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Courtesy Evelyn Kandel/Official Marine Corps photograph

**EVELYN KANDEL, FAR** right, of Glen Cove, served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve during the Korean War, and modeled for the military's public relations materials, like this one.

## Former Marine Corps sergeant remembers her service

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*Part One of an ongoing series.*

A giant papier-mâché giraffe sculpture stands in the entryway of Evelyn Kandel's Glen Cove home. "Oh, I made that," she said with a laugh. "It was a gift for a

very close friend of mine."

Her home is filled with attention-grabbing artwork, most of which she made herself. There are tribal masks and huge abstract works with curved, organic lines that, New York Times art critic Helen Harrison noted, reflect "nostalgia for increasingly threatened nat-

ural phenomena."

None of Kandel's art, however, suggests that she was ever a member of the Marines.

Kandel, 85, served in the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve for three years during the Korean War. She enlisted when she was 18,

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## Nassau County raises tobacco age to 21

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In a unanimous vote on May 23, the Nassau County Legislature approved legislation that prohibits the sale of tobacco products to those under the age of 21. The new bill was signed into law by County Executive Laura Curran on Monday, and will take effect in 60 days.

"Enacting this bill into law has been a long time coming," Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Glen Cove Democrat, said in a statement. "We proposed it several times over the past few years," but the Legislature's Republican majority "refused to call it."

Legislator Judy Jacobs, a Democrat from Woodbury who died in 2016, was the first to introduce the bill. She had proposed it several times during her tenure in the Legislature. DeRiggi-Whitton reintroduced the bill with the intention of protecting

the county's youth from substance abuse and, inevitably, addiction.

Under the new legislation, people younger than 21 will be prohibited from buying all tobacco products, including nicotine gum, patches and electronic cig-

arettes, or vaping devices. Lawmakers hope the legislation will not only curb addiction, but also restrict young people's access to these products.

"I'm very pleased and relieved the bill finally passed," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "I am certain it will save a great number of lives."

According to the Centers for Disease Control, 90 percent of current smokers

had their first cigarettes before age 18, and more than 3,000 adolescents have their first cigarettes each day. If smoking rates remain the same, the CDC predicts that 5.6 million of today's young people will die early from smoking-related illnesses.

While tobacco use among the young is declining nationwide —

**I** think that it's pointless. People will find a way to get whatever they need.

**SPYRO MARKOULIS**  
GCHS student

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# Meet Glen Cove's top academic achievers

By **BRIAN STIEGLITZ** and **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**

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Valedictorians and salutatorians from Nassau County's high schools will soon graduate — embarking on new journeys as they walk in the steps of scholars who came before them.

Before all this, however, the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents recognized them for earning the top spots of their class. At a June 1 breakfast, David Flatley, the council's president, gave words of encouragement to the Class of 2018.

"Question everything," he said, before quoting President John F. Kennedy, "Conformity is the jailer of freedom and the enemy of growth." In order to strive for excellence, Flatley continued, the best and brightest minds must reject the status quo and never settle for what appears easy.

Keynote Speaker Elizabeth Hashagan, an anchor at News 12, shared a similar sentiment as she addressed the graduating class. She asked them to imagine a world where they are always given what they want and problems are solved effortlessly. If such a world were to exist, she continued, there would be no growth.

Hashagan said that she had to continuously produce content on her own and eventually an employer admired her work and offered her a job. "If you want something, sometimes you have to make it happen yourself," she said.



Brian Stieglitz/Herald

**NASSAU COUNTY'S VALEDICTORIANS** and salutatorians were recognized for their achievements at a June 1 breakfast hosted by the Nassau County Council of School Superintendents.

## Brandon Kolanovic - *Salutatorian*

**What do you like about your favorite subjects, physics and calculus?**

"I really like the challenge, I like learning new things."

**What skills did you rely on to get where you are today?**

"The number one thing is hard work and dedication. You have to commit yourself."

**What advice do you have for future students?**

"Putting in the effort now means you'll get so much more in the long run."

**Where do you get your motivation?**

"I look to my family. I never want to dissappoint them. I would feel so [bad] if I didn't give it my all."

## Isabel Blas - *Honorarian*

**What passions are you driven by?**

"I love photography. Since last April I've been freelancing as a photographer [at events]. It's more significant than when you're in a studio. It's memories in the making."

**What was the most challenging part of High School for you?**

"I didn't always want to try new

things, but [since I started participating] in the TV studio, I've really started to come out of my shell."

**What has driven you to be a high-achiever?**

"I had been trying to set myself up for the future because that's what you're in school for."



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# Youth Court asks, 'Who let the dogs out?'

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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On June 5, a jury of eighth-graders had a tough decision to make. After nearly 10 minutes of deliberation, the Youth Court jury ruled that a defendant did not have to pay a “dog at large” ticket after her family’s two canines — a labrador and an American bulldog/pit-bull mix — led at up to five police officers on a nearly two-hours long search.

The case appeared to rest on a single question, which Gabriella Colella, an “attorney” for the defense, pointedly asked her client, Lori Yen, when she took the stand.

“Who let the dogs out?” Colella demanded. It was a simple question, but as it turned out, the answer was not so simple.

At about 7 a.m., on the morning of the incident, Yen, a student at Nassau Community College and part-time dental assistant, she was roused from her slumber by her panicking mother. She had let the dogs out into the backyard for their morning business, not realizing that the construction workers who had closed, but not locked, the gate. The dogs escaped, and Yen and her brothers spent hours searching for them.

As Yen gave her accounting of the timeline, the lawyers for the prosecution, sitting at a table behind Colella, planned their rebuttal in a loud whisper, and with an abundance of intense hand gestures.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE** Glen Cove Youth Court program, along with their adult advisors, gathered for a pre-trial photo in the Glen Cove City Courthouse, where young jurors found that it was the defendant’s mother, and not the defendant, who let the dogs out.

For the prosecution, none of whom stood no more than five feet tall, the case seemed clear cut. Yen’s dogs — which were not licensed — escaped her yard, worked their way around the neighborhood weaving in and out of traffic, and tied up precious law enforcement resources as they tried to detain them. When both Yen and Detective Ted Karousos of the Glen Cove Police Department converged on the canines at the same time, Karousos was directed by a superior to issue Yen a ticket.

But the defense had one more trick up its sleeve. Karousos had written down “Sub-section 21” — the portion of the code

that details dog licensing application procedures — as the violation number, when he should have written “Sub-section 27,” the correct reference for the “dog at large” violation. This inconsistency, Emma Burke argued in the defense’s closing statement, nullified the entire proceeding against her client.

The detective’s mistake, a source familiar with the city’s law enforcement practices told the Herald Gazette, was a common one, and could be attributed to an error in the software that police officers use for reference when they write tickets. Perhaps, this person mused, the software had not yet been updated with recently

made changes to the City Code.

After both the prosecution and the defense rested their cases, and the jury retired to the deliberation room, Councilman Kevin Maccarone, defense attorney and St. Johns University law professor Dennis O’Brien and Glen Cove City Court Judge Richard McCord addressed the middle school lawyers, and offered their admiration, and a smattering of advice; O’Brien appeared to fall into a quite informative lecture on pre-trial proceedings and missed objection opportunities before McCord reminded him, gently, that he was talking to eighth graders, albeit, bright ones.

## New wall to honor Veterans coming to City Hall

By ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN

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At a City Council meeting last month, the director of Veterans Affairs for the City of Glen Cove, Tony Jimenez, announced that City Hall’s wall of honor, which features photographs of locals who served in the military, would be split into two — one for active duty service members, and one for “Gold Star” members, those who died during their service.

The change is necessary, Jimenez said, because it is not appropriate to lump together active service members, veterans who have returned home, and those who died while serving.

Going forward, each of these groups will be honored separately, as military tradition dictates. Photos of those currently serving will remain under the Blue Star flag, a symbol designed by military families during World War I; photos of service members who died on active duty will be featured on a second wall, under a Gold Star flag, designed around the same time; the city will keep a running scrapbook of people who have retired from the military and returned home.

Keeping these distinctions in mind is important, according to David Hubbard, who spent three years in the early 1970s as a computer programmer working on the country’s nuclear missile defense facilities, and now serves as Commander of the Young-Simmons American Legion post in



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**AT AN APRIL 26** meeting of the city council, the Young-Simmons American Legion Post donated a Gold Star flag to the city, to be hung in City Hall.

Glen Cove.

For military families, the Blue and Gold Star flags are “a silent way of letting people know” what the family is going through. For Blue Star families, it’s a symbol of pride, but it’s also an invitation. “People walking by their homes might notice the banner and say, ‘Thank you for your family’s sacrifice.’ That might make them feel a little better.”

Having a loved one in active duty can be a lonely experience, Hubbard said, adding that it’s often hard or awkward to bring it up to civilian families. He added that parents of active duty members tend

to “keep close tabs” on their children’s movements and activities overseas, at least as much as they can.

Hubbard said that for many parents, that distance is a heavy burden, that talking to friends about it can be “good medicine,” and that hanging a Blue Star flag is one way to make those conversations happen.

Gold Star families, Jimenez said, need an entirely different kind of support. “It’s the recognition of the sacrifice that family made for our country” he said. “In your heart,” he continued, “you just support them, without necessarily doing some-

### Different stars for different sacrifice

**Blue Star** – A blue star is hung at the home of someone who’s family member is currently serving on active duty.

**Gold Star** – A gold star is hung at the home of someone who’s family member died while serving on active duty.

*If you are a military family and would like a Blue or Gold Star flag for your property, contact Tony Jimenez at City Hall at (516) 676-2000.*

thing obvious.”

Sometimes, simple gratitude can help those who’s relatives have died in the service. When Hubbard sees a Gold Star flag, he said, it makes him more sensitive to what the family might be going through.

At the April City Council meeting, the Young-Simmons post donated a Gold Star flag to the city. “It’s a program that we cherish,” Hubbard said. That’s why he and Jimenez have pushed to keep the Blue Star wall and the Gold Star wall separate: to make sure that military families are honored and supported the way they should be.

# A mistrial in Mangano corruption trial

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A mistrial was declared on May 31, in the federal corruption trial of former Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and his wife, Linda, after jurors were unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the ninth day of deliberations.

The trial ended a week after the jury returned a verdict of not guilty on all counts for co-defendant John Venditto, a former Town of Oyster Bay supervisor.

Restaurateur Harendra Singh was the prosecution's key witness against both men, testifying about a years-long history of doing favors for Ed Mangano in exchange for political "juice" to help Singh's struggling businesses.

When asked early in the trial by government prosecutor Lara Gatz why he did a number of favors for Mangano, a rising Republican star at the time — including discounting a \$57,000 running restaurant tab by more than \$40,000 — Singh responded, "He was my friend. He was the highest elected official in the county."

According to Singh, he expected political favors in return for allowing Mangano to rent a portion of a family-owned Bethpage property for his county executive campaign headquarters, and for purchasing a \$3,000 ergonomic chair for Mangano after he won the election and became county executive.

Singh, 59, owned and operated a number of restaurants on Long Island and beyond, and according to his testimony, his connection with Nassau County and Oyster Bay politics began with joining the Bethpage Republican Club — on the recommendation of an Oyster Bay town official — in the early 1990s. His rise as a player in Oyster Bay continued with a series of contracts to operate concessions at the Town of Oyster Bay golf course and other town properties, Singh said, and ended with his 2015 arrest related to a series of loan guarantees he got from the town, allegedly with Mangano and Venditto's help.

Leaving the courthouse Thursday after the mistrial was declared, the Manganos and their attorneys spoke briefly with the media. Both Manganos thanked their attorneys for believing in and supporting them throughout the case. Mangano added that it was Psalm 35 that inspired him and his wife throughout the trial.

Mangano called the 12-week trial an "emotionally devastating time in our family." He said his biggest concern was the emotional strain on his elderly parents, who he said were in the courtroom every day for support.

"I'd like to thank all those who gave us strength to get through such a difficult period in our lives," he said.

Linda echoed her husband's sentiments and said she chose to look at the glass as half-full.

"I feel so blessed to have so many people there for us," she said. "I just feel very appreciative. This has been very hard on Ed, on my children. I have such a beautiful support system."

Both declined to comment on the second, forthcoming trial.

