s decision. It’s time to move on.”

After an 11-week-long trial, Venditto was found not guilty at mid-morning on Thursday, with jurors sending Judge Joan Azrack a note indicating that they had the partial verdict but could not agree on verdicts for the Manganos.

Centre Island resident Jamie Scott followed the trial closely. “It looked to me like Venditto was going to get a pass,” he said. “It didn’t look like he was involved in some of the things they were trying to put on him. I think the jury got it right.”

Jeff Davis, of Bayville, knows Venditto. “I’m happy, relieved and somewhat surprised,” he said. “I thought when the feds bring a case against someone they usually have a concrete case.”

It didn’t look like he was involved in some of the things they were trying to put on him. I think the jury got it right.

JAMIE SCOTT

Centre Island resident

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ Male, 59, from Locust Valley, was arrested on Doxey Drive for third degree assault and second degree unlawful imprisonment on May 20.

■ Two males, ages 36 and 40, from Glen Cove, were arrested on Clement Street for urinating in public on May 20.

■ Male, 37, from Dix Hills, was arrested on Glen Street for DWI and VTL violations on May 21.

■ Male, 21, from Glen Cove, was arrested on Brewster Street for endangering the

welfare of a child on May 22.

■ Male, 22, from Bayville, was arrested for second degree reckless endangerment, reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, leaving the scene of an accident (2 counts) and numerous other VTL violations on May 22.

■ Male, 23, from Wyandanch, was arrested on Robinson Avenue for second and third degree aggravated unlicensed vehicle operation on May 23.

■ Male, 31, from Muttontown, was arrested on Dickson Street for second degree criminal contempt on May 24.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



Broadway: From Back Row to Backstage

Theater enthusiast Brian Stoll will be at the Glen Cove Library on Tuesday, June 5, at 7 p.m. to discuss all things Broadway, and share money-saving tips on how to see shows for under \$50. He'll share his extensive collection of autographed Playbills and other theatre memorabilia. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, (516) 676-2130.



Summer kickoff concert

On June 8, at 7:30 p.m. join local group Just Sixties at the Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336 and start the summer off with a night of musical fun. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers! Sponsored by the Gold Coast Library. 190 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head, (516) 759-8300.

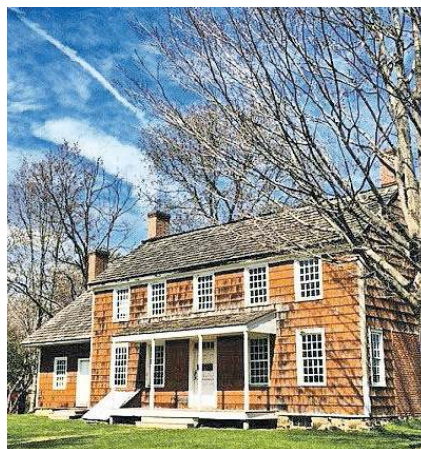


Glen Covers go golfing

The Glen Cove Senior Center's SAGE Foundation will hold its annual golf outing and fundraiser on Monday, June 4, at Glen Cove's waterfront golf course. Tee-off is at 10:30 a.m. Sign up to play golf or just join us for dinner. Call (516) 759-9615 for more information.

Back in the saddle

A bit of the Wild West returns to Old Bethpage Village, Sunday, June 3, at 11 a.m. Watch modern day cowboys show off their skills in a horse mounted shooting competition, based on historic shooting events held at Wild West Shows in the late 19th century. Witness this fast action event in which the cowboys with single action revolvers are scored on accuracy and time. Info: (516) 572-8400 or www.obvr.nassau.com.



Musical interlude at the Heckscher

Celebrate "First Friday" at Heckscher Museum of Art, Friday, June 1, 5-8:30 p.m. Explore the museum's exhibitions during free extended hours and enjoy a performance by singer-songwriter Tom Moran, at 7 p.m. Join Nicole Basso, founder of Sip Tea Lounge and a tea specialist, for conversation and tea tasting among the artwork before the performance Info: (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

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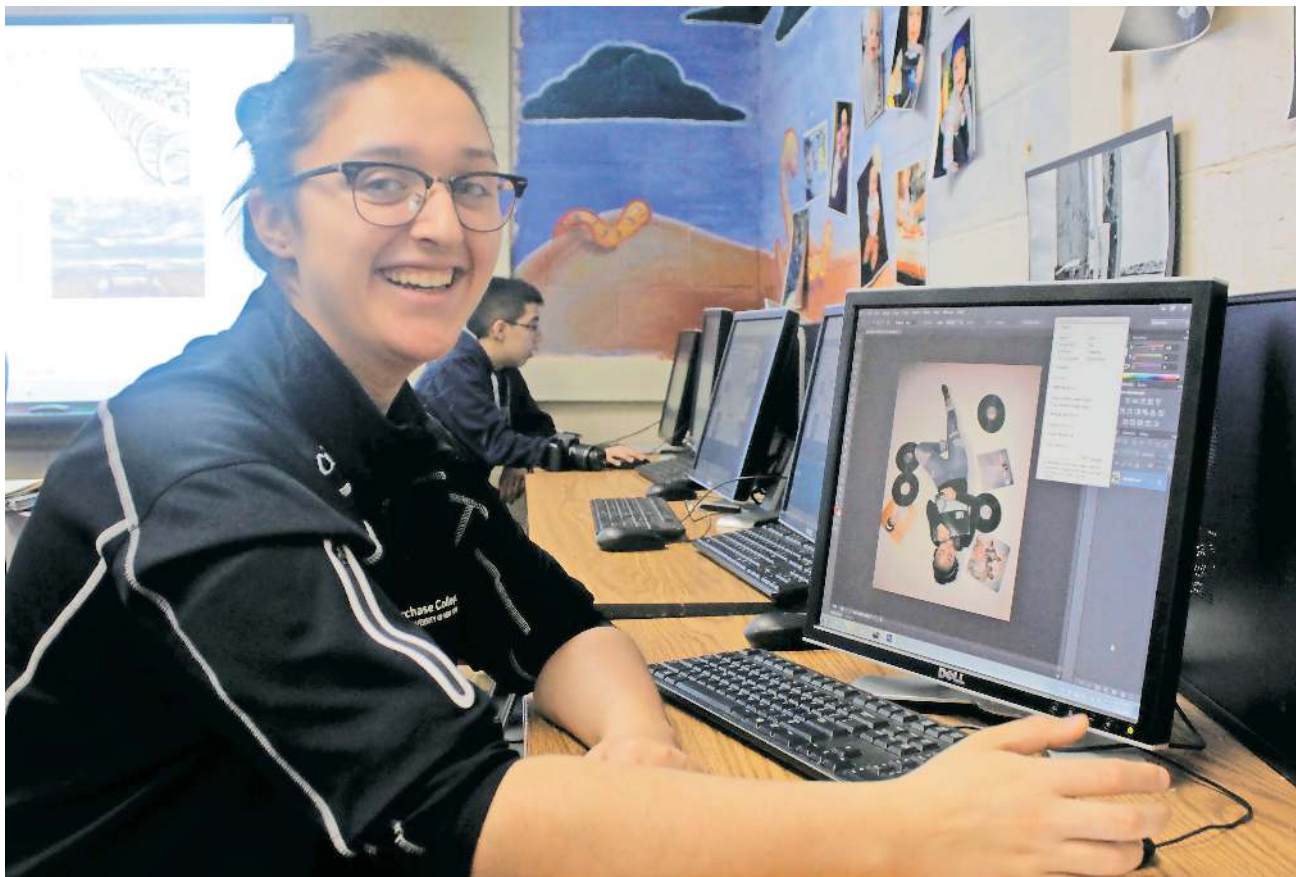
HERALD SCHOOLS

Photography honors for G.C. senior

For the second year in a row, Veronica Cruz, a Glen Cove High School senior, received accolades from the Photographic Society of America. This year, Veronica had three photos selected for display at the PSA's national conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the only student from Long Island to have that many photographs chosen.

"I believe that Veronica's desire to create creative portraits resonated with the judges," said Melissa Johnides, a Glen Cove photography teacher. "These days, most people with a cell phone can take a decent picture of whatever is in front of them, but Veronica looks beyond that convenience and strives to create her own stories."

Johnides entered a dozen of her students' strongest works into the competition, which received more than 800 entries nationally.



Courtesy Glen Cove School District

THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF Glen Cove High School senior Veronica Cruz will be exhibited in the Photographic Society of America's national conference.

GCHS Orchestra wins 'Music in the Parks'



Courtesy Glen Cove School District

MEMBERS OF GLEN Cove High School's orchestra are pictured with teacher James Guarini, left.

