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