Attorneys for both Manganos said there was strong support for their clients among jurors. Mangano's attorney, Kevin Keating, said jurors he spoke with were "leaning heavily toward acquittal" of his client. John Carman, Linda's attorney, said an overwhelming majority was in favor of acquittal for his client.

Mangano added that he was hurt that the work of his administration during and after Hurricane Sandy was portrayed in a negative light throughout the trial.

"I tried my best — especially during Sandy — and my team put in such efforts," he said. "They worked tirelessly and did a great job."

Mangano said he especially wanted to honor former Commissioner of the Office of Emergency Management Craig Craft, who led the mass lifesaving evacuation and rescue efforts during and immediately after the powerful storm. Craft died suddenly of a heart attack last year at 54.

Asked about his relationship with Singh, Ed Mangano said it had been one of the "hardest things," and maintained that he and his wife had a close 25-year friendship with Singh and his family.

"We were family," he said. "What do you say about family? I wish him peace — he and his family."

Assemblyman Charles Lavine said that even though the trial didn't result in a verdict this time, he had hope. "Having practiced complex and challenging criminal defense law in the federal courts for more than 30 years, I have great faith in our judicial system."

"As Americans, and as New Yorkers, and as Long Islanders," he continued, "each of us must vigilantly protect our rights as citizens.

Corruption on any and every level must never be tolerated."

Lavine has introduced several anti-corruption bills, including one that would strip corrupt officials of their pensions and one that would prevent officials from using campaign coffers to fund criminal defenses. Campaign finance documents show that Mangano spent hundreds of thousands in campaign contributions on his lawyer:

"When our citizens contribute to a political campaign, the obvious intent is to help the person running for office or in office to be elected," Lavine said in a 2015 press conference announcing the legislation. "It is not their intent in making these contributions or donation to help keep political officeholders or candidates out of prison."

U.S. District Court Judge Joan Azrack called for a June 28 conference at 10:30 a.m. to set a date for a new trial for the Manganos, according to court documents.



**A NEW TRIAL** date for Mangano will be set at a conference later this month.



Photos by Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

**AFTER LEAVING COURT** during his corruption trial, Ed Mangano approached his car, while his wife, Linda, waited.

## Trial watchers react

In the hours after a mistrial was declared for former Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and his wife, Linda, it wasn't only public officials weighing in:

*"The onus is on the prosecution. They need to prove a better case."*

—Ned Newhouse, Facebook

*"Politicians seem to be unable to survive in that realm unless they are deeply corrupt, and it's shameful that our broken justice system allows them to slip through the cracks with clever loopholes discovered by their overpriced lawyers."*

—Stef Santo-Fish, Facebook

*"No matter the results of the federal criminal trial, it exposed the ugly, manipulative and greedy way in which local town and Nassau County politics were conducted."*

—Michael Santo, Facebook

*"Not at all surprised. The prosecution needs a better witness. Singh was not convincing enough."*

—Susan Stone Floss, Facebook

*"A juror said that he could understand a friend for 30 years giving the other friend gifts, trips, etc., especially if he's rich. That's what the prosecutor will have to handle much better in a retrial."*

—Lori Ann, Facebook

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Nearby things to do this week



### Sculpture expo at Coe Hall

A new exhibition is opening at Planting Fields Arboretum's Coe Hall. Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney is best known as the founder of New York's Whitney Museum of American Art, yet she had a significant career as a sculptor, exhibiting throughout the United States and Europe. This is the first exhibition of Whitney's art since her death in 1942. Included with \$5 admission to Coe Hall. The exhibit is on view daily June 9 through Sept. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 1395 Planting Fields Rd. Info: (516) 922-9210.

### 'Brown Bag' lecture

On June 9 at 1 p.m. Riva Ettus, a Nassau County Museum of Art docent, speaks about Kenny Scharf, whose works, at the forefront of the urban street art movement, are on view. Free with museum admission, \$4 to \$10; children 4 and under and members, free. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. Info: (516) 484-9337.



### Gustav Klimt: The Good, The Bad and The Beautiful

On Saturday, June 9 at 1 p.m. Louise Cella Caruso will recount the life of Gustav Klimt, a turn-of-the-20th-century Viennese painter trumpeted as a "Painter of Women." Klimt is hailed for developing an individual style of Viennese art nouveau that progressed to expressionism. Register at the Reference Desk or call (516) 922-1212. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay.



### Exploring some 'Tremendous Trees'

Kids can become "tree detectives" while exploring Planting Fields Arboretum's vast collection of trees, on Sunday, June 10, 12-1:30 p.m. It's an opportunity to learn about the important relationship that exists between trees and people and how to identify trees. Registration is required. Info: (516) 922-8668 or [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org).



### All about that jazz

Get into the swing of things at Nassau County Museum of Art, on Sunday, June 10, 12:30-2 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Joe Dubs and the Jazz Connection offer up a live soundtrack to the current exhibit "Anything Goes: The Jazz Age." They'll perform a varied selection of tunes, from the classics of Cole Porter and George Gershwin to the hottest composers of later decades. Also, this is a great time of year to explore the sculpture park, which features over 30 works. Info: (516) 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).



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# HERALD SCHOOLS

## Deasy students study marine biology

Glen Cove first-graders at Deasy School shared their recent research on marine animals, which was highlighted in e-books and projects, with family members on May 16.

The students had been learning about marine animals in a Science, Technology, Research, Engineering, Art and Mathematics, or STREAM, class under the guidance of teacher Giselle

Taylor. During class, students paired up and selected a marine animal to research, locating information about the animal's habitat, its food supply, photos and other interesting facts. Using what they learned, the first-graders used Adobe Spark to create an e-book. They also created their respective animals out of recycled materials on Global Design Day.



**DEASY SCHOOL FIRST-GRADER** Vivian Ferrara showed off her seal project during the parent visit.



**DEASY SCHOOL FIRST-GRADER** Jeymi Fuentes shared her seahorse project with her father, Carlos Diaz.

Photos courtesy Glen Cove Schools

## Home run for Big Red baseball program



Glen Cove High School City School District's baseball program was awarded equipment and a check for \$2,500 through the MLB Baseball Tomorrow Fund in partnership with the New York Mets on May 20.

Glen Cove High School baseball players Kiernan Calderon, Chris Capobianco and Jared Vanegas were invited to walk onto Citi Field and were recognized in front of the whole crowd for receiving this honor. In addition to the award, the players were able to watch the game from field level seats. The district is grateful to the MLB and the New York Mets for its generosity in providing the athletes with an amazing experience.

Courtesy Glen Cove Schools

**GLEN COVE HIGH** School baseball coach Jake Freitag, left, student-athletes Kiernan Calderon, Chris Capobianco, Jared Vanegas and Athletic Director Peter Cardone.



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

**ROY MONACO, THE** owner, far left, Joe DiGirolomo, the general manager; Danielle DiGirolomo, the manager; and Ricardo Ramirez the head chef, make up Blu Iguana's staff.

# A touch of teal at new Tappen Beach eatery

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A bright blue bungalow has popped up on the shores of Tappen Beach, just in time for the summer. Inside, the dedicated staff of Blu Iguana, a new restaurant that opened Memorial Day weekend, is serving up "fun modern Mexican" food for hungry beachgoers of all ages.

"We've been getting a lot of good response from the customers that we've had," said owner Roy Monaco, of Bellport. "Everybody seems to enjoy the food and the atmosphere, and naturally you can't beat the view."

Blu Iguana has replaced Carlisle's Seafood Shack. What was formerly a dreary old building that blended in with the nearby sands has been transformed, with a fresh coat of teal paint, 360 floor-to-ceiling sliding doors that give way to the sunshine, and casual seating indoors and out on the patio.

Monaco teamed up with seasoned restaurateur Joe DiGirolomo, the Iguana's general manager. DiGirolomo originated the popular Italian dining destination Ciao Baby, which formerly had a location in Carle Place. "I had a lot of customers from this area [at that location], and I always wanted to own a Mexican restaurant because I love the food," he said.

Instead of opening yet another seafood spot on the shores of the Long Island Sound, the partners brought Mexican-inspired dishes to their restaurant, which includes a bar and a walk-up window for those who want to get their food to go. Keeping true to his Italian roots, DiGirolomo had a pizza oven installed in the kitchen.

The to-go window gives customers an added dining option. "It shows that we're going to do some fun, casual food for people who go to the beach with their family,"

he said. "They don't have to sit down and have a full lunch."

While most waterfront restaurants have a reputation of not giving much bang for your buck, Blu Iguana offers moderate pricing for a satiating selection of modern Mexican meals. The most popular appetizer is the restaurant's play on a rice ball. Blu Iguana's version still comes stuffed with seasoned ground beef, but is topped with pico de gallo, and served on a bed of fresh guacamole. Monaco's favorite main course item is the skirt steak tacos.

Glen Cove resident Patricia Holman raved about the food. "My daughter and I had the tostada salad with seared tuna and it was incredible," she said. "My friend had a shrimp dish and said it might be the best thing he has had in a longtime."

Sea Cliff resident Maddie Citko's 3-year-old palette found the guacamole to be "yummy," and the location to be an added plus. "You can eat right on the beach, and watch pretty sunsets," she said.

There was much buzz on local Facebook groups about Blu Iguana's soft opening, causing concern from a few neighbors that the wet bar would attract a more raucous crowd, but DiGirolomo said he sees no issue. "I have no concern at all because it's been here for years, and I wouldn't assume it was an issue before," he said. Additionally, some residents who patronized the new restaurant were less than flattering with their reviews about the service, to which DiGirolomo said, "Just have patience."

"We are new, and we are going to get it," he added. "We've definitely showed we don't want to be a fly-by-night, seasonal place, and customers can tell we put care in to what we do."

Blu Iguana is located at 494 Prospect Ave. in Sea Cliff, and is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and offers Sunday brunch from 12 to 3 p.m.

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Glen Cove hosts tennis clinic

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The Glen Cove High School tennis program played host to a free tennis clinic open to grades two through six this past week. May 30 was the first of six sessions, and if the opener was any indicator, the clinics will continue to be a rousing success.

"We had about 65 kids come out from second grade to sixth grade," Glen Cove varsity tennis coach Chris MacDonald said. "We saw an interest last year when we had some kids come out from third grade to fifth grade, so we expanded it two more grade levels."

MacDonald was not only impressed by the young talent he saw, but warmed by the sight of young kids taking a keen interest in the sport that he found as a high schooler and played throughout college.

"I found tennis when I was in tenth grade," MacDonald said. "Seeing all these young kids come out to the clinic and take an interest now is awesome to see."

MacDonald was also accompanied by several Big Red tennis players, for whom he applauds for being a huge part of the success of the event.

"My (high school) kids wanted to be a part of it and they really helped in a big way," MacDonald said. "They participated in all the stations and were a big help. I couldn't have done it without them."

At these stations, the second through sixth graders got a real taste for the basic skills it takes to be a high school tennis player. Noticeably, the most fun station happened to be a one-on-one game between a high school player and a

line of clinic attendees, with the elder serving and playing a match to a single point. "The kids really seemed to enjoy that one and my players made it fun for them," MacDonald said.

The clinic was equipped with ample rackets and equipment, in large part due to the USTA (United States Tennis Association) acknowledging Glen Cove High School as a 'Net Generation' school and stocking them with new gear.

The 'Net Generation' tag is one earned by Glen Cove after a curriculum meeting a few months back had deemed tennis education to be infused with the school's physical education curriculum.

"Because we're a Net Generation program we were fully stocked by the USTA and I am appreciative for that and the fact that all the kids who came had more than enough equipment to use.

The clinic is open to any child in the Glen Cove school district in the allotted grades, and there are currently five more dates set spanning all the way to June 14.

MacDonald, however, sees the excitement and the rapid growth of interest in the sport within the community and is hoping to possibly bring a few more clinics to the neighborhood this summer.

"I wish I could do one every week for the entire summer," MacDonald said with a chuckle. "But I'm definitely thinking about doing more than the ones we've made so far."

As for how the kids have performed skill-wise, MacDonald said: "I really hope some of these kids stick with tennis so I can coach a really good team in a few years time."



Photos by Tony Bellissimo/Herald

**MICHAEL MECCA, 10**, top, and **Charlotte Rose Dilgard-Clark, 9**, sharpened their skills on opening day of a free tennis clinic offered by Glen Cove High School coach Chris McDonald.