Congratulations to Glen Cove High School Orchestra for placing first in its division at the Music In The Parks Festival in Williamsburg, Virginia on May 18. Orchestra teacher James Guarini and Principal Antonio Santana congratulated the students on their performance.

—Samantha Barry

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Getting to know Nassau's legal gun owners

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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Part four in a series.

Given the recent prevalence of mass shootings, it has become increasingly difficult to avoid the topic of gun violence in discussions about firearms, and particularly firearm regulation. But for the Herald's in-depth series on guns, we wanted to look more closely at the local landscape of responsible gun ownership in Nassau County.

Meet a legal gun owner

Beyond state regulations, the firearms community has its own ways of self-regulating, according to longtime hunter and competitive target shooter Bob Tice, of Island Park.

"I'd say between 90 to 95 percent of [gun owners] are good, honest, hardworking citizens that enjoy shooting and take care of their equipment," Tice said. The exceptions to that rule, whom he described with an assortment of expletives, "eventually get weeded out" from the larger community of gun owners.

"They may be shunned away from the club," he said. "They may be dropped from the club, and eventually they lose interest in it, because for them it was just a fad."

Tice acknowledged that gun ownership isn't for everyone, but said he resented the ways that gun-control advocates characterize what he described as his constitutional right to defend himself. "Democrats say that it's an antiquated amendment, that it's not really a constitutional right," Tice said of the second Amendment, adding with exasperation, "But it's in the Constitution!"

Speaking of a set of strict gun laws passed in New York in 2013 soon after the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut in December 2012, Tice said that the gun policies of Gov. Andrew Cuomo were "probably the worst thing to happen to New York state. . . . I think he jumped to conclusions, you know. He's using tragedy to push his gun agenda."

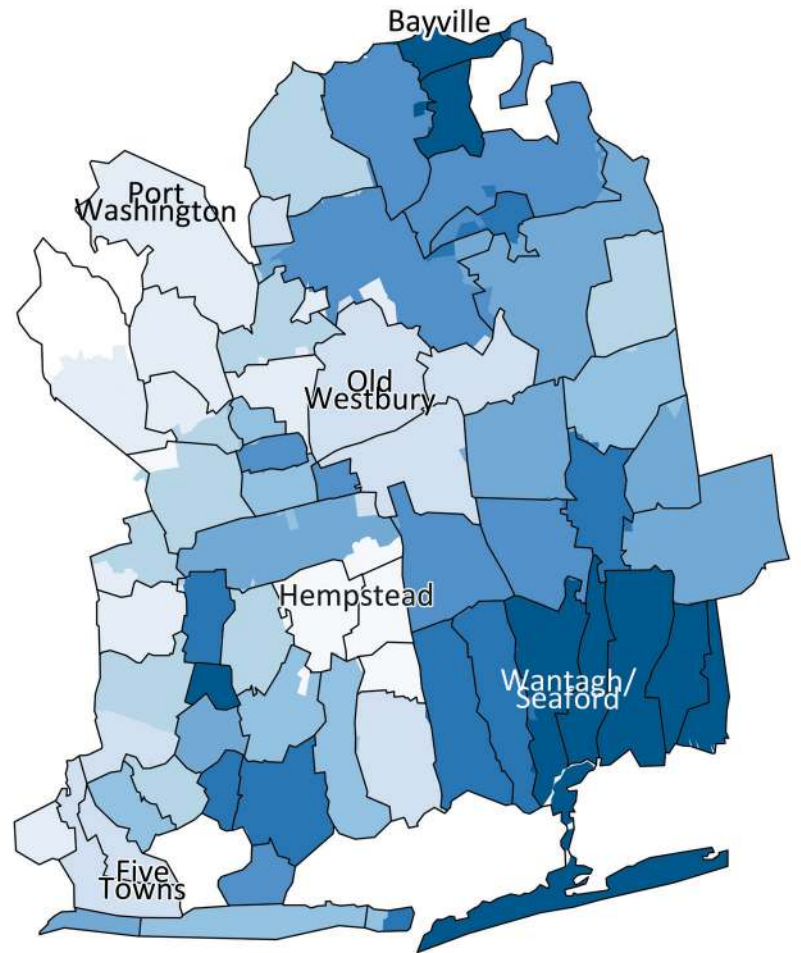
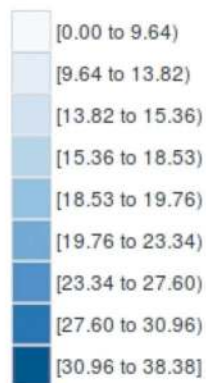
Tice's pistol license allows him to carry a gun only on his way to a shooting range or a hunting area, and he goes shooting every chance he gets. He's a competitive shooter, and owns about seven pistols so he can take part in competitions that require a range of calibers. And, he said, when he's not competing against someone from a rival gun club, he's competing against himself, trying to become a better shot.

"I grew up in a different time," the 67-year-old recalled. "I used to belong to the shooting club at Oceanside High School, where we actually shot rifles downstairs in the basement. So I grew up in that environment." The shooting club no longer exists.

Pistol licenses by the numbers

Across Nassau County, there are roughly 27,000 pistol license-holders like Tice, according to a document provided by Nassau County police that lists the number of licenses issued by zip code.

Gun licenses per 1,000 people



Visualization by Zach Gottehrer-Cohen and Christina Daly; data courtesy Nassau County Police Department

THIS MAP SHOWS the concentration of pistol permits by zip code across Nassau County. Visit the online version of this story at liherald.com/pistol-map for an interactive version of the map and other charts to explore the data yourself.

Countywide, there are about 20 pistol license-holders per 1,000 people. That amounts to roughly 2 percent of the population. In Hempstead, the ratio is six per thousand, while in Seaford it's 37 per thousand.

When these numbers are examined alongside the most recent census data, trends emerge. For example, geographic areas that have the highest concentration of pistol licenses also have the lowest concentrations of racial minorities.

Areas with high poverty rates are also less likely to have many pistol licenses, which might be explained by the high cost of gun ownership. In addition to the firearm itself, which on the low end costs around \$200 but can run more than \$4,000, an applicant for a pistol license must pay a \$200 fee. The cost of ammunition can be prohibitive as well, according to Tice, who said he spends about \$1,000 a month on rounds.

NCPD takes licensing seriously

All of the county's pistol license-holders have gone through the Nassau County Police Department's vetting procedures. Keeping guns away from people who shouldn't have them is a task that Lt. Marc Timpano, the commanding officer of the department's Pistol License Section, said he takes seriously. After all, his signature is affixed to most of the licenses

issued by the department. "Our number one concern," Timpano said, "is not only the safety of the person getting a handgun license issued to them, but public safety."

Essentially, the multi-step process is a way to identify "red flags" that would indicate that it would be unsafe to grant an applicant a pistol license. Officers in the Pistol License Section check national and state records for an applicant's criminal past, medical and mental health histories. They also check sources like Google and

social media sites to look for the smallest sign of potential trouble.

Before a license check is run, the NCPD asks applicants to explain these histories in their own words, so that officials can determine whether an application was filled out truthfully. They also ask for four character references who can vouch for an applicant's ability to responsibly own a firearm.

The NCPD runs mental health checks through state databases to see whether an applicant has been institutionalized in the past, but Timpano said, "There's no federal registry that would let us do a mental health check for another state."

"I think that's crazy," Tice said. "Your mental condition doesn't get any better by moving to a different state. If someone is mentally ill, they shouldn't have a gun."



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Glen Cove Senior Lacrosse

SERVING AS THE Big Red's quarterback on the lacrosse field, Moore etched himself into the record book May 7 in its 14-7 win over Freeport. He scored three goals and assisted on three others to reach the 100-point milestone for his career, becoming the 12th player to accomplish the feat during coach Steve Tripp's tenure. He finished with 16 goals and 28 assists this spring.

NASSAU PLAYOFFS

BASEBALL

Class AA semifinals

Oceanside 7, Farmingdale 3 (Game 1)
Oceanside 5, Farmingdale 3 (Game 2)
Massapequa 8, Plainview 3 (Game 1)
Massapequa 5, Plainview 4 (Game 2)

Class A semifinals

Wantagh 6 Garden City 0 (Game 1)
Wantagh 5, Garden City 3 (Game 2)
MacArthur 9, Division 0 (Game 1)
Division 3, MacArthur 1 (Game 2)
Division 6, MacArthur 4 (Game 3)

SOFTBALL

Class AA Championship series

East Meadow 2, Calhoun 1 (Game 1)
East Meadow 6, Calhoun 1 (Game 2)

Class A Championship series

Carey 5, Mepham 2 (Game 1)
Mepham 8, Carey 7 (Game 2)
Carey 6, Mepham 2 (Game 3)

Class B Championship series

Oyster Bay 12, Wheatley 4 (Game 1)
Oyster Bay 18, Wheatley 7 (Game 2)

By J.D. FREDA

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Glen Cove's girls' track and field team finished its regular season with a 1-4 record in league meets, however five team members competed in the state qualifiers along with two All-County members and a 4x1 All-County team. The potential of this team, though, is extremely high with an array of young talent that is constantly improving.