### L.I. CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### BASEBALL

Class AA

**Massapequa 7, West Islip 1**

Class A

**Wantagh 4, Rocky Point 2**

Class B

**Center Moriches 11, Wheatley 1**

Class C

**East Rockaway 5, Pierson 4**

#### SOFTBALL

Class AA

**East Meadow 6, Longwood 5**

Class A

**Mount Sinai 5, Carey 0**

Class B

**Babylon 19, Oyster Bay 2**

Class C

**East Rockaway 10, Mercy 0**

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Class A

**Ward Melville 8, Massapequa 5**

Class B

**Garden City 12, Harborfields 3**

Class C

**Islip 8, Cold Spring Harbor 7**

Class D

**Mattituck 10, Oyster Bay 4**

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Class A

**West Islip 6, Massapequa 5**

Class B

**Manhasset 11, Eastport-South Manor 10 (OT)**

Class C

**Cold Spring Harbor 13, Mount Sinai 12**

Class D

**Mattituck 16, Carle Place 5**

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**JEREMY SHAW AND** London Burton, 6, examined the inner workings of a vintage convertible.

## Bimmerstock vrooms into Glen Cove

Last Sunday, a barrage of almost 700 exotic cars — and their drivers — descended on Glen Cove's downtown for the 10th Annual Bimmerstock. Locals and out-of-towners of all ages meandered from vintage cars and hot-rods, to juiced-up sports cars. A replica of the titular car from the popular 1969 movie, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" also made an appearance.

"Everybody seemed to be having a great time," said Patricia Holman, executive director of the Glen Cove Business Improvement District, who volunteered at the event, registering vehicles to showcase. "They had such an outstanding response," she added. "The streets were totally full."

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Diabetes Research Institute, which is currently developing a bioengineered "mini organ" that mimics the native pancreas and restores natural insulin production.

"As a mother whose child has diabetes," said DRI board member and Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, "this event underscores the power a concerned group of individuals can have and the positive impact they can bring to people in need."



**SPECTATORS MARVELED** AT the suicide doors on a yellow Ferrari, above left.

**THE LAZY DOGS**, above, played car-related music that spread out over the crowd, punctuated by periodic engine revving sounds.

**A REPLICA OF** the flying car from the 1969 movie, "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," left, made an appearance.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Saturday, June 9

### 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.

### Book signing

Holiday Farms, 1-1 Park Plaza, Glen Head, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find out what life was like in mid-20th century Glen Head from "Memories from the Attic" author Byron Nernoff.

## 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. Artists and makers will be set up on the green. Restaurants are invited to host lunch specials and live music. Sponsored by the Sea Cliff Arts Council.

### Multi family garage sale

9 and 16 Stirrup Ln., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shop from children's clothing, toys, household items, CD's and more.

## 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.

### Musical playground

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 4 p.m. Kids will sing, dance, laugh and drum while they learn basic music skills in a hands-on interactive setting. Recommended for children ages 3 through 6 with an adult. Register in the Children's Room or call (516) 922-1212.

### Citizen Preparedness training program

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 7 p.m. New York State National Guard's Citizen Preparedness Corps will lead training in various emergency preparedness areas. They will discuss preparedness for hurricanes, fires, active shooter, and other emergencies. Learn about the tools and resources needed to recover from an event as quickly as possible. An emergency kit will



Photos courtesy Metro Creative Connection

## Annual Greek Village festival

From June 8 through June 10, head to Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Resurrection to get a taste of the Greek life. Enjoy authentic Greek food and music, a pastry cafe, amusements and rides for children of all ages, a flea market, specialty vendors, church tours and more. Free parking will be provided at LIU Post with shuttle buses to the venue. Admission is free and credit cards will be accepted. Times: 6/8, 6-11 p.m., 6/9, 3-11 p.m., and 6/10, 1-9 p.m. 1400 Cedar Swamp Rd., Brookville.

be distributed to each trainee. (516) 671-1837.

## Tuesday, June 12

### Candle craft

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 3:30 p.m. Learn how fun and easy it is to make a beautifully scented candle, as well as the history and essential candle making techniques. (516) 759-8300.

### Art reception

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Join us to welcome local photographer Tom D'Emico as he displays his photographs of Hempstead Harbor for the public to view. Light refreshments will be served in the annex. (516) 759-8300.

## Wednesday, June 13

### Reiki energy healing

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Susana Armentia will teach you how to integrate the Reiki into your daily routine to enhance your health and well-being. (516) 676-2130.

## Thursday, June 14

### Author visit

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Aimee Molloy is the author of "The Perfect Mother," a psychological thriller involving

a group of new mothers. It will also be made into a movie starring Kerry Washington from the hit T.V. series "Scandal."

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. Register by calling the library at (516) 759-8300.



## Summer reading 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.

### American Legion meeting

Glen Cove Senior Center, second floor, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. The Glen Cove American Legion Post 76 will host its monthly meeting. Contact Anthony Anzalone for more information. (516) 676-1294.

### Poetry workshop

Sea Cliff Village Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., 6:30 p.m. Join Matt Curiale at this creative writing workshop. (516) 671-4290.

## Friday, June 15

### Father's Day luncheon

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. Enjoy lunch with dad at the senior center. (516) 759-9610.

## Saturday, June 16

### Frogs, bugs and animals

American Legion, 190 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head, 10:30 a.m. Jason Reilly from Green Meadow Farms makes learning about all kinds of creatures and gives everyone a chance to pet these amazing, live animals! Meet Stickers the Tree Frog, Tickle the Hedgehog, mice, hissing roaches, lizards, toads, bunnies, crabs, and baby animals, too! Sponsored by the Gold Coast Library. (516) 759-8300.

### National Circus project

American Legion, 190 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head, 12 p.m. National Circus Project is a multi-artist stage extravaganza. Each performance packs a panoramic presentation of circus skills into a bundle of comedy and variety routines, with lots of audience interaction and participation. Sponsored by the Gold Coast Library. (516) 759-8300.

### Mickey Mouse Clubhouse puppet show

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Have your child meet all of his or her beloved Disney characters. Register at the Reference Desk. (516) 676-2130.

### Sea Cliff farmer's market

St. Luke's Church courtyard, 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Returning for its fifth season The market will run every Saturdays through the end of October, and features hyper-local produce and delicious baked goods, honey, soaps and more.

### Save the waterways

Soleil NY, 1464 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn, 6 to 9 p.m. Join the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor and Save the Great South Bay for a fundraiser to support clean water efforts from shore to shore. Tickets are \$100 and \$125 at the door. Includes an exclusive auction, local art, food, beer and wine, and live music. Visit [www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org](http://www.coalitiontosavehempsteadharbor.org) to purchase tickets. For more information, call (516) 801-6792.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to [llane@liherald.com](mailto:llane@liherald.com).



Courtesy Tab Hauser/City of Glen Cove

**COVE ANIMAL RESCUE** board members and staff, along with Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos, fourth from right, and Mayor Tim Tenke received a donation from North Coast Subaru representatives Bill Santoro and Jesse Liang.

## Subaru donates to G.C. animal shelter

It looked like the grin on the face of Cove Animal Rescue’s dog, Charlie, got just a little wider when North Coast Subaru representatives Bill Santoro and Jesse Liang came to visit the shelter with a giant check in hand. The \$33,760 donation underscored the success of Subaru’s “Share the Love” promotion and the generosity of Glen Cove’s North Coast Subaru to support Cove Animal Rescue.

“We are grateful to Subaru for their altruism and commitment to the Glen Cove animal shelter and we appreciate all of the

Subaru customers who selected [the shelter] as the recipient of their donation,” said Mayor Tim Tenke.

Subaru’s “Share the Love” fundraising drive takes place between November and January, and for every purchase or lease of a new vehicle, Subaru donates \$250 to a charity of the customer’s choice. North Coast Subaru chose to match Subaru’s donation up to \$5,000 and for the third year selected Cove Animal Rescue as its charity partner.

—Zach Gottehrer-Cohen

## IAC meets on veterans, school budget

Leaders from 26 of Glen Cove’s civic organizations met at the Glen Cove Middle School to discuss the affairs of the city, and how they might contribute.

The speakers invited to speak at the meeting were Glen Cove School Superintendent Maria Rianna and Assistant Superintendent Michael Israel. Rianna thanked the IAC for its work with the Glen Cove High School students. She shared information with the group regarding the school budget, which subsequently passed.

Director of Veterans Affairs and for-

mer City Councilman Tony Jimenez then shared information for veterans available through, or with the assistance of the city, including tax, health and other benefits. He encouraged IAC member to share his office number (516) 759-6798, to enable Glen Cove’s veterans to have access to additional information.

The next IAC meeting will be on Wednesday June 13 at 9am at the senior center. Speakers will be from Glen Cove Child Day Care/Head Start Center. All human service agencies are invited to attend.



Courtesy Victoria Crosby

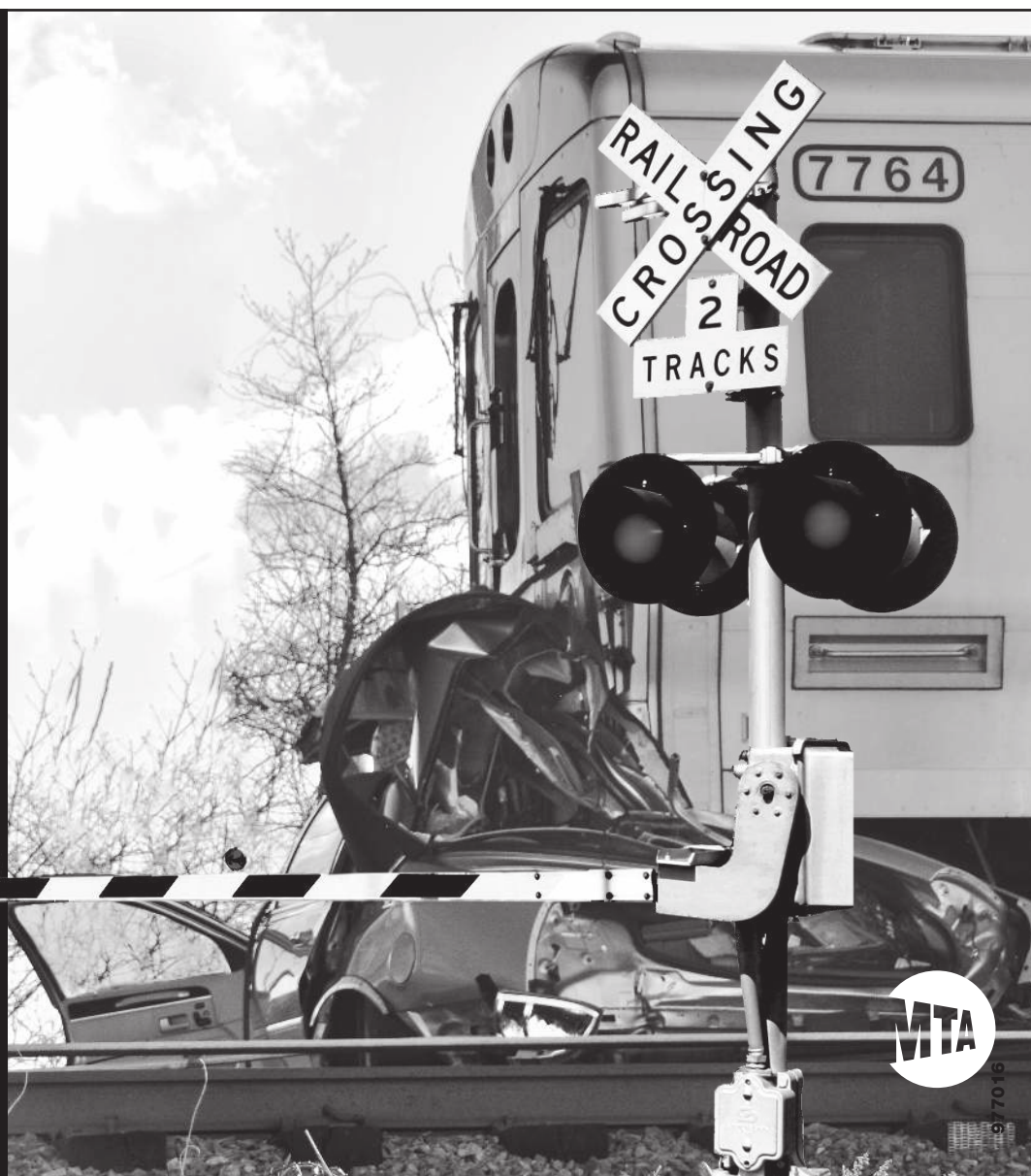
**THE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL** of Glen Cove held its monthly meeting at the Glen Cove Middle School Library, with 26 agencies represented.