"These girls were hitting and exceeding their personal records from meet to meet," head coach Christian Dottin said. "It showed how hard they had been working, the positive attitude they had towards showing up to practice, and wanting to get better."

Personal records had been broken all year, but maybe none more so impressive than junior E'Shone Cofield. Cofield had broken her sophomore 100m personal record twice (12.76s and 12.37s) as well as her 200m (26.02s) and 400m (1:01:80) this season.

"She really is a coach's player," Dottin said. "She does whatever you ask for and is quiet but her actions speak very loudly in competition."

Another standout is senior Tatiana Guevara, who has been a staple of this Lady Big Red track and field team for her entire high school career. Guevara broke her previous 100 meter hurdles by over a tenth of a second at the Division 3A Championships at Hewlett High School on May 17. She also finished second on the team this year in collective points acquired for the Lady Big Red.

"She is a special athlete," Dottin said. "She is like a secondary coach to me, and I believe that the rest of the girls would admit that she has had a huge impact on them and the way that they train."

Guevara is all set to attend La Salle University in the fall, yet to make a decision on whether she wants to run track and tentatively deciding whether or not to bring her spikes with her down to Philadelphia.

Senior Adreana Lomini also impressed with two separate top 8 finishes and a new personal record this year.

The talent does not stop there as much of this team's makeup is comprised of promising and budding track stars.

Sophomore Ayjah Clarke is one of the



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GLEN COVE JUNIOR E'Shone Cofield captured the 100 and 200 meter titles at the Division 3A track and field championship meet.

Lady Big Red members that ran at state qualifiers and is a promising piece to this sprouting team. Sophomore Catriona Greene set a personal record in the 100 meter hurdles at the Big Red Invitational and will look to assume the head role in trying to replace Guevara's production in the event going forward.

Sophomore Megan Fahey finished fifth in the discus at the Division 3A Championships. Other newcomers that had contrib-

uted and showed promise were Nicole Ser-rano and Tallulah Supica. "These underclassmen are seriously full of talent, dedication, and athleticism," Dottin said.

Dottin believes things look promising heading into the offseason. "We're going to try and have every girl on a program or in a fall sport to stay in shape for the track season," Dottin said. "These girls' dedication is something I don't think I've seen before from a group I have had."

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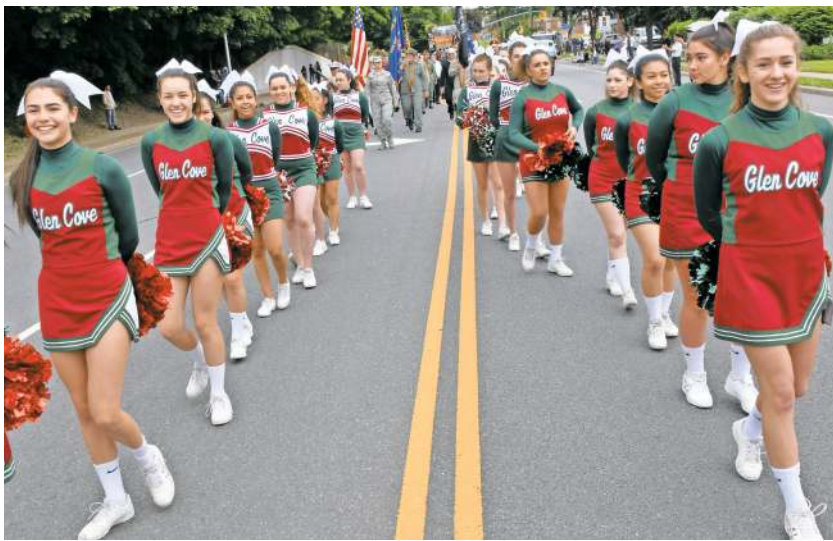
HERALD NEIGHBORS



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RETIRED MASTER SGT. Christina Noon, leads veterans in Glen Cove's Memorial Day parade.

Honoring G.C.'s vets on Memorial Day



CHEERLEADERS FROM GLEN COVE schools kept the parade route lively for Memorial Day.

HONOREE CAPT MICHAEL MADEJSKI and his friend, Boy Scout Genalie Prezeau.

THE PARADE COMMITTEE provided a salute to those veterans who died in active duty.



The City of Glen Cove Memorial Day opening ceremonies began with an event in Veterans Memorial Park. After ceremonies dedicated to the memory of the nation's men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice, the parade's 2018 Honoree, Mieczyslaw Madejski, was recognized. This year's parade Grand Marshal was Paul McDermott and the Parade Committee Chairman was Fred Nielsen.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, May 31

String art craft

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Linoleum nails gently pressed into cork are the foundation for creating this fun design using embroidery thread. This is a great project for exploring symmetrical and asymmetrical designs in art and makes a great piece to hang in your room! (516) 759-8300.

Friday, June 1

Astronomy Nights at Sagamore Hill

20 Sagamore Hill Rd., Oyster Bay, 9 p.m. The event includes an outdoor presentation on celestial activities and stargazing through telescopes. All ages are welcome. Bring flashlights, refreshments, chairs, and a blanket. (516) 922-4788.

Saturday, June 2

Great American clean-up day

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Help clean-up downtown Glen Cove with your friends.

Music on the harbor

Sea Cliff Beach, The Boulevard, Sea Cliff, 6 to 10:30 p.m. Featured bands include Time Lapse and Chicken Head. Enjoy food, beverages and fun. Suggested donation at entry to benefit the Sea Cliff Fire Department.

Welwyn Preserve walk

100 Crescent Beach Rd., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. Walk this small preserve along the Long Island Sound. Bring water. For more information, call (516) 906-2733.

Tag sale

Saint Patrick's Church cafeteria, 12 Pearsall Ave., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop savvy at the All Saints Regional Catholic School's annual tag sale.

Tennis classic

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 9 to 11 a.m. Mixed-up doubles; \$75 per player; no partner needed. Prizes for top scores. Proceeds to benefit the Locust Valley Library Campaign. (516) 671-1837.

Summer fun with aromatherapy

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St. #B, Bayville, 11 a.m. Learn the healing power of essential oils to enjoy this summer Tara Penske will help you discover how this is done. Make products to take home. There is a \$5 materials fee. (516) 628-2765.

Writer's group

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. If you are a serious writer, come to the library and join fellow writers for a lively exchange of ideas. (516) 676-2130.

Sunday, June 3

Family Day at Bailey

194 Bayville Rd., Locust Valley, 12 to 3 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun at Bailey Arboretum, including food, games, music, crafts, lawn games and more. For information call (516) 801-1458.



Courtesy Metro Creative Connection

Wines of Italy

Take a journey through the wine regions of Italy at the Gold Coast Library on Wednesday, June 6. The program includes discussions about the most popular Italian wines, along with breathtaking photos of the different regions and wineries where these wines are produced. Although the program does not include a wine tasting, participants will walk away with a little more confidence the next time they order wine in a restaurant. 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, (516) 759-8300.

Monday, June 4

Cooking class

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. Chef Dell'Amore will demonstrate cooking chicken kebabs with cumin, turmeric, oregano, and other herbs and spices. The dish will be accompanied by a spinach salad. Tasting included! Register at the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212.

Tuesday, June 5

Accessorizing your home

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. Accessories are the finishing touches that reflect the character of your home. Learn the principles that professionals use and what you need to keep in mind when selecting and placing accessories. Presented by interior designer Mary Nolte. Register at the Reference Desk, or call (516) 922-1212.

Hooks and needles

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St. #B, Bayville, 7 p.m. Our knitting and crocheting group continues to meet all year long. Join needlecrafters to make items for the VA, the Brooke Jackman Foundation, or work on your own project. No instructor present. (516) 628-2765.

Coloring, classical hits and candlelight

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd.,

Locust Valley, 3 to 5 p.m. Adult coloring books are the latest artistic craze used for relaxation. Join us for a fun and unique way to unwind and express cre-

ativity. (516) 671-1837.

Inside your Apple devices

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 6:30 p.m. Learn all about



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Garage sale day in S.C.

The village-wide garage sale is taking over the streets of Sea Cliff on Saturday, June 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop around Sea Cliff and pick up antiques, clothing, collectibles, furniture and other goods straight from your friends and neighbors. Sponsored by the Sea Cliff Civic Association.

the settings on your device. In this class, we will discuss iCloud, Mail, Contacts, and Calendars, protecting your security with privacy settings, settings that can impact battery life, and much more. Bring your device and your questions. All are welcome to this free class. Registration is requested. (516) 671-1837.

Saturday, June 9

Kids Play Day at Pryibil

Pryibil Beach, Eastland Drive, Glen Cove, 12 to 3 p.m. Start off summer right with a play day at Pryibil, with fun, games, and a performance by magician Jungle Bob. Free for Glen Cove residents. Rain date: June 10.

Scavenger hunt

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 10:30 a.m. Like to find things? Like to run around? Come to the library, pick up a list and then go crazy finding wacky items! The team to return both the list and the most items in the shortest amount of time wins a fabulous bag of prizes. (516) 759-8300.

Slime science

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 11 a.m. Learn the science behind slime while making a slimy creation to take home. (516) 759-8300.

Senior picnic

Sea Cliff United Methodist Church, 63 Downing Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 3 p.m. The annual Senior Action Committee picnic is open to all seniors residing in the North Shore School District. John LaRosa and John Canning will bring a collection of singalong favorites. In addition to delicious food being served, it's an opportunity for friends to gather in a beautiful setting. To make a reservation for this free event, contact Alice O'Donnell at (516) 671-5199 or Tina Marchese at (516) 759-8623.

Sunday, June 10

5th Annual SpringFest

Village Green, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 4 p.m. Our local shops and restaurants are rolling out the red carpet for SpringFest. We are honoring all of the new businesses and venues in Sea Cliff. Discover new shops and visit old favorites. Guest artists and makers will be set up on the green, and restaurants are invited to host lunch specials and live music. Sponsored by the Sea Cliff Arts Council.

Monday, June 11

Public comment meeting

Village Hall, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. The Village of Sea Cliff's Board of Trustees will receive comments from the public at their monthly meeting. (516) 671-0080.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

GLEN COVE STUDENTS became acquainted with a slithery friend courtesy of Jungle Bob.

Third annual Play Day scheduled for June 9 at Pryibil Beach

The City of Glen Cove will host its third annual Kids Play Day on Saturday, June 9th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Pryibil Beach. "This event is all about giving the children of Glen Cove an afternoon of fun at Pryibil Beach," said Mayor Timothy Tenke.

Kids Play Day is a free event for only children living in Glen Cove. It will feature activities including Jungle Bob's Reptile Show at 12:30 and 2 p.m., an appearance by Amore the Magician at 1:15 p.m. along with an afternoon visit from Mr. Met. There will be music, big

trucks, a photo booth, a game bus, free tennis lessons, recycling crafts, face painting, fabric art, fishing, snacks and goodie bags for the first 300 children.

Pryibil Beach is located off Lattington Road on East Beach Road in Glen Cove. Parking is available on a first come, first serve basis. Additional parking will be available on Eastland Drive on Morgan Island. Families can use the pedestrian gate to gain access onto the beach area. For additional information, call (516) 676-2004. The event's rain date is Sunday, June 10.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

MAYOR TENKE AND the Glen Cove City Council thanked EMS Chief Andrew Carpenter, his staff, volunteers and Explorers for their commitments to safeguarding the health and wellness of the Glen Cove community.

City Council recognizes emergency responders for National EMS Week

The Glen Cove Emergency Medical Services staff members, volunteers and Explorers celebrated National EMS Week at a meeting of the City Council on May 22.

Mayor Tim Tenke thanked the EMS team for their hard work and courageous effort presenting them with a special cita-

tion. "During this week," Tenke said, "our community recognizes the many contributions the EMS staff and volunteers have made to the health and wellness of our residents. It is a privilege to acknowledge the bravery and selflessness of our first responders in our city."



VIEWFINDER

By **SUSAN GRIECO**

THE QUESTION:

As a high school senior, what advice do you have for next year's incoming freshmen?



Form a good relationship with your guidance counselor. High school doesn't last forever, so take challenging classes that will help prepare you for college.

SYDNEY GRAY
Senior



Joining extra-curricular sports and after-school activities help you unwind and connect with students from every grade level.

CHRISTIAN GAUTHIER
Senior



Take all of your required classes during the first two years, and take college classes the last two years that will help you make better decisions to get into a good college.

IMANI THOMAS
Senior



Get to know your teachers and other students. You never know where those roads might lead. Always look for opportunities to build upon your resume.

TYLER JOHNSON
Senior



Get involved in scheduling classes and extra-curricular activities, which can be fun. No one else will take that initiative but you!

MARIYYAH SULAIMAN
Senior



Work hard and don't give up. It's ok to make mistakes as long as you learn from them.

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MAYOR TIMOTHY TENKE, above, cut the ribbon to officially open the Heritage Garden and 350 monument to the public, with council members Kevin Maccarone and Marsha Silverman.

PLAYERS GRIPPED THE ceremonial flag bat to see which team would bat first.

MEMBERS OF GLEN Cove's oldest families, at right, stood together in recognition of the 350th anniversary of the city at the Morgan Memorial Park amphitheater.

BARBARA COLES SCHIRALDI, a descendant of one of Glen Cove's founding families, sat next to the new 350 monument below at Mill Pond.



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Here's to the r

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is a circular granite monument bearing the year of Glen Cove's founding and the date of the anniversary. "It's gorgeous," said Lauren Wasserfall, the Beautification Commission volunteer who designed the monument, adding, "Much more than I expected."

Wasserfall said she chose the bright blue text and gold foil wreath because the colors "pop" against the gray granite. She

worked with her neighbor Joseph Grazioplene, of RXR Realty, and Studio Grella Design over the past year to turn her sketch into a reality.

Barbara Peebles, a GC350 Advisory Board member, told the Herald Gazette that Glen Cove residents "really came together" to celebrate the city's anniversary. "The pride that people have in Glen Cove is so evident," Peebles said, "and all the volunteers put in so much hard work. That's what Glen Cove is all about: everyone coming together."

The day after the ribbon cutting, hundreds of people gathered in Morgan Park for evening picnics, live music and a cele-

"THE ROOTS" OF Glen Cove were painted by art students across the district to represent the city's strong historical base.



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THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY picnic and fireworks at Morgan Memorial Park.



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next 350 years

bration of the oldest families in the city, some of whom — like the Coles — can trace their ancestry back to the original founders. Food trucks lined the path at the top of the hill, and children ran around playing tag or soccer or simply rolling down parts of the slope. The Glen Cove School District’s musical groups performed in the amphitheater.

“If you build it,” Jacki Yonick, chairwoman of the GC350 Special Events Committee, said of the turnout, “they will come.”

On Friday, the city hosted an Old Timers Base Ball Game, played without gloves and using lighter bats, as 19th-century

players did. The Brooklyn Atlantics Base Ball Club of Smithtown prevailed 17-6 over the New York Mutual Base Ball Club of Suffolk in one of their Mid-Atlantic Vintage Base Ball League games at the John Maccarone Memorial Stadium. The ceremonial first pitches were thrown by former Glen Cove High School varsity baseball coaches Sal Travatello and Jon Dolecki. The Glen Cove Senior Center’s Golden Voices Choir provided the seventh-inning-stretch entertainment.



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ks celebration drew large crowds to Morgan



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FORMER DEPUTY MAYOR Barbara Peebles, a founder of the GC350 committee, showed off her family brick.



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MAUREEN HAUSER AND Jacqueline Berger led a historical tour, in period dress, during the GC350 street fair. By the time the fairs began, the tours were sold out.

NICKY “THE LIP” Tangle helped call the plays at the Old Timers Base Ball Game on Friday, May 25.

THE CROWD DID the wave as it cheered on the old-timers at the vintage baseball game.



N.S. Village Theatre presents 'Red Cape'

By **ALYSSA SEIDMAN**
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The classic fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood" will be brought to life, but this time as a musical. "The Red Cape" will be performed at the Glenwood Life Center on Friday, June 8. The original play was written by Glen Cove resident Christopher Moll.

Moll is the artistic director of Jazz Hands Children Theatre in Glenwood Landing, which offers theater classes, camps and performances to local children. While "The Red Cape" has been performed by Jazz Hands in the past, this is the first time the show will incorporate adult actors into the mix. The purpose? To introduce audiences to the North Shore Village Theatre.