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# Female vet found 'inequities' back at home

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right out of high school.

"She is certainly proud to be a Marine," noted her longtime friend Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, who described Kandel as an "unusually creative, unusually caring and thoughtful person with a strong, sometimes saucy sense of humor."

Stevenson-Mathews said he has known Kandel for a long time, as an artist and as an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Glen Cove before he learned that she was a Marine. "I wasn't surprised," he said. "There's a side to her. Even though she's gentle and kind, there's a very present strength in her."

Before her service, she worked at a newspaper as a clerk typist. Bored with her job and unable to afford college, she took an aunt's suggestion to go into the service and see the world. Although the U.S. was involved in the Korean War, that suggestion wasn't as dangerous as it might sound today. In the 1950s, Kandel said, "I was very fortunate women were not in the fighting zones. Only nurses would be."

She went to boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., where the Southern weather only added to the difficulty of the training. "It was sandy and full of bugs," she recalled, "and you'd be standing at attention while some bug was crawling up your neck, and they'd say, 'Don't move. Don't move, private.'"

Although the training for male and female Marines was similar, officers were "rougher" on the men, Kandel said. Women went to the firing range, but didn't fire any guns. They did calisthenics, took classes and were exposed to non-threatening tear gas while "singing the Marine Corps hymn."

After boot camp, she was stationed in the commandant's office in Washington, once again a clerk typist, for about a year and a half — a duty she said she didn't mind, because the office was busy. She was constantly asked to pose for photos, she said, and promotional materials for the Women's Reserve, including an ad displayed in Manhattan's Times Square. A rendering of her also appears on a postage stamp celebrating women in the armed services.

At one point, she was even on television, talking about her experience in the service. "I was with a group of other service women on really early television," she said. "We didn't even own a television set at that point in my house."

Kandel eventually left Washington and headed to San Francisco to work as an aide to a female lieutenant. She moved up the ranks to sergeant, and the pair toured colleges on the West Coast, encouraging students to join the Marines. "It was a life-changing experience, because I grew up in Yonkers, a small city," she said. Her father was a house painter and her mother died



Photos courtesy Evelyn Kandel/Official Marine Corps photograph

**IN THE WOMEN'S** barracks, Kandel and fellow women Marines sometimes got the chance to play basketball.

when she was 7. "We kind of moved from one unheated apartment to another," Kandel recalled. "So it was not a very pleasant life, and it was lonely."

"California is not New York," she added. "It was very exciting. You'd be driving for miles and there'd be nothing. You can't believe how much space there is out there, and that was really mind-blowing for me."

After a year and a half of recruiting, she left the service to marry. Back then, women could not be married and also be in the Marines. But her marriage was short-lived, so she enrolled in Columbia University on the G.I. Bill, and graduated in 1958 with a degree in psychology. She was the first person

in her family to go to college.

After working at a number of odd jobs, Kandel remarried and started a family. She and her husband, Bob, have been married for 57 years, and have three children and three grandchildren. She earned a master's in art education from C.W. Post, and taught art at Portledge High School in Locust Valley for 15 years, eventually becoming the head of the art department there.

These days, she said, she is worried about the treatment female veterans receive after they return home from the service. She once suffered from post-service depression. "I don't know whether it was because of the service versus civilian life, or whether it was facing some child-



**KANDEL, STANDING, AND** her lieutenant in the USMC Women's Reserve.

hood problems that got set aside in the excitement of being in the service," she said. "It was almost like I had awakened from this candy-colored dream about the service to discover a lot of the inequities."

That was years ago, but, Kandel said, the trend has continued. Female veterans have higher rates of homelessness and suicide than their male counterparts, which concerns her. She said she was shocked to read about how many women



**TODAY, KANDEL LIVES** in Glen Cove, where she devotes herself to her art, making things like the tribal masks on the wall behind her.

veterans are homeless, and wished there were a place locally where they could go for shelter and to get the help they so desperately need. "I mean, they're coming back traumatized, just like men," she said.

A couple of years ago she went to a memorial service in Glen Cove. "I was wearing my hat, but it just said Marine Corps Veteran on it," she said. "One of the men turned to me and said, 'Oh, when was your husband in?' I said, 'No, it was me.' And he got this weird look like, oh really?"

*Zach Gottehrer-Cohen contributed to this story.*



# Life after the Las Vegas hotel shooting

By BEN STRACK

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Part five in a series.

Only days after escaping the deadliest mass shooting in modern United States history, Robert Gaafar took a walk with his wife and two young children. Popping noises rang out, momentarily transporting him back to the Route 91 Harvest Festival last Oct. 1, at which 58 people were killed and 851 injured.

"I had to visually identify workers on a roof nailing a roof down," said Gaafar, 34. "...The firing of a gun is much louder, but the repetition is very similar." There isn't a day that goes by during which he doesn't think about that night, he said.

Suzanne Coletta-Knab, 54, also of Rockville Centre, attended the three-day festival with friends. Eight months later, she still wakes up in the middle of the night at times, unable to catch her breath. Stress unrelated to the shooting is harder to deal with, she said, and while at work for American Airlines, she stops "dead in her tracks" whenever someone's wheeled luggage falls and hits the granite floor.

"I used to be able to handle a lot more," Coletta-Knab said. "...To actually be standing somewhere where someone shoots a gun at you, there's no words."

## Reliving that night

Gaafar, who runs a business within Anheuser-Busch, had been wrapping up a month of traveling to different festivals to pilot prototypes of his company's beer-vending machines. "That was the last event, the last night, and basically 20 minutes before I was getting out of there," he said.

At 9:57 p.m., Gaafar went to the bathroom. "I can replay the entire thing in my head," he said. He returned to where he and his co-workers had set up, and was preparing to pack up their equipment as country music star Jason Aldean was approaching the end of his set list. Thirty to 60 bullets were fired before he knew what was happening.

"It doesn't happen how people think it happens," he said of a mass shooting. "It happens so quick, and it takes days for you to process exactly what the heck happened."

When bullets started spraying onto the crowd of concert-goers from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel, Gaafar sheltered behind one of the metal vending machines. He later discovered bullet marks on top of it.

The gunfire paused, and he ran for the exits, praying that he would not be shot. He remembered seeing two police officers, their faces white with fear, running toward the gunfire as people hid in dumpsters to stay alive. He eventually reached his hotel and turned on the news, calling his wife soon after.

Coletta-Knab said she heard what she



Courtesy Suzanne Coletta-Knab

**SUZANNE COLETTA-KNAB, LEFT**, and her friend Jayden Lancaster, right, with Stephanie D'Agostino, a graduate of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., whose brother was at the school during the shooting. Coletta-Knab gave D'Agostino #Honor17 bracelets in memory of Parkland survivors.

described as four pops as Aldean sang "Any Ol' Barstool." Few reacted. When the heavier gunfire erupted, several ran while others froze.

Her friend, Greg, laid on top of her to protect her. The woman next to them was shot and killed, Coletta-Knab said, and she and her friends ran. A man running with them was shot in the head. She and her friends made it out, reuniting at the MGM Grand about 40 minutes later.

"It changes you," Coletta-Knab said of living through such an experience. "It totally changes you."

## Moving on after a tragedy

"The first part of this is realizing that the traumatic event that you went through is not normal," Gaafar said. "...Somebody tried to actually kill me that I don't know."

In the days after the shooting, he realized advocacy would be his medicine. Gaafar grew angry with elected leaders of both parties who said no laws could have prevented the tragedy. "They became a representative or a senator with the belief that laws actually make a difference, and then they're coming out and saying that laws don't make a difference," Gaafar said. "It was just infuriating."

He joined the Everytown Survivor Network, a program of Everytown For Gun Safety, a nonprofit organization that advocates for gun control. He and other survivors traveled to Washington, D.C. a month after the shooting to meet with lawmakers, an experience that he said was "a smack in the face of reality." During a news conference, he called legislators' inaction in tackling gun violence a joke.

He is most frustrated, he said, that the federal government has yet to ban bump stocks, which allow semi-automatic weap-

ons to perform like automatic ones. About a dozen were found in the hotel room of the Las Vegas gunman. Most recently, Connecticut and Rhode Island have banned the devices.

Coletta-Knab believes in preserving the Second Amendment while limiting access to automatic weapons, but said she is not as outspoken about her feelings on guns. She has instead coped with trauma by spreading acts of kindness.

Two weeks after a gunman killed 17 students and faculty members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., on Feb. 14, Coletta-Knab flew to the community with her friend Tommy Maher, of South Hempstead, to help lift spirits there. Maher had embarked on a journey last November in which he spread acts of kindness around the country in the name of the 58 people killed in Las Vegas. Coletta-Knab had promoted the cause on social media and connected Maher with other survivors on his journey, but this time wanted to hit the road too.

"Instantly I wanted to go," Coletta-Knab said. "It did bring everything back up to the surface, though." During several days there, she shared her story with survivors, assuring them that their psychic wounds would heal with time.

Maher said Suzanne comforted the teenagers, some of whom opened up to her. "It was a good component of healing for her knowing that she was helping someone else that had experienced something similar," he said.

She and Maher compared the atmosphere in Parkland to that of Rockville Centre after Sept. 11, 2001. "Everyone was kind of walking around in a fog," Maher said. The two handed out #Honor17 bracelets in memory of those killed, and gave out gift cards as a gesture of kindness.

Coletta-Knab said she no longer watches the news to avoid seeing the ongoing gun violence. She continues to find comfort in interacting with fellow Route 91 survivors in a private Facebook group, and even calls in to periodic group therapy sessions run by one of the survivors.

Gaafar is now a part of Everytown's

## Raising awareness of gun violence

At Rockville Centre's Long Island Rail Road station on June 1, the Nassau County chapter of the Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America handed out more than 500 orange ribbons for Gun Violence Awareness Day.

After, Raising Voices USA, a Rockville Centre-based network of community members who promote civic engagement, held an event at Turn of the Corkscrew, on North Park Avenue, where guests wrote postcards to local lawmakers, urging them to bring common-sense gun laws to the senate floor.

"It's an issue that crosses party lines," said Raising Voices co-founder Cindy Oliveira Vaupel. "We're failing our children."

Tracy Bacher, a leader of Moms Demand Action in Nassau County, said the group is lobbying the State Senate to pass an Extreme Risk Protection Order before the current legislative session ends on June 20. The law would allow law enforcement to remove firearms temporarily from the homes of individuals who family members or police deem to be a danger to themselves or others.

At the federal level, Bacher said, Moms Demand Action is advocating against the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, which would allow a qualified individual to carry or possess a concealed handgun in another state that allows individuals to carry concealed firearms. It passed the House of Representatives in December and is currently in the Senate.

"We're still really worried about it," Bacher said. "It would basically gut the safe gun laws we have here in New York state."

-Matthew D'Onofrio and Ben Strack

Survivor Fellowship Program, and is working with the Nassau County chapter of Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense in America, a group that started as a Facebook page in 2012 after the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. It now has more than 4 million volunteers nationwide, including 500 in Nassau County.

He has spoken at local forums, and continues to share his story to pressure lawmakers to bring about change.

"They are, I think, the most important voice," Tracy Bacher, a leader of Moms Demand Action in Nassau County, said of gun-violence survivors. "It kind of helps remind everyday people and lawmakers that gun violence affects us all."



# Law encompasses all tobacco products

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it's about half as prevalent as it was in 2011 — Long Island appears to be lagging behind the rest of the state. As of 2014, 22 percent of Long Islanders between 18 and 24 reported smoking, compared to 13 percent of young people in the same age group in the rest of the state.

Nassau will join New York City, Suffolk County, and the towns of Hempstead and North Hempstead in enacting the age restriction. State Assemblyman Michael Montesano, a Republican from Glen Head, said, "Before this law was changed, everyone would come to the county to buy cigarettes and bring the products to their younger friends in other areas. So it's good to have uniformity in the law."

The assemblyman added that it was imperative to keep younger constituents from getting their hands on potentially harmful substances. "We need to do the best we can to prevent children at a young age from getting addicted to smoking products," Montesano said. "We all know there's a health risk."

Glen Head resident Joanna Commander, the community representative for the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse, called the bill a "positive step" in the right direction, particularly since it will deter young children from purchasing vaping products.

"There are significant vaping numbers within our population, and it's concerning because I speak to kids who are con-



Herald file photo

**A NEW BILL**, introduced by County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, raises the purchasing age for tobacco products from 18 to 21.

vinced that since it's not smoke, it's not harmful," she said, "but that's not true."

"The community has been extremely concerned about juuls and other vaping products," said Dr. Sharon Harris, executive director of Substance Abuse Free Environment Inc. in Glen Cove. "Any legislation that is adopted that includes traditional tobacco products and also

addresses vaping is very important."

Raising the purchasing age would effectively stop smoking and vaping devices from falling into the hands of younger, school-aged children, she added.

Commander said the law could, perhaps, stop people from ever smoking. "With any drug we talk about, if you could delay that first use with a law or a regulation, you're ahead of the game," Commander said. "Any delay for the onset of use is a big plus."

Some high school students are convinced that underage people will find a way to obtain these products regardless of the law.

"I think that it's pointless," said Glen Cove High School student Spyro Markoulis, 17. "People will find a way to get whatever they need. For example, when people need alcoholic beverages for parties, they have fake IDs and show up and get alcohol, even though they're underage."

Fellow student Mason Kletter, 17, said he believed the legislation would have adverse effects. "This change will increase the amount of people illegally purchasing these items, so I feel it's counterproductive," he said. "Now, more underage kids will have their hands on these products."

But some students said they believed the law is needed in Nassau County. "With the rise of tobacco products and the usage of them by such a young generation, this change comes at a great time," said Ryan Greenfield, a 17-year-old Glen Cove High School student.

Meghan Smith, 18, said she believed that restricting access to these products would help reduce young people's overall use of smoking products. "I think tobacco products should have the same age restriction as alcohol because they are both harmful," Smith said. "I think it's wise to raise the age, because it may prohibit underage students from obtaining these products from an of-age senior in their social network."

Samantha Barry contributed to this story.



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—Loving June in Sea Cliff



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Dear Loving June,  
I read a very unusual, very enjoyable, very short book this weekend: "Circe," by Madeline Miller. It is told from the perspective of Circe, a minor Greek goddess who has been hailed and reviled

throughout literature. We probably know her best from the "Odyssey" where she turns Odysseus's men into swine but is able to seduce him with her magical charms. She is also featured in the myths of Scylla and Charybdis, the Minotaur, Jason and Medea, Prometheus, Daedalus, and the Fall of Icarus. Miller reinvents and expands these stories to reveal a world not unlike our own. In this strongly feminist interpretation, we come to see ourselves, as Circe stumbles through history in her search for enlightenment and redemption. Highly recommended!

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# STEPPING OUT

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## TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS

2015	American Pharoah
1978	Affirmed
1977	Seattle Slew
1973	Secretariat
1948	Citation
1946	Assault
1943	Count Fleet
1941	Whirlaway
1937	War Admiral
1935	Omaha
1930	Gallant Fox
1919	Sir Barton

Excitement builds for 150th Belmont Stakes

## Justify bids for Triple Crown

Unraced as a 2-year-old and undefeated in five lifetime starts as a 3-year old, Justify will attempt to become the 13th Triple Crown winner in thoroughbred horseracing history this Saturday in the 150th running of the Belmont Stakes.

Trained by Bob Baffert and ridden by Mike Smith, Justify triumphed in sloppy conditions to capture both the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

Sent off as one of the heaviest Preakness favorites in recent history — 2-5 — Justify shook off co-frontrunner and Derby runner-up Good Magic, then held off late-charging Bravazo and Tenfold to move one stride closer to immortality. He's the 36th horse to take the first two legs of the Triple Crown.

"We knew he wasn't going to coast to the wire," Baffert said after the Preakness. "It was close, but for him, what he's done; it's his fifth race, it's pretty incredible still."

If he crosses the wire first in the "Test of the Champion", Justify, a chestnut colt by Scat Daddy, will become the second Triple Crown winner in four years and join American Pharoah (2015), Affirmed (1978), Seattle Slew ('77), Secretariat ('73), Citation ('48), Assault ('46), Count Fleet ('43), Whirlaway ('41), War Admiral ('37), Omaha ('35), Gallant Fox ('30), and Sir Barton ('19) in the history books.

Baffert, who has seven Preakness victories, is looking to become only the second person in history to train two Triple Crown winners. He made three Triple Crown attempts prior to finally achieving racing's most elusive feat with American Pharoah. Silver Charm won the first two legs in 1997, as did Real Quiet in 1998, and War Emblem in 2002, before falling short in the third jewel.

"I think it's a little bit different," said Baffert, who in five tries has never lost the Preakness with a Derby winner. "Before, we'd go there thinking it's going to be so difficult and something always goes wrong," he added. "I just feel, with this horse, he's so talented, something can go



(Jim McCue/Maryland Jockey Club)

**JUSTIFY, NO. 7**, splashed to victory in the Preakness and will try to become the second Triple Crown winner in four years.

wrong and he'd still win. He's a superior horse."

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Farm, China Horse Club International, Head of Plains Partners, and SF Racing, Justify could face a full field in the Belmont, the centerpiece of the expanded three-day Belmont Stakes Racing Festival featuring 18 stakes races with \$9.4 million in purses.

"Congratulations to Justify and his connections for what they have already

accomplished, and we look forward to welcoming them to Belmont Park" NYRA CEO & President Chris Kay said.

Among Justify's likely challengers are Bravazo and a handful of horses from the Derby who skipped the Preakness including Hofburg (7th), Vino Rosso (9th), and Free Drop Billy (16th). Also awaiting Justify are Grade 3 Peter Pan winner Blended Citizen and Gronkowski, a multiple stakes winner in Europe named for, and co-owned by, New England Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski. Audible and Solomini, a

respective third and 10th in the Derby, are possible for the race, as is Tenfold.

"The horse does run well in the mud, but you ought to see him on a dry track," Jimmy Barnes, who serves as Baffert's chief assistant, said of Justify. "You guys haven't seen him on a dry track myself. I'm waiting to see him on a dry track myself. But with the mud, you never know what to expect. Sometimes races don't pan out the way you'd think they will. But for him, it's been stay clean."

The 13-race card gets underway at 11:35 a.m. General admission is \$30 — while supplies last — and attendance will be capped at 90,000. Third Eye Blind is headlining the entertainment lineup with trackside pre- and post-race concerts.

— **Tony Bellissimo**  
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## SEASONAL SOUNDS Celebrate Israel

Salute Israel and welcome Eisenhower Park's summer concert season, at a lively concert with Israeli-based vocal group Kol Esperanza, presented by the Jewish Community Relations Council of Long Island. The classically-trained operatic pop ensemble (whose name means "Voice of Hope") have an international following, touring in prestigious venues the world over. Their talent and charm combine to deliver a powerfully emotional musical experience. Kol Esperanza's program reflects their vocal versatility, including selections of Israeli favorites, Jewish classics, Broadway showstoppers, opera crossovers, American



## WEEKEND Out and About

standards and pop hits — all in one entertaining evening. The Long Island Cantors Ensemble and Solomon Schechter Day School Students also perform.  
Sunday, June 10, 7 p.m. Bring seating. Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, Eisenhower Park, East Meadow. (516) 433-0433 or 572-0355 day of performance or [www.jrccli.org](http://www.jrccli.org).

## LONG ISLAND ROCKS Woodstock Revival Festival

The classic rock scene on Long Island is surging, and this phenomenon has fueled a growing popularity among the many tribute bands that breathe new life into this music. Relive the social harmony and music the defined a generation at Long Island's annual Woodstock-themed music festival. The event, produced by Rich Rivkin, features a lively lineup of popular tribute bands: Wonderous Stories, Half Step, Milagro, Jellyband, and Dave Diamond Band, recreating the music of The



Who, The Grateful Dead, Santana, Sly & The Family Stone, Janis Joplin, The Band, Hendrix, CSNY, Creedence, and many others. Along with all the tie-dyed regalia and familial hugs, the event will showcase live painting and exhibits by dozens of artists, plus kids' activities, food, yoga, massage, and hula hooping.  
Sunday, June 10, 12-7:30 p.m. Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Round Swamp Rd., Old Bethpage. (516) 572-8400 or [www.woodstockrevival.net](http://www.woodstockrevival.net).

# 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, June 7, 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 4:30 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 10 1:30 and 5 p.m. Through July 1. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.nycblive.com](http://www.nycblive.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](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://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](http://www.plantingfields.org).

#### Singin' in the Rain

Musical adapted from the 1950s MGM movie musical, Thursday and Friday, June 7-8, 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 9, 3 p.m.; Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, June 13, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Blue Oyster Cult

The classic rockers in concert, with special guests Friday, June 8, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.thespaceatwestbury.com](http://www.thespaceatwestbury.com).

#### Just Sixties

The tribute band in concert, hosted by Gold Coast Public Library, Friday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. Program includes hits from The Beatles, Beach Boys, the Doors, Rolling Stones, Janis Joplin, and more. Glenwood Landing American Legion Post 336, 190 Glen Head Rd., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).



#### Gin Blossoms

The alternative rock band in concert, Sunday, June 10, 7 p.m. With special guests Vertical Horizon and Tonic. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).



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## Southern Uprising

Experience a Southern Rock Revival when the Southern Uprising tour makes its way to Tilles Center, on Friday, July 6, at 8 p.m. Get in the groove at a lively concert that showcases the very best of Country and Southern Rock with four acts that helped define, establish and popularize the genre: the Charlie Daniels Band, The Marshall Tucker Band and The Outlaws. From all corners of the south, this tour brings living legends of American music to the stage for a night filled with passionate and raucous performances of their beloved songs. Delight in a "master class" of fiddling with Charlie Daniels and his band, the rockin' bluesy hits of the Marshall Tucker Band and those legendary Outlaws. Tickets are \$99, \$74, \$64, \$54; available at (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org). Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

#### Lobby Hero

Kenneth Lonergan's drama of four New Yorkers involved in a murder investigation in a Manhattan apartment building lobby, Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 10, 3 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### Classical Jazz

Composer-pianist Paul Joseph and his trio in concert, Wednesday, June 13, 2 p.m. Program includes interpretations of beloved classics such as Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik." Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (631) 698-9696 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Johnny Mathis

The iconic crooner in concert, Thursday, June 14, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Tim McGraw and Faith Hill

The acclaimed country superstars in concert, Thursday, June 14. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.nycblive.com](http://www.nycblive.com).

## For the Kids

#### The Red Cape

A musical re-imagining of "Little Red Riding Hood," presented by North Shore Village Theatre, Friday, June 8, 7 p.m.; Saturday, June 9, 2 and 6 p.m.; Sunday, June 10, 2 p.m. Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing. Tickets available at [www.leap.com](http://www.leap.com) or [www.nsvillagetheatre.com](http://www.nsvillagetheatre.com).

#### Eat Up: What's Cookin' in the Gardens

Discover tasty delights growing in Old Westbury Gardens beds, Saturday, June 9, 12 p.m. Concoct and sample a simple recipe full of delicious seasonal flavors. Free with admission. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 West-

bury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or [www.oldwestbury.org](http://www.oldwestbury.org).

#### Make Your Own Sculpture

Learn about Planting Fields new exhibit "Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney: Sculpture," during the hands-on program, Saturday, June 9, 12-1 p.m. Make a sculpture to take home. Registration required. Planting Fields, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-8600 or [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org).

#### Mermaids, Myths and Sea Monsters

Celebrate the world of marvelous mythic creatures living beneath the waves Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Find out how the stories of mermaids, sea monsters, and unicorns began, with an assortment of mermaid and sea monster crafts. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or [www.cshwhalingmuseum.org](http://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org).