"This is a new community theater that I formed, and this is our very first production," Moll, 45, said. "We thought it would be a fun way to introduce the company to the community."

The mission of the North Shore Village Theatre is to bring education, entertainment and enrichment through the performing arts to actors of all ages. The idea came to him to create the group while Moll was working with Jazz Hands. He realized there was a need for a greater theater presence on the North Shore.

"This has been a dream of mine for this community, in particular, because we don't have a lot of theater," he said, "and



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CAST MEMBERS, from left, Cosette Zynszajn, Ella Dahlke-Moll, Helen Nash and Michael Renga practiced their bows for "The Red Cape."

to actually see it happen after two years of planning, thinking and meeting is an emotional thing."

"The Red Cape," written in 2011, and retells the tale of a young, naïve girl with a red hooded cape taking a trip to her grandmother's house. Along the way, however, she faces temptation to travel off the right path.

Moll reimagined the story to include a

group of friends who accompany Red on her journey. "Red's not the most focused girl. She doesn't stay on the right path, and that's when trouble happens," he said. "So her friends help her stay on the path she's supposed to take."

In "The Red Cape," the villainous Big Bad Wolf now has some brazen sidekicks who sing and dance as they stalk Red through the forest. "I thought about how

cool it would be to have a wolf pack, and in this show the adults are doing it, and they're having a lot of fun being sassy," Moll said.

Having adults and children work together during rehearsals has brought a new perspective to the production, he said. "The kids are able to see the adults be silly and carefree, and that's been cool to watch," he said. "A number of kids in the show are my students from Jazz Hands, and this is the first time they're stepping outside of the classroom and into a more professional setting."

Michael Renga, of Glen Cove, said he believes acting among seasoned professionals can help boost one's self-esteem.

"Having kids perform is important, because if you're shy, it could help you get the courage to talk in front of an audience," Michael said.

Ella Dahlke-Moll, 11, Christopher's daughter, has found performing a means to defy the odds. "Some people underestimate children, so it's really good for our community to see how important theater is to our environment."

Apart from providing a space for children and adult actors to interact, "The Red Cape" sends a sweet message. "The song at the end is called 'The Ending Is Up To You,' and it's about how all your decisions don't have to be fatal," Moll explained. "You can change them and mend them, but it's up to you. You have to stay on the path that's true for you."

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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Performing patients defy the odds

Molloy grad student guides recovery through theater

As the curtain came to a close on her time as a master's candidate at Molloy College, Kerryann Scirocco, a speech-language pathology student from Oceanside, was determined to redefine the term "research study" by exploring psychological recovery through performance.

"This interdisciplinary study has allowed me to collaborate with professionals across two clinical disciplines, and experience the effects of drama therapy on individuals diagnosed with aphasia," Scirocco says.

Aphasia, a neurological communication disorder, is characterized by partial loss of the ability to produce language, often due to a stroke.

Her research was focused on bringing awareness and recovery to individuals with aphasia, according to Dr. Hia Datta, of the Department of Speech Language Pathology. Datta connected the graduate student with Dr. Laura Wood in Molloy's Department of Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Wood specializes in combining counseling and drama therapy in "therapeutic theater" to help patients in recovery.

"Myself and my colleague Dave Mowers, who's also a drama therapist, created the co-active therapeutic theater model, which provides steps for creating theater that works with populations to create change," Wood explains.

The model was initially envisioned to assist clients with eating disorders, Wood says, but Datta believed it would provide an effective means to fund Scirocco's study. "Not only would this be innovative for the patients we're working with, but it would also be a vehicle for awareness," Datta says.

Last November, the team developed an original play using Wood's model, and identified five aphasia patients to participate as the cast. "Aphasia Park" forces audiences to look beyond prognosis, and see patients as who they truly are: people. The play explores themes of shared humanity, as well as the struggles and triumphs persons with aphasia deal with on a daily basis.

The result of their efforts is the



Photos by Sue Grieco/Herald

Dr. Laura Wood, center, assists the actors of "Aphasia Park" with a scene during rehearsals. The play explores themes of shared humanity, as well as the struggles and triumphs people with aphasia deal with on a daily basis.

premiere performance of "Aphasia Park" on Thursday, May 31, at 7 p.m. at Molloy's Hayes Theater, on its Rockville Centre campus. The evening also includes education on aphasia, a fundraising raffle for future projects, and a reception afterwards.

Over the course of 10 weeks, professors, students and patients worked together to find the purpose behind the performance.

"The process is about bringing forth the voices of people who are in recovery, so we used improv and theater games to discover what the theme of the show is going to be," Wood explains. "Our participants had a really clear message they wanted to share with people, which is that they're not stupid, they're still the same person. It's even a line in the play: 'I have aphasia, so what?'"

Engaging in intimate weekly rehearsals has had a positive impact on the actors. It's allowed them to socialize with fellow patients, use their bodies and words to tell a story, and has given them the opportunity to commit themselves to

something greater than their affliction.

"Aphasia is a communicative disorder, and here they are communicating through a very powerful medium," Datta says. "To be collaborative is important. It's so much better for the patients to work as a team."

Dr. Susan Alimonti, a professor of speech-language pathology who also worked on the project, was endeared to see the patients performing beyond their parts. "You could tell they've formed a bond," she says. "One of the findings with people in this process is that they build community, so it's really exciting to watch this group originate it here."

Dani Bryant, a student intern in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling department, assisted with the production of "Aphasia Park." "Working on this project has been extremely rewarding," she says. "It is a true testament to the power of creativity, collaboration and storytelling. I hope many people will be able to attend to celebrate the brave work of our actors and honor their stories."

Wood remarked on the impassioned efforts of Scirocco and Bryant. "Dani and



Dr. Susan Alimonti, left, helps Amita, a cast member, with her pronunciation of a line from the play.

Kerryann are very gifted graduate students who have put their heart and soul into this," she says. "And when collaborators do that the participants feel it, and they feel seen and held."

Working through the lens of drama therapy places greater value on the rehearsal process as opposed to the finished production. "There is something to be learned and understood," Wood says. "It's unlike a professional theater production."

"Even if the production is not how [the participants] imagined, the fact that they committed to rehearsal, and were using words or gestures, or any communicative process, [shows] they're already benefiting," Datta says.

Tickets are free, but donations are welcome. For information, email recoverythroughperformance@gmail.com.

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IN CONCERT Southern Voice

Settle in on the grounds of Planting Fields' outside Coe Hall, displaying the lush blooms of the season, to hear the popular modern country band Southern Voice. Bring a blanket and picnic meal and enjoy their inspired take on country rock, as the dynamic vocalists —backed up by a rockin' rhythm section — perform their heart out. The band delivers a highly entertaining show with the goal of having everyone in the audience in the groove. Hear a variety of hit tunes from the likes of Time McGraw,

WEEKEND Out and About

Jason Aldean, Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, and more. The band also adds classic rock, modern pop and R&B covers to the mix. Saturday, June 2, 6-7:30 p.m. Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. (516) 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.

IN CONCERT Everclear's Summerland Tour

Everclear returns to Long Island bringing the summer vibe with them on their "Summerland 2018" tour. Joined by Marcy Playground, Local H and Boys of Summerland, the bands combine for a celebration of the "golden age" of 90s alternative pop and rock 'n roll. Created in 2012 by Everclear frontman, Art Alexakis, Summerland continues to be a summer tour favorite of fans and critics alike, named as one of the "10 Hottest Summer Package Tours" (Rolling Stone). Everclear fans can hear hits from more than two decades of albums including



"Sparkle and Fade," "So Much for the Afterglow," "Songs from an American Movie Vol. One: Learning How to Smile," and "Black is the New Black." With Everclear as the returning headliner, joined by notable bands participating each year, this is considered the go-to tour for fans of '90s music. Sunday, June 3, 7 p.m. \$59.50, \$49.50, \$35, \$29.50. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage



Cirque du Soleil

The inventive circus troupe returns to Long Island with their "Big Top" show "Volta," Thursday and Friday, May 31-June 1, 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 2, 4:30 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 3, 1:30 and 5 p.m. Through July 1. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.tickmaster.com or www.nyclblive.com.

Singin' in the Rain

Musical adapted from the 1950s MGM movie musical, Thursday and Friday, May 31-June 1, 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 2, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 3, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, June 6, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Appetite for Destruction

The Guns N' Roses tribute band in concert, with special guest Aerosmith tribute band PUMP, Friday, June 1, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

Roger and JP's Comedy Riot

Join Roger and JP from WBAB 102.3 for an evening of laughs, with special guests Robert Kelly and Rich Vos, Friday, June 1, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

70s Explosion

45 RPM and Disco Explosion in concert, with a tribute to the best of the 1970s, Friday, June 1, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.