#### Scavenger Hunt

Find wacky items throughout the library, Saturday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. The team to return both the list and the most items wins a bag of prizes. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Scented Candle Workshop

Join the Candle Lady and explore essential candle making techniques, along with the history of candle-making, Tuesday, June 12, 3:30 p.m., ages 4-grade 2.; 5-6 p.m., grades 3-6. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

## Museums/Galleries and more...

#### 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 col-

lection. Through July 22. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.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](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Finding Peace: An Artist's Journey

A solo exhibition by landscape/seascape painter Gia Horton Schifano. Through June 24. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or [www.bjspokegallery.org](http://www.bjspokegallery.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](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Urban Pop

An exhibition of artists who bring a myriad of visual cultural influences to their fine art practice. Some hone their skills on the street, others working in the studio find their own version of pop urban art, some having unique language of their own, that can't be categorized within a specific

movement. Through Sept. 8. Gold Coast Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck. 829-2570 or [www.goldcoastarts.org](http://www.goldcoastarts.org).

#### Movie Time

See "The Post," the thriller that focuses on the publication of the Pentagon Papers Thursday, June 7, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Gallery Talk

Explore the history of Tiffany's glass and celebrated windows and lamps in an illustrated gallery talk. with Lindsay R. Parrott, Executive Director and Curator of the Neustadt Collection of Tiffany Glass, Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m. Registration recommended. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Art Talk

Examine "Gustav Klimt: The Good, the Bad and the Beautiful," Saturday, June 9, 1 p.m. Registration required. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Sketching in the Galleries

All ages can express their creativity and sketch in the museum's gallery space, Sunday, June 10, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Help yourself to a variety of drawing supplies, grab a seat and create. Free with admission. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Film Showing

See "Battle of the Sexes," which tells of the 1973 tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs, Tuesday, June 12, 6 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org).



#### Seashells...

#### Nature's Inspired Design

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



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# A high-tech twist to the library business

By ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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Part three of a series highlighting North Shore's librarians.

Michael Morea jokes that he was “born in the library.” He grew up attending Story Times, piano performances and other programs at his hometown library in Bethpage. He spent afternoons working on group projects with his classmates, and worked there as a page while in high school and college.

In a short-lived career as a software developer, he missed the interactions he made between the book stacks. “I found it frustrating not having that direct impact on people,” Morea said. “There’s a lot of community conversations that happen in the library, and you can really have an impact on people’s lives working in one.”

Now 40, Morea, a resident of Oyster Bay, has been the director of the Gold Coast Library in Glen Head since 2011. He said he considers himself lucky to have the position, since it was the first one he interviewed for out of library school.

“Working here is a very unique opportunity, since the community actually created this library,” he said. Residents voted to develop the Gold Coast Public Library District in 2001. The facility opened in 2005. “It’s been an awesome thing to see it grow,” Morea said.

Rosemarie Ryba, vice president of the library’s board of trustees, said that Morea brings a “boundless energy” to an otherwise small space. “He is an outstanding director who’s done so much,” Ryba said. “He really has gone beyond his responsibilities.”

Morea works with his staff to book programs and find

presenters to showcase to the community each month, and with such a breadth of options, it was clear to Gold Coast’s librarians that additional space was needed to accommodate programming. The annex was added in 2009 to support the library’s array of activities.

“Programming used to take place in the middle of the library, so the annex has really allowed us to grow,” Morea said. Six months ago, a second room was built into the annex as additional study space, but it has since become a meeting place for local groups. “With this space, we’re having the library become a community hub,” he said.

The bare walls of Meeting Room B, as it’s come to be known, will soon be adorned with paintings and photos from the past, making use of the library’s local historical collection.

Cultivating a sense of both the past and the present is of great significance to Morea, who describes himself as a product of that sensibility. “In an age where everything is online, the library can be a place where people come back to connect with others,” he said.

The addition of the iPad station in the children’s room, for example, has helped foster communal connections among local children and parents. “With [Michael’s] technology background, he’s brought a lot of new ideas to the library,” said Gold Coast librarian Richard Brower, “and it keeps us on the cutting edge.”

“We try to expose kids to technology without making it about screen time,” Morea said of the iPad station. “The idea there is to give them the opportunity to interact with learning games with their friends, and then the parents are able to discuss and chat and get that social interaction.”

It’s a learning strategy he imparted on his own children when the family moved to Oyster Bay in 2007. “We



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

**DOWNSTAIRS IN THE** children’s section, an iPad docking station is available for youngsters to use.

knew nobody, so one of the first things we did was go to Story Time at the library,” he said. “It made Oyster Bay our home; it wasn’t just a place we lived in.”

And it seems that Gold Coast has become *his* home. Ryba can still remember one night when the director actually camped out in the children’s room. “It was a really bad winter, and it got so cold the sprinklers froze up and went off,” she said. “He stayed overnight and slept in the library as a precaution to make sure they wouldn’t go off.”

As warmer weather takes over, Morea looks forward to enriching the community through Gold Coast’s summer reading program, which kicks off on Friday, June 8, with a concert featuring local group Just Sixties. The event takes place at the Glenwood Landing American Legion, at 190 Glen Head Road, at 7 p.m.



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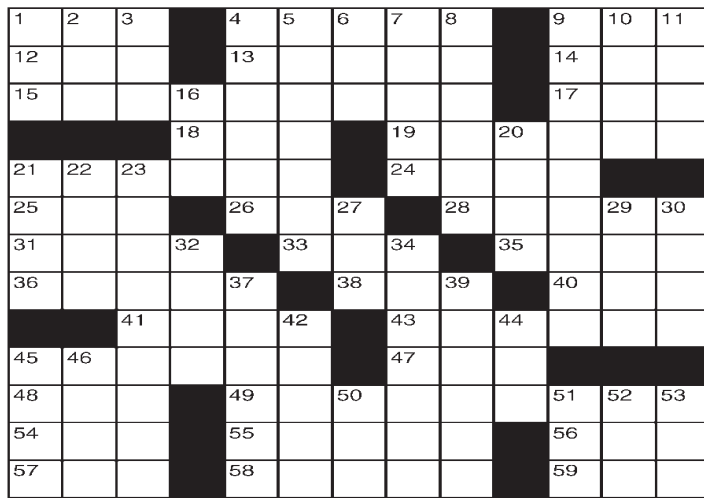
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# HERALD Crossword Puzzle

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Gorilla
- 4 Lathers
- 9 Justice Dept. div.
- 12 Felon's flight
- 13 Violinist's stroke
- 14 Young chap
- 15 Shift back and forth
- 17 Work with
- 18 Have a bug
- 19 Texas city
- 21 Suppress the sound
- 24 Landlord's due
- 25 Web address
- 26 Finish
- 28 Nephew's sister
- 31 Author Bellow
- 33 — -tac-toe
- 35 Pharma-ceutical
- 36 Spritelike
- 38 "Bow-wow!"
- 40 Historic period
- 41 Pedicurist's target
- 43 Got away from
- 45 Supernatural spirit of Islam (Var.)
- 47 Existed
- 48 Regret
- 49 Confuses
- 54 Where — at



- 55 " — Grows in Brooklyn"
- 56 Singer Sumac
- 57 Dog or cat, usually
- 58 Dilutes
- 59 Menagerie
- 9 Saabs
- 10 Discomposed
- 11 Low voice
- 11 Concept
- 16 Half- — (Starbucks option)
- 20 Oklahoma city
- 21 Clio or Erato
- 22 Caspian feeder
- 23 Most superficial
- 27 24 horas
- 29 Remedy
- 30 "Zounds!"
- 32 Friend of Dorothy
- 34 Guys with oars, maybe
- 37 Local, often
- 39 Fires
- 42 Cultivated land
- 44 GIs' entertainment org.
- 45 Faucet problem
- 46 Twine fiber
- 50 Spoon-bender Geller
- 51 End of the alphabet
- 52 Comedian
- 53 — Paulo, Brazil

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The following is a list of the real estate located in the City of Glen Cove upon which liens are to be sold with a brief description of the same by reference to the Nassau County Land and Tax Map. The name of the owner is the same as it appears on the assessment roll of the year in which such unpaid taxes or charges were levied or accrued and the total amounts thereof.

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Property Owner	Sec/Bk/Lot	Total	PL
SANDERS, LEROY	21-5-1	1,839.12	PL
CONTINENTAL HILL CORP	21-9-6	6,490.77	PL
WHITMAN, ELIZABETH FR	21-9-356	2,934.17	PL
CONTINENTAL HILL CORP	21-9-365	1,348.27	PL
10 MORRIS AVENUE REAL	21-A-512	7,743.82	PL
FRONTSEAT, LLC	21-A-513	7,897.78	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A-569	13,837.20	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A-572	35.07	PL
CYP REALTY	21-A-652	23,294.25	PL
PEKICH, PETER A.	21-B-563	383.55	PL
CHASE, JOHN	21-B-584	199.79	PL
SMITH, RICHARD	21-C-6	262.27	PL
SMITH, RICHARD J.	21-C-9	960.56	PL
STROPPEL, FRED	21-J-18	1,018.79	PL
WIRKOWSKI, E.	21-N-01-57	4,297.68	PL
ENF INC.	21-S-849	7,292.73	PL
26 CROW LANE CORP	21-10-1	1,530.20	PL
NEICE, WILLIAM	21-18-101	1,119.99	PL
BARRETTA, LUIGI	21-39-78	56.45	PL
HOSTIN CARLOS	21-87-361	1,389.74	PL
LIVADAS, KRISTINE	21-88-306.A	12.35	PL
NAROD, RANDY	21-199-442	13,327.40	PL
SHORE, BERNARD	21-224-7	854.93	PL
FRENCH, DAVID	21-229-41	3,729.67	PL
FRENCH, DAVID	21-229-42	207.14	PL
DELUCA, THOMAS & GLO	21-242-3	1,398.74	PL
BROWN, GEO. & ANNIE M	21-251-14	2,834.94	PL
BUCHANAN, DAVID W.	21-251-17	1,754.42	PL
RIVERA, EFRAIN & EDNA	21-256-90	1,189.86	PL
FERGUSON, WILLIAM	21-256-97	3,726.87	PL
RUSSELL PLACE REALTY	22-A-26-1	1,037.52	PL
FERRICCHIO, F.A. & A.	22-15-211	3,205.52	PL
CURCIO, ERNEST & CARM	22-16-5	3,176.73	PL
CURCIO, ERNEST & ANNA	22-16-6	3,162.04	PL
GRAZIOSI, JOSEPH & MER	22-16-139	3,948.53	PL
T11 FUNDING	23-1-228	4,135.05	PL
T11 FUNDING	23-1-229	12,906.39	PL
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIS	23-3-9	40.59	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5-22	2,831.89	PL
SMITH, RICK	23-5-23	8,826.46	PL
SCHOOL STREET REALTY	23-5-26	4,676.36	PL
LOWELL, BARBARA C.	23-D-31	6,876.94	PL
SALPETER, JAY & CHERY	23-D-202	2,497.17	PL
E.H.E. CORP.	23-E-372	5,171.28	PL
E.H.E. CORP.	23-E-404	5,457.11	PL
AFSB REALTY, LLC	23-E-457	3,813.74	PL
AFSB REALTY, LLC	23-E-512	15,419.13	PL
GRELLA, DOMENICO	23-G-153	3,240.42	PL
DOWLING, MARGARET	23-J-01-204	2,732.03	PL
L&L ASSOCIATES HOLDIN	23-11-126	16,791.30	PL
SANDILLO, EDWARD V.	23-22-98.B	433.62	PL
ALBERTSON, M.J.D.	23-26-36	6,392.57	PL
CAPOBIANCO, GUISEPPE	23-27-5	1,247.48	PL
BORUTA, VINCENT	23-28-5	1,140.65	PL
TESTA, RICHARD & LORI	23-40-1	1,218.67	PL
PAULICH, LIBERO & THER	23-50-74	3,292.86	PL
LU, FANG CHENG	23-53-48	1,838.11	PL
TODESCO, PETER	23-55-61	2,324.07	PL
JOHNSON, BENJAMIN	23-55-133	2,390.23	PL
RIZZO, GLENN	23-55-155	2,559.60	PL
TODESCO, PHILIP	23-55-427	8,074.62	PL
PEKICH, PETER A.	23-55-428	4,175.14	PL
TODESCO, PETER	23-55-429	1,368.51	PL
SOLOMITA, M. & F.	23-56-69	3,152.63	PL
MAJER, HELEN J.	23-65-3	2,682.65	PL
POWERS, FRANCIS	23-69-13	9,012.15	PL
MURRAY, MARGARET	30-D-01-535	456.74	PL
POTENTE, DIANNE	30-D-01-572	1,674.25	PL
VENIA, CATHERINE	30-D-01-582	3,496.47	PL
MIFSUD, DIANA	30-35-22	4,324.88	PL
LINTNER, STEPHANIE	30-37-56	2,869.91	PL
NAYEL, AHMED & NADA	30-37-61	4,132.30	PL
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PARALIKAS, REGINA	30-63-13	1,559.01	PL
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MAHER, MICHAEL & NANC	31-18-141	2,720.70	PL
YEE, JOHN	31-22-18	1,242.08	PL
GREIFF, RENEE	31-24-15	3,898.04	PL
CRUZ, YESENIA	31-33-28	1,263.69	PL
MENGISPOPOULOS, OSIA &	31-35-6	2,860.67	PL
SHIRAZI, HENGAMEH	31-49-636	1,058.41	PL
FIRSCHING, JOSEPH V.	31-51-81	3,253.91	PL
ALVAREZ, GERTRUD H.	31-51-436	3,463.40	PL
MILLER, DOLORES	31-51-569	7,267.27	PL
SCHLIMER, MITCHELL & S	31-71-19	4,455.71	PL
ROMERO, DONNA	31-74-13	3,198.78	PL
POLKE PROPERTIES, LLC	31-85-28.U-115	5,997.02	PL
KAVANAGH, P.C., EDWAR	31-85-28.U-216	7,743.82	PL
RABER REALTY INC.	31-85-28.U-217	2,079.98	PL
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Property Owner	Sec/Bk/Lot	Total	PL
METROPOLITAN OF GLEN	21-3-520	102,191.17	PL
SANDERS, LEROY	21-5-1	3,975.89	PL
CONTINENTAL HILL CORP	21-9-6	15,583.34	PL
89 GLEN COVE AVE LLC	21-9-346	3,150.20	PL
WHITMAN, ELIZABETH FR	21-9-356	5,763.04	PL
CONTINENTAL HILL CORP	21-9-365	3,231.42	PL
DUFFY, NANCY B.	21-A-22	36,603.24	PL
10 MORRIS AVENUE REAL	21-A-512	18,593.06	PL
FRONTSEAT, LLC	21-A-513	38,698.03	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A-569	32,630.42	PL
DOXEY, JOHN	21-A-572	77.23	PL
PEKICH, PETER A.	21-B-563	875.21	PL
CHASE, JOHN	21-B-584	452.77	PL
THE METROPOLITAN OF	21-B-615	891.63	PL
SMITH, RICHARD	21-C-6	596.40	PL
SMITH, RICHARD J.	21-C-9	2,201.65	PL
GUTMAN, MAC	21-C-431.A	4,994.20	PL
MCCAULEY, MARIE M.	21-H-278	2,082.03	PL
YANES, BENIGNO & REINA	21-J-470	46.04	PL
WIRKOWSKI, E.	21-N-01-57	8,897.49	PL
GLEN COVE PROPERTIES,	21-S-212.P	288.30	PL
GLEN COVE PROPERTIES,	21-S-213.C	2,044.81	PL
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CAVISE, JOHN, MARYANN,	21-17-17	3,403.77	PL
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## OPINIONS