Lorrie Morgan and Pam Tillis

The country legends in concert, Saturday, June 2, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

Dance Gavin Dance

The experimental rock band in concert, Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Tyler Henry

The clairvoyant medium, star of E!'s "Hollywood Medium," on tour, with "5 Life Lessons I've Learned From The Departed," Wednes-



Laurie Berkner

Preschool TV favorite Laurie Berkner, the bestselling "Queen of kindie rock," brings her Greatest Hits Solo Tour, to Hofstra University, on Sunday, June 24, at 3 p.m.

A true pioneer in children's music, beloved by kids and parents for over 20 years, Berkner will be sure to include her much-loved hits, notably "Bumblebee (Buzz Buzz)," "Victor Vito," "We Are The Dinosaurs," and "Pig on Her Head." She'll also perform other songs like "Bicycle," "Bubbles," and "I've Got So Much To Give," from her recent album "Superhero."

Berkner will showcase many fan favorites, including an array of tunes that encourage kids and grownups alike to get up and dance. Kids should plan to bring their "dancing shoes" and a stuffed animal (for their heads).

Tickets are \$36 and \$54 (VIP); available at etix.com.

Hofstra University, John Cranford Adams Playhouse, South Campus, Hempstead.

day, June 6, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Midge Ure and Paul Young

The British pop-New Wave stars join forces for "The Soundtrack of Your Life," tour, Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

Opening Night Preview Party

Celebrate the opening of Planting Fields new exhibit "Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney: Sculpture," Thursday, June 7, 6-8 p.m. With a performance by the Brooklyn Sugar Stompers. Coe Hall, Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.

For the Kids



String Art Design Workshop

Explore symmetrical and asymmetrical designs, Thursday, May 31, 7-8 p.m. Create string art to take home. For grades 6-12. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Listen Up: Storybook Stroll

Stroll Old Westbury Gardens' and hear Margot Theis Raven's "Hero Dog of WWI: A True Story," Saturday, June 2, 12 p.m. Later create a unique take home craft. For ages 3-5. Free with admission. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

Crafty Kids

Hear Leo Lionni's "The Biggest House," Tuesday, June 5, 4-5 p.m. Then create snails out of shells and clay. For grades K-2. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Escape the Library

Solve the mystery puzzle that takes place in the library, Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m. Find hidden objects, figure out the clues and solve puzzles in 60 minutes. For grades 6 and up. Registration required. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.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.



Anything Goes: The Jazz Age

The wild times and brilliant work of a tightly connected group of musicians, artists and writers during the 1920s are the subject of this exhibition. On view are masterpieces of the '20s, including neoclassical paintings by Picasso. Through July 8. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9337 or www.nassaumuseum.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.

Heavy Metal: Photographs by Jan Staller

An exhibition of Staller's large-scale photographs that transform the industrial environment. Found industrial objects are presented as sculptural artifacts of the post-industrial age. Through July 29. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Peter Max: The Retrospective

A newly-curated collection of Peter Max's paintings are on exhibit, available for acquisition. Through June 3. LaMantia Gallery, 127 Main St., Northport. (631) 754-8414 or www.lamantiagallery.com

Urban Pop

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See Frank Capra's 1937 fantasy drama "Lost Horizon," which follows a group of plane crash survivors who have landed in

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Dear Shopper/Seller,
I just read a disturbing historical novel: "Varina," by Charles Frazier, author of the bestseller "Cold Mountain." Varina is the much younger wife of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, a woman caught up in a war she neither condoned nor condemned. After Davis dies, she moves to New York City where she befriends Julia Grant, wife of

her husband's arch enemy Ulysses. The novel also traces her relationships with a young enslaved child, Jimmie/James Limber and the iconic Booker T. Washington. Frasier hints that all three were used by Varina to redeem her reputation. It is Jimmie/James who dominates the final chapter as he remembers her words: "When time is remote enough nobody amounts to much." Varina is a mysterious, complex woman who found herself at odds with her husband, her family, her country and ultimately, history. A disturbing study of a time when so much could have gone so much better for all Americans. Recommended!

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

OBITUARIES

Anthony M. Pascucci

Anthony M. Pascucci, of Glen Head, N.Y., died on May 23, 2018. Retired Deputy Chief of Glen Cove P.D.; beloved husband of the late Judith; loving father of Anthony (Shala), Lisa Zecca (Greg), James, Christopher (Connie), Robert (Tina) and Marc; cherished grandfather of 13; dear brother of Patrick (Lorraine). Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home. Funeral mass held at St. Boniface Martyr Church followed by an interment at Holy Rood Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society in his memory.

Thomas G. Johansen

Thomas G. Johansen, of Syosset on May 22, 2018. Devoted son of Arthur and Cheryl; loving brother of Andrew (Maria), Nicole and Michael; dear uncle of Mia. Mass was held at the Church of St Rocco, followed by an interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home.

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OPINIONS

MS-13 is nothing less than a major threat

The very first sentence of the U.S. Constitution sets as a goal to “insure domestic Tranquillity” for the American people. Protecting us from criminal elements in our midst is a key to preserving the peace. But over the past few years, law enforcement across the country has been fighting a particularly violent criminal gang known as MS-13.



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not exaggerating much.

MS-13 members are notorious for the viciousness of their crimes. They take violence to new extremes. Trump chaired a round-table, along with U.S. Rep. Peter King, and as one participant put it, comparing the gang's members to animals isn't fair to animals. Animals, he pointed out, kill for survival, but MS-13 gangsters often kill just for thrills.

President Trump's visit here last week highlighted the danger of the gang, and the very real threat it poses to the public peace on Long Island. The president's focus on MS-13 is not misplaced; it's right on target. And when he and others refer to its members as “animals,” they're

They are recruited from some of the most violent countries in Latin America. They mostly come from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, all failing states that harbor gangs and widespread narcotics trafficking. Over the past few years the gang has infiltrated the U.S. in large numbers. As many as 30,000 to 50,000 young men belong to MS-13, scattered among various countries, with 8,000 to 12,000 of them spread across the U.S., from New York to Houston to Los Angeles. With a major presence on Long Island, MS-13 members have terrorized our communities and overwhelmed law enforcement's efforts to contain them.

To put this threat in perspective, it's useful to compare MS-13 with another vicious group that terrorized the world until its recent series of defeats. At its height, the Islamic State, or ISIS — which managed to seize control of a large swath of Iraq and Syria — was estimated to have numbered 35,000. That's smaller than MS-13. And comparing the extreme crimes perpetrated by the two groups is chilling. ISIS became infamous for bloody executions, including beheadings. MS-13 brutally executes its victims, often with swords and knives. ISIS

engaged in horrific human trafficking, including forcing women into sexual slavery and children into combat. MS-13 likewise terrorizes women and children, coercing women into prostitution and compelling

young boys to become gang members, often in return for smuggling them into the U.S.

MS-13 threatens to become the ISIS of the Americas. But just as ISIS has been decimated by a concerted, U.S.-led effort, the battle against MS-13 can be won. It will take a determined effort at all levels of government, and Trump's leadership in the fight is crucial. At its core, the MS-13 scourge is the result of a broken U.S. immigration system that allowed these thousands of hardened criminals to enter our country. Until that system is reformed and our borders are made more secure, the criminal flood will continue.

Law enforcement officials who attended the Long Island meeting with the president noted that because gang members are often boys in their teens who sneak into the U.S. alone, they regularly take advantage of an immigration loophole that mandates special treatment for “unaccompanied minor aliens.” Unfortunately, immigration rules and regulations meant to safeguard young-

sters instead offer cover to this criminal element.

Once they've made it across the border, even if they're caught, these gang members benefit from a protective immigration system that allows them to stay here and melt into the general population. This system is correctly termed “catch and release,” because it stipulates that these “unaccompanied children” entering the U.S. cannot be automatically sent back to their home countries. Instead they are given “special juvenile status,” which includes permanent residence and too often allows them to be released back onto the streets.

All of which leads back to the source of the problem, which is the U.S.'s largely unsecured southern border. Major gaps in border security have made it possible for hundreds of thousands of minors to illegally enter the U.S. from Mexico. Mixed in with this human flood are MS-13 gang members.

Trump and our law enforcement authorities have correctly identified this situation as a national crisis. The key to solving it will be tightening our borders and strengthening our laws in order to turn back this lawless tide. Our domestic tranquillity depends on it.

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The high and the mighty: American oligarchs

garnered my modest education in oligarchy by reading Bill Browder's “Red Notice,” a dazzling financial thriller. The book details Browder's crushing encounter with Russian business moguls who enjoy special privilege and unique access to President Vladimir Putin.

According to Browder, these super-rich individuals have a quid quo pro with Putin.

They can pursue their corrupt, wildly profitable business interests without government interference. In exchange, they support their country's leader in his efforts to remain in power and gather increasing wealth for himself.

Webster's defines an oligarch as a powerful and

rich person who has influence and control over government. An oligarchy is a government run by a small group of unelected, disproportionately influential individuals. There is a connotation of corruption, although not every oligarch is corrupt.

Tsk-tsking my way through “Red Notice,” I read horrific stories of Russian oligarchs bullying and robbing and killing their way to power. They sway Russia's foreign policy in order to line their pockets,

and they destroy anyone in their way.

Pretty soon, I was hearing the words “Russian oligarchs” associated with the Robert Mueller investigation into President Trump & Co. I won't attempt to untangle the rats' nest of associations and connections among the president's people and Russian business interests. Special Counsel Robert Mueller is charged with that duty. The apparent influence of Russians on the 2016 election, and the association of people on the Trump team with Russian players, are unsettling and possibly actionable.

Pretty soon, I started thinking about the way government works here in the U.S., and I realized that Russia doesn't own the oligarch franchise. And not all oligarchs are created equal.

The word has come to be associated with the really bad guys who break laws and bones to further their interests: wealth and power. But we have oligarchs here at home, too, both benign and corrupt, good and bad (depending on your point of view), who also use their resources to accrue influence and money. Some, like Warren Buffett, use their money to launch charities and effect change that makes the world a better place. Others have personal political agendas, and back candidates who share their social and cultural values. When the Koch brothers

give a presidential candidate a bunch of money, they expect something in return.

Think about our homegrown American oligarchs. Consider Bill and Melinda Gates, Buffett, Tom Steyer, the Kochs, the Waltons, Michael Bloomberg, Mark Zuckerberg, Jeff

Bezos, Paul Singer, George Soros, Art Pope, Sheldon Adelson, Penny Pritzker, Pierre and Pamela Omidyar, Rupert Murdoch. They are just a handful of the multi-billionaires who use money to sway presidents, for better or worse. They come from every political corner, and they all use personal wealth to enhance their political clout.

The question, of course, is whether any individual should be able to effect policy change because he or she has the money to support a candidate. Does the existence of an American oligarchy change our democracy?

A piece in The New Yorker last month quoted two prominent political scientists, Martin Gilens and Benjamin Page, who write, “Americans do enjoy many features central to democratic governance, such as regular elections, freedom of speech and association, and a widespread (if still contested) franchise. But we believe that if policymaking is dominated by powerful business organizations and a small number of affluent Americans, then America's claims

to being a democratic society are seriously threatened.”

Enthroned atop the list of American oligarchs is Donald J. Trump, who used his personal fortune, his connections (known and unknown), and a vast repertoire of unsavory political tactics to become president. Whether or not he qualifies as an evildoer oligarch depends on the outcomes of various ongoing investigations. Did he use influence and power illegally, or more egregiously than any of his predecessors? Has he used his position as president to enrich himself or his family?

It seems inevitable that some rich people will use their wealth to grow their wealth, and to grab power when they can. It may be just an unfair fact of life that money buys access; the problem is when that access metastasizes into something criminal and corrupt.

Russian and American oligarchs are here to stay. Only through the efforts of an independent Department of Justice, an independent FBI and a courageous Congress can checks and balances secure our democracy.

As voters and citizens, our job is to stay informed, learn all sides of the issues, and find out who stands to gain when a new law or initiative is proposed. Government 101: Money buys access to power, here, there and everywhere.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

We can't deport our way out of the MS-13 scourge

When President Trump touted his efforts to eradicate the El Salvadoran gang MS-13 at a May 23 forum in Bethpage, he said that the threat gang members pose can be solved with immigration law reform.

Two "solutions" that Trump is considering are decreasing foreign aid to the countries of undocumented immigrants and ending immigration policies like "catch and release," which prevents undocumented immigrants from being detained while awaiting their immigration hearings.

MS-13 members butcher teenagers with machetes and mercilessly kill anyone who gets in their way. Yes, they need to be stopped, and yes, the U.S. must never welcome violent gangs.

Long before his first Long Island visit last July, however, Trump only added oxygen to the fire under the immigration reform debate. He has consistently portrayed MS-13 as the face of the Long Island Latino immigrant, and his latest visit shows how he is using the gang to scapegoat and isolate immigrants, making it harder for them to pursue citizenship.

Cutting foreign aid to countries that are already suffering financially would only exacerbate the impact of gangs in such places. Gangs, we know, thrive amid economic instability and give the helpless a false sense of security. With bigger, stronger gangs, more people from Central and South America would flee to the U.S., perpetuating a vicious cycle.

Catch and release began under President George W. Bush to help immigrants in the U.S. who are escaping gang violence in their home countries. It allows undocumented immigrants to live here while they await a decision on their immigration status, without fear of being detained or deported. The policy builds trust in immigrant communities. Nassau County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder, while praising Trump's efforts to fight the MS-13 scourge at the forum, said trust is vital.

MS-13 has plagued the U.S. since the 1980s, and we must deal with the members who are here. At the same time, we must protect residents in high-risk areas, and we must work together with them, not against them, to fight MS-13.

Nassau should move ahead with plastic bag tax

Plastic bags are about the most insidious of all plastics that humans have created over the past century or so. They easily escape from garbage trucks, and people carelessly toss them to the sides of roads along with other trash. They then float and fly about like helium balloons, easily carried by the slightest wind.

Tree branches and chain-link fences tear them to shreds — into what scientists call micro-participles. A single plastic bag can be broken down into 1.75 million — yes, million — micro-particles, according to the a recent National Geographic article titled "Planet or Plastic?"

Micro-particles are gobbled up in a variety of ways by animals and marine creatures. Whales suck in billions of them in the oceans, which, in many ways, have

become giant garbage dumps. That's because so much of our trash eventually flows into them.

All of this is why we are disappointed that the Nassau County Legislature's presiding officer, Richard Nicoletto, a Republican from New Hyde Park, is stubbornly refusing to allow discussion of a bill that would impose a countywide 5-cent tax on plastic bags, which has been shown in other counties, including Suffolk, to reduce plastic-bag use drastically.

Nicoletto contends that the tax would place an undue burden on already over-taxed residents. The thing is, they wouldn't have to pay the tax. They could simply buy low-cost, reusable bags. Many, if not most, grocery stores now offer a discount for every reusable bag that a shopper checks out with. Problem solved.

Kroger and Safeway, two American supermarket giants, were the first to phase out paper bags in favor of plastic ones, in 1982. Today Americans throw away an estimated *100 billion* plastic bags every year, consuming tens of millions of barrels of oil, according to the Worldwatch Institute, a nonprofit organization committed to sustainable development. It's little wonder that ExxonMobil introduced the plastic bag to the U.S. in the late 1960s and '70s, according to a 2011 Rolling Stone article, "The Plastic Bag Wars."

A plastic bag tax has the support of County Executive Laura Curran, a Democrat from Baldwin. Nicoletto, frankly, sounds out of touch with Nassau's growing environmental movement. It's about time that he got on board. He should allow a vote on the measure.

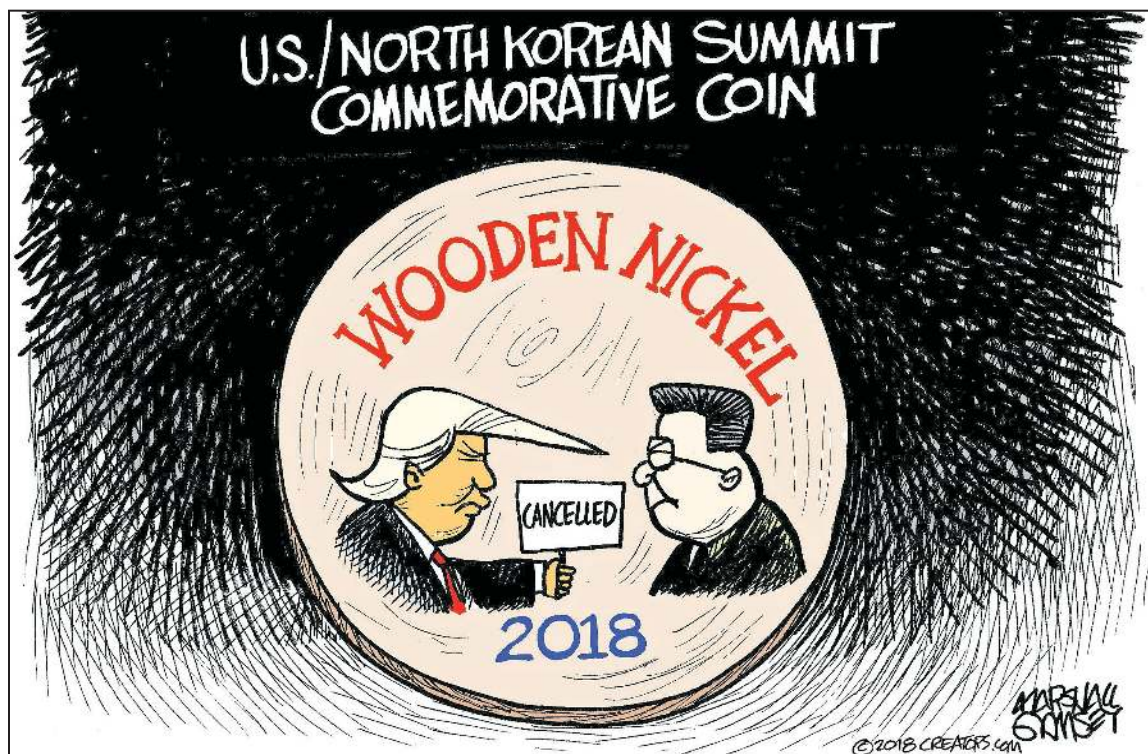
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Memorial Day should be above politics