# U.S.-China relationship is reaching a critical point

A lot of attention is being paid these days to America's relationship with China. And for good reason, because China must decide whether it will be a partner to the U.S. or an adversary. The next few years will determine whether that relationship morphs into something similar to U.S.-Japanese relations — which have been



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built on mutual respect and cooperation, even as we have competed with Japan — or takes a darker turn, toward distrust and dangerous military and economic conflict.

Right now, China is at the center of two key, interrelated conflicts, both of

which could ease or strain its standing with the U.S. The near-term conflict is the powder keg on the Korean peninsula. China has enormous economic and political leverage over North Korea, which it has propped up for decades. It can either lean on North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un to give up his nuclear brinkmanship and make peace with the U.S. and its neighbors, or it can continue to pump aid into the North and undermine efforts

directed toward its denuclearization.

A war among the U.S., South Korea and North Korea would not only devastate those countries, but could trigger economic turmoil all across Asia, and so poison U.S.-Chinese relations that it exacerbates the other, longer-term conflict between the two countries: the ongoing U.S.-China trade dispute.

For years now, China has taken advantage of U.S. ineptitude in dealing with predatory Chinese trade policies. The list of offenses is long. At the top are ridiculously high Chinese tariffs against U.S. products. A case in point is the 25 percent tariffs against exported American cars, compared with U.S. auto tariffs as low as 2.5 percent. China's goal was to force U.S. automakers into lopsided deals with Chinese government-supported companies to build cars in China. Only after the Trump administration signaled that it was serious about a fairer U.S.-China trade relationship did China relent and offer to lower its auto import tariffs to 15 percent.

The same goes for below-cost Chinese steel dumped on the U.S. market, which has devastated steel manufacturing in this country and the jobs that go with it. President Trump has been right to con-

front China with higher U.S. tariffs on Chinese steel. It may be the only way to compel China to back off its predatory trade practices.

Ditto with Chinese-made solar panels, which have also been dumped on the U.S. market and cost thousands of jobs here.

Added to these unfair trade practices has been China's blatant theft of U.S. intellectual property, from pilfered patents to stolen software. The losses from these thefts from American companies have totaled hundreds of billions of dollars.

Trump has offered carrots along with the stick of stronger U.S. defense of American companies. Chinese information technology companies have been in the forefront of unprecedented undermining of cyber security. That's how the Chinese IT giant ZTE got crosswise with the U.S. But Trump has wisely indicated to China that he will give ZTE a second chance in the American market if China cleans up its act in our trading relationship. The president deserves the flexibility to offer this concession to China, and any congressional efforts to undermine it would take a powerful trade-negotiating tool out of his hands.

**T**ump's insistence on 'reciprocity' in our international trade relations has been spot-on.

Trump's insistence on "reciprocity" in our trade relations with other countries has been spot-on. His experience in negotiating business deals in which both sides need to come out winning something is being put to good use in our trade strategy. Let's not forget that one of the major reasons Trump was elected president was that he understood the economic anxiety American workers and their families faced as millions of jobs poured out of our country to faraway places like China. Now that our manufacturing economy is finally showing signs of resurgence, it's the right time to let the rest of the world know that in the future, America will fight for every one of those American jobs.

The next few weeks will be critical in this ongoing trade struggle. The Trump administration has just announced that it is prepared to move forward on 25 percent tariffs on up to \$50 billion in Chinese imports to the U.S., along with tight new restrictions on Chinese acquisition of American technology. This should be a powerful incentive to China to give the U.S. the fair trade deal it seeks. The days of American inaction are over.

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# Vets at the mercy of the commander in chief

It does matter that on Memorial Day, President Trump tweeted, "Happy Memorial Day! Those who died for our great country would be very happy and proud at how well our country is doing today."

It matters because his chaotic management style and basic indifference to others' suffering have real consequences, particularly for veterans.



**RANDI  
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Recently, the president nominated his White House physician, a man with little administrative experience, to head the Veterans Administration. The vetting began, and in short order the good doctor withdrew his

name from consideration amid talk of substance abuse. Now Robert Wilkie, a vetted candidate, awaits confirmation.

Veterans need care they aren't getting. They need benefits that are difficult to access. That's the public story.

On a personal note, I watched my parents try and fail to get the veterans' benefits they deserve. First you serve your country, and then, when you're humbled

by age and infirmity and in need of government services, you're required to find your way through a morass of red tape.

Perhaps that's why only 5 percent of veterans who are entitled to the Aid and Attendance Benefit actually apply for it. My dad was seeking this specific benefit, which is available to any veteran who served in any war. It doesn't have to have involved service in action, and there doesn't have to be an injury. The benefit is available to those who require additional health care; eligibility is tied to personal assets. The reason I'm learning about the process is because my dad was eligible for the benefit, and he was in need, and he died last November. My mother, 95, is now eligible for his benefits.

My family is persistent, but we're struggling. We need proof of my dad's honorable discharge in 1954. The V.A. eventually informed me that all those papers were destroyed in a fire. For a fee, they provided me with a nearly illegible copy of his last pay stub, the best proof they have of his service.

We also need a copy of our parents' marriage license, which, because it was filed 73 years ago, now resides in the gov-

ernment vaults in downtown Manhattan and will require persistence to dig out.

Through the years, we have witnessed epic V.A. scandals, from conditions at Walter Reed Hospital to backlogs in medical appointments. And while veterans languish, Trump has ordered a military parade that will cost many millions of dollars.

The V.A. website is so confusing and so poorly written that it is basically incomprehensible to me. Just when I think I know what I need to do to secure the benefit, there's another link, or an exception to a rule.

Once the paperwork is filed and if it is accepted, it takes six to nine months for the V.A. to rule on eligibility.

According to veterans of the process, applications bounce back for all kinds of random reasons, and appeals can take years. Think "Bleak House." The application used to be four pages long, but the V.A. found the time and energy to create a new form that is 20-something pages long.

At veteransaidbenefit.org, I read advice from others who have gone through the work of applying for Aid and Attendance. One veteran said, "Do not be surprised that the individual with whom

you speak will not know about this benefit or be knowledgeable about it. You will have to be persistent in getting to speak with someone who does. Regretfully, this is more common than not."

We are speaking here of people who gave years of their lives to serve our nation and now are in need of government assistance. My dad served as a captain in the Army during the Korean War. He had to step away from us, his young family, and from his work, for 24 months. He put his life on hold.

When I hit a wall with all the paperwork and looked for agencies that help applicants negotiate the process, I found that people are charging thousands of dollars to handle the paperwork and make applications to the V.A. It has become a big business to lead people through the paper chase. And it's illegal. On the V.A. website it says that no one can charge for filing eligibility papers for the Aid and Attendance Benefit. Of course, folks have figured out ways around that prohibition.

My parents had family members to advocate on their behalf (not that we've been successful). What happens to other elderly and infirm vets who have no one to fight for them? Can they turn to the commander in chief?

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Health care remains the nation's central issue

Anyone who watches or listens to daily news broadcasts encounters a steady stream of government officials insisting that the economy is improving steadily and that the lives of average Americans are getting better. It is surely a contradiction, however, to say that the economy is flourishing when large numbers of the citizens who make up that economy are struggling to make ends meet.

In Nassau County, the percentage of families living at or below the federal poverty level ranges from a low of 3.19 percent in Garden City to 13.5 percent in Freeport. But even seven years ago, an income of \$25,000 — the poverty threshold — was less than half of what a family of four actually needed. A 2011 study, carried out by the Washington think tank Wider Opportunities for Women, showed that a single parent with two children and an income of \$57,000 living in the Northeast was still living in poverty. A family of four needed more than \$67,000 per year to qualify as middle class.

So what is the solution? First, benchmarks need to reflect reality more accurately. When governments perform statistical sleight of hand, as with poverty and unemployment rates, families, including many considered middle-class, suffer. Second, the rapidly rising cost of health care, which is overburdening many middle- and low-income families, needs to be reined in.

Under the Obama administration, the U.S. took a step forward by insuring millions of Americans who were previously without health care. The Affordable Care

Act of 2010, while imperfect and at times mired in bureaucracy, was a godsend to so many. Last June and July, the Republican-led Congress attempted to repeal and replace — and then simply repeal — Obamacare. If not for a single vote by Sen. John McCain, the maverick Republican from Arizona, it might have succeeded in doing so.

Make no mistake: Congress could very well attempt to nix the ACA once again. We presume that Republican lawmakers are waiting until after the midterm election to check the country's temperature. If Republicans are victorious in congressional races and maintain control of the House and Senate, expect them to revisit repeal and replace — or at least repeal.

Voters can also expect universal health care to become a campaign issue this year and in subsequent years. Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who electrified the Democratic Party in the 2016 presidential campaign, introduced the Medicare for All Act last year, and a third of the Democratic Senate caucus supported it, indicating that the party may be moving away from the more centrist Obamacare to the more liberal universal healthcare. Sanders is weighing a 2020 run at the White House.