To the Editor:

I am a member of the Glen Cove City Council and marched in this year's Memorial Day parade. I was deeply saddened that our annual small-town tribute to our fallen military was hijacked for political purposes.

While the entourages for Gov. Andrew Cuomo and other elected leaders were deciding where to march in the parade line and where to get the best photo-op, I saw a soldier who served two tours in Vietnam as a staff sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division walk off the parade line. When I asked him where he was going, he said that the delay caused by the politicians was wrong (he used stronger language), and that this day was about the soldiers who gave their lives in service of our country and not



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Trump, Clinton and musings on the Electoral College

Strangely, Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton landed in Nassau County on the same day, at the same time, last week. Trump came for a roundtable in Bethpage to hammer home a singular message: MS-13 is bad. Clinton came to Hofstra University to nominate Andrew Cuomo for governor at the state Democratic convention.

Their visits brought memories of the 2016 presidential campaign streaming back, specifically of the Hofstra debate, which most pundits said Clinton nailed. In the end, Clinton won the popular vote, earning nearly 65.8 million votes to Trump's 62.9 million. Roughly 2.9 million votes separated them, a margin of 2.1 percentage points. If not



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for the Electoral College vote, which Trump won, the U.S. would have elected its first woman president.

America, though, has this bizarre system of electing a president based on a Germanic system that dates back to the Middle Ages: Electors, not the people, choose the president. The idea behind it is really quite jaded, if you ask me.

Our founders worried that we, the peo-

ple, might be unable to elect a highly qualified, righteous president. So they set up a nationwide electoral board, if you will, whose members are appointed by their states' political parties, and who are supposed to be more knowledgeable than average voters. They can consider the popular vote result when electing the president, but in most states they can also vote to override it, which is, if you think about it, what many electors did in 2016.

Writing in 1787 against direct democracy, a.k.a. the popular vote, James Madison, the "father of the Constitution," who drafted the Bill of Rights, said electors would guard against the "obnoxious individual" who might run for president.

Hmmm.

Anyway . . . five times in our nation's history, presidents have been elected without winning the popular vote — John Quincy Adams in 1824, Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876, Benjamin Harrison in 1888, George W. Bush in 2000 and Trump in 2016.

Trump's margin of victory in the Electoral College was actually razor-thin, despite his receiving 304 electoral votes to Clinton's 227. Here's why: If Clinton had won three traditionally Democratic-leaning states — Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin, the so-called "blue wall" — she would have been president. Trump won the popular vote in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin by three-quarters of a percentage point, and Michigan by less than a quarter of a point. Those stunning wins gave him the 46

Electoral College votes he needed to claim victory.

There's been much talk of Russian interference in the election, which now appears certain, along with potential Russian collusion with the Trump campaign. I emphasize potential because nothing has been proven thus far, though it seems increasingly likely something happened.

All of that aside, to me, the presidential election boiled down to strategy. Trump won for two reasons. First, he embraced "clean coal," which appealed to folks in the rural parts of Pennsylvania that we call coal country, while Clinton vowed to dismantle the coal industry, without telegraphing a concrete message of hope for coal workers. That is, she left them with little sense of how they might make a living in the decades to come.

Second, Trump visited Michigan and Wisconsin in the final days of the campaign. That's it.

Many pundits thought Trump was wasting his time stumping in the upper Midwest. Here's what John Cassidy wrote in an Oct. 31, 2016, *New Yorker* analysis:

"According to the polls, Donald Trump has been trailing Hillary Clinton badly in Michigan and Wisconsin for months. In Michigan, two surveys taken last week showed Clinton leading by seven percentage points. In a third poll, the margin was six points. It's a similar story in Wisconsin, where the past three polls have shown Clinton ahead by four points, six points, and

seven points.

"Why, then, with just more than a week left before Election Day, is Trump campaigning in these two states? Surely he would be better off camping out in places where the polls are closer, such as Florida, Nevada, North Carolina and Ohio . . .

"The Trump campaign, though, is operating according to its own logic, or illogic."

We're now gearing up for the 2018 midterm election, which means, soon enough, we'll be gearing up for the 2020 presidential election. Have Democrats learned from Clinton's clear strategic errors? Like it or not, presidential candidates must play according to the rules of the Electoral College game, not according to the popular vote.

The Dems face a monumental task ahead. Clinton keeps reappearing, as she did last week, to remind voters of Democrats' bruising 2016 defeat. Meanwhile, no Democratic frontrunner has emerged, or any candidate at all, and Trump's approval ratings continue to inch up as people grow weary of hearing about possible Russian collusion and the economy heats up.

Whatever Democrats do, they must remember this: The people, common folks, matter. And they should never assume victory until they have crossed the finish line.

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about the elected leaders. He refused to march and went home. The former staff sergeant had lost 38 members of his company in Vietnam.

Amazingly, once the parade finally got started, the entourage proceeded to march with one political sign clearly visible and held overhead. Later during the parade, the emcee did not even have the courtesy of introducing certain local politicians until I prodded him into doing so. He also blatantly neglected to introduce other Republican elected leaders such as our state senator.

Please, let's all remember what Memorial Day is really about. It is a solemn day to remember and honor our fallen military. It certainly should not be about politics or one's party.

JOSEPH CAPOBIANCO
Glen Cove City councilman

My intention was to honor the veterans

To the Editor:

I was honored to have been invited to emcee the Glen Cove Memorial Day Parade when the person who typically does it was unavailable. Although I have never emceed a parade, and the time to prepare was brief, I was proud to participate. I take very seriously our commitment to our veterans and the importance of honoring our fallen heroes. My father served in the Navy dur-

ing World War II, as did most of his brothers; my mother was in the Cadet Nurse Corps; and my brother, retired Col. James Hunter Mathews, served two tours of duty in Afghanistan. So, in many ways, this was very personal for me.

It has been suggested on social media that, in some way, I intentionally left out the names of elected officials when announcing them at the parade. This is a complete misrepresentation. I would never do this. I would never do anything to detract from the message of the day. On the contrary, I made copious notes so that I would be certain to note the specific veterans and soldiers by their appropriate titles. I put the names in order based on the division and tried to review the information with those involved. My intention was to do the best job I could to honor our veterans. At the time, I did not know Governor Cuomo would be joining us, but once I got this information, I worked to incorporate this information as well.

Events don't always go as planned. I understood that the governor would be near the end of the parade, when, in fact, he appeared earlier along with other elected leaders. Additionally, the order of those marching changed, and there were elected officials marching who I did not know would be participating in the parade. All of this, coupled with people wanting photographs with the governor, made things a bit chaotic. When the order changed, and as I

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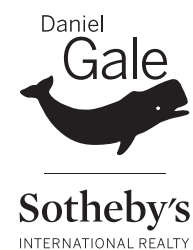
was flipping through my notes to see what veteran division was next, some elected officials were approaching the stand telling me to state their names. I was worried about protocol, and my primary concern was naming the soldiers and veterans correctly. I am generally pretty good at this, but the naming of the elected officials did not go well, and, I felt badly about it. However, I knew the veterans would be coming up

shortly, and stating their titles and names correctly was my primary focus. I didn't name one elected official over another based on their party affiliation.

I regret that any of this detracted from the meaning of the day; it certainly was not my intention.

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