No matter what, health care should remain at the forefront of our national — and local — discourse. Americans spent \$3.4 trillion on health care, or some \$9,500 per capita, in 2016, the last year for which complete figures are available. At 18.3 percent of GDP, that is more than double the average of \$3,850 among other countries that are members of the Organization of

Economic Cooperation and Development. Yet Americans aren't healthier than in other developed countries, and many remain uninsured or marginally insured. At the same time, young people may opt for low premiums, assuming they will not make use of their coverage, which could be disastrous if they end up needing it.

Nearly all industrialized nations have adopted some form of universal, single-payer coverage. This does not preclude the possibility of private care, nor does it automatically put health insurance companies out of business. That is potentially good news for Nassau County, since more county residents work in health care than in any other sector.

The U.S. already has two single-payer systems that have worked well for many years: Medicaid and Medicare. Expansion of these programs to include all Americans could provide a higher standard of coverage for a larger percentage of the population, potentially ensuring a healthier and more competitive workforce.

This is not to minimize the complications of converting to a single-payer system. There would be many. Doctors would have to change the way they run their practices, and accept lower levels of wealth than at present. And the health insurance industry employs millions nationally; those workers would need to be assured they would keep their jobs. But continuing along the present road of ever-increasing premiums could, in the long run, bankrupt both small business owners and the middle class, which are increasingly having trouble affording their insurance.

## LETTERS

### Memorial Day gratitude

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all my friends and fellow veterans in Glen Cove for allowing me to be your grand marshal for the Memorial Day Parade. I was truly humbled by this honor. I hope to work with you to make next year's celebration just as great as this year's. My wife and I really love it here in Glen Cove.

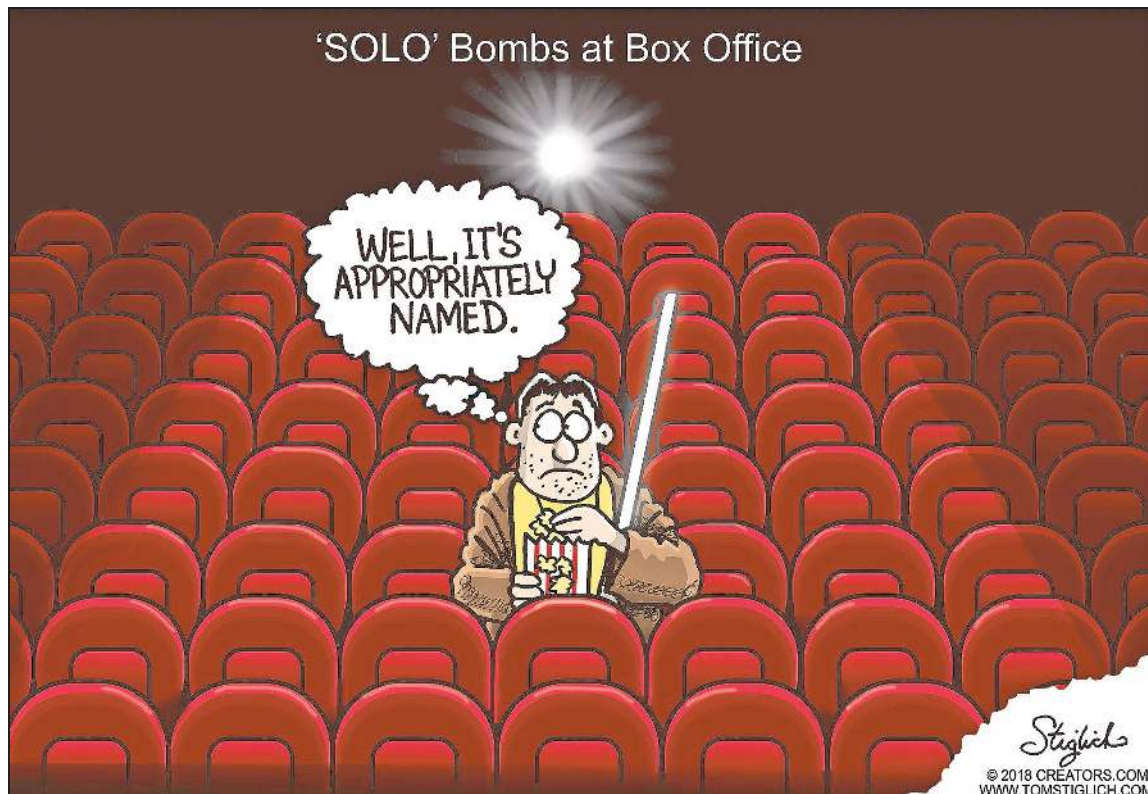
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### City should increase ferry service

To the Editor:

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## OPINIONS

# Memories of Mexico lead to a career in journalism

**A**s I scroll back through my childhood remembrances, Mexico comes to me in clips and phrases, a staccato succession of wonder and horror — but mostly wonder.

I was 7. I remember playing tag atop Aztec ruins with my 5-year-old brother, Shawn, dodging and weaving between massive, weatherworn stone columns and figures as the sun was setting. I remember swimming in a pool fed by desert hot springs. I remember playing in the mud in the front yard of the apartment my parents had rented and finding a scorpion. There was also the scorpion I spotted crawling on the wall above me one day in class, in the little English-language school I



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attended.

There were snakes, too. I learned that digging for clay in the desert. Shoveling the soil from the side of a hill one 100-degree afternoon revealed a labyrinth of snake tunnels. I thought it was the coolest thing I'd ever seen.

Remarkably, given my curiosity, I was never bitten by a scorpion or a snake.

I had something of an unconventional childhood. In 1975, my parents, both artists and teachers, took a six-month sab-

batical to San Miguel de Allende, a nearly 500-year-old city of 139,000 in central Mexico. My mom and dad studied at the Instituto Allende, a world-renowned visual arts school, where they crafted clay pottery and silver jewelry. We lived in a two-bedroom apartment, with a front yard full of cacti and an oversized balcony out back overlooking the dusty street below, where open-sewer troughs ran down the sides.

Today San Miguel is a major tourist destination, but back then it was still something of a wild place. It had been a destination for artists from around the globe since the 1950s. Expatriates filled the city. Still, it was developing, and every once in a while, it could turn semi-lawless, as it did the day we left San Miguel in a hurry because desert bandits came to town and set up gun racks in the central square. That was a signal for any Americans with children to move on.

Still, most of the time was peaceful — and adventure-filled.

I was reminded of all this when I recently read John McPhee's wonderful "The Fourth Draft." McPhee is a Princeton University journalism professor, a writer for *The New Yorker* and a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction. Early in the book, he writes of the laid-back summers he spent at Camp

Keewaydin in Vermont, where his father, a Princeton sports physician, attended to campers on his off months.

The camp, McPhee writes, "specialized in canoe trips and taught ecology in our modern sense when the word was still connoting the root-and-shoot relations of communal plants. Aged six to twenty, I grew up there, ending as a leader of those trips. I played basketball and tennis there, and on my high-school teams at home, with absolutely no idea that I was building the shells of future pieces of writing. I dreamed all year of the trips in the wild, not imagining, of course, that

they would eventually lead to the Brooks Range, to the Yukon-Tanana suspect terrain, to the ship-like ridges of Nevada and the Laramide mountains of Wyoming, or that they would lead to the rapids of the Grand Canyon."

I hadn't thought deeply how my Mexico adventures, or my summers spent canoeing and hiking in the Adirondacks, affected my decision, in my teens and 20s, to become a journalist myself. Then McPhee's lines hit me, and a flood of childhood memories rushed through my mind.

In part, I wanted to write, and still do, because writing, if done right, brings with it a sense of adventure. For a journalist, no two days are the same. Journal-

ism takes you to places and introduces you to people that you otherwise never would have imagined.

McPhee, now 87 and still writing — he published "The Fourth Draft" last year — has traveled the world, and recorded his adventures in *The New Yorker*. What a gift it is to experience life that way, whether at a national or local publication.

My memories of Mexico are not all pleasant. One time we stopped on the roadside in our big green Chevy Carryall to inspect a fallen tree that appeared ripe for carving into a statue, and from the underbrush, bandits approached and kidnapped my father at gunpoint, leaving my mom, my brother and me in the car. Dad was hauled off to a shack down the road with tire irons around his wrists. Local police had to negotiate his release.

Mexico taught me early in life that there are good and bad people wherever you go, but mostly there are good. The police were kind. Our neighbors, like the woman down the street who fed me fresh, homemade tortillas, were kind. The vendors at the open-air market were kind. My teachers were kind.

Mexico was a beautiful place, and so were its people.

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**R**eminded by a renowned writer of adventures that led me into the same line of work.

## LETTERS

port for Mayor Tim Tenke's continuing efforts to work with the federal and state governments to move forward with the Glen Cove ferry project. The success of this project would greatly benefit the City of Glen Cove. The recent success of the New York City ferry service, for which ridership has greatly exceeded expectations, indicates that a well-run ferry service is an attractive option that can be very popular with commuters. And I can see why: A ride on the water in the morning and evening is a pretty nice way to bookend the workday.

I do not share the naysayers' concerns — based on the less-than-full ferries last summer — that there will be too few riders to make the Glen Cove ferry viable. With only two trips in and two out last summer, it was no wonder many commuters decided not to test the waters. A convenient, rider-friendly schedule would likely increase the number of riders substantially, as would the future residents of the Garvies Point development. Let's hope Tenke keeps moving this project forward.

**PAUL SWEENEY**  
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## Plastic bag tax is needed

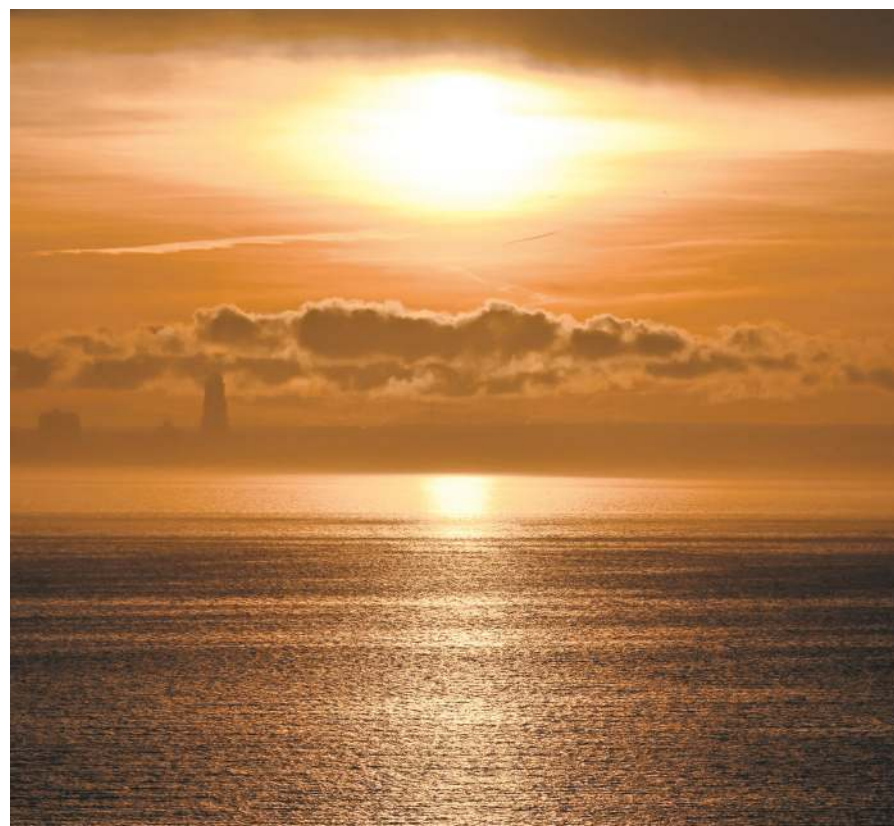
To the Editor:

Re "Nassau Should move ahead with plastic bag tax" (May 31-June 6): Richard Nicoletto, presiding officer of the Nassau County Legislature, should allow a vote on Legislator Debra Mulé's bill, which would allow the county to join with Suffolk County in reducing the scourge of plastic bags in our environment. Isn't that how a democracy is supposed to work?

The bill would require a 5-cent tax on each plastic bag used in Nassau. I attended the public comment session at the Legislature on May 23, and there was tremendous support for the bill. Cities across this country and around the world have banned or set fees for thin-film bags and are seeing great results. Nassau should wake up and pass Mulé's bill.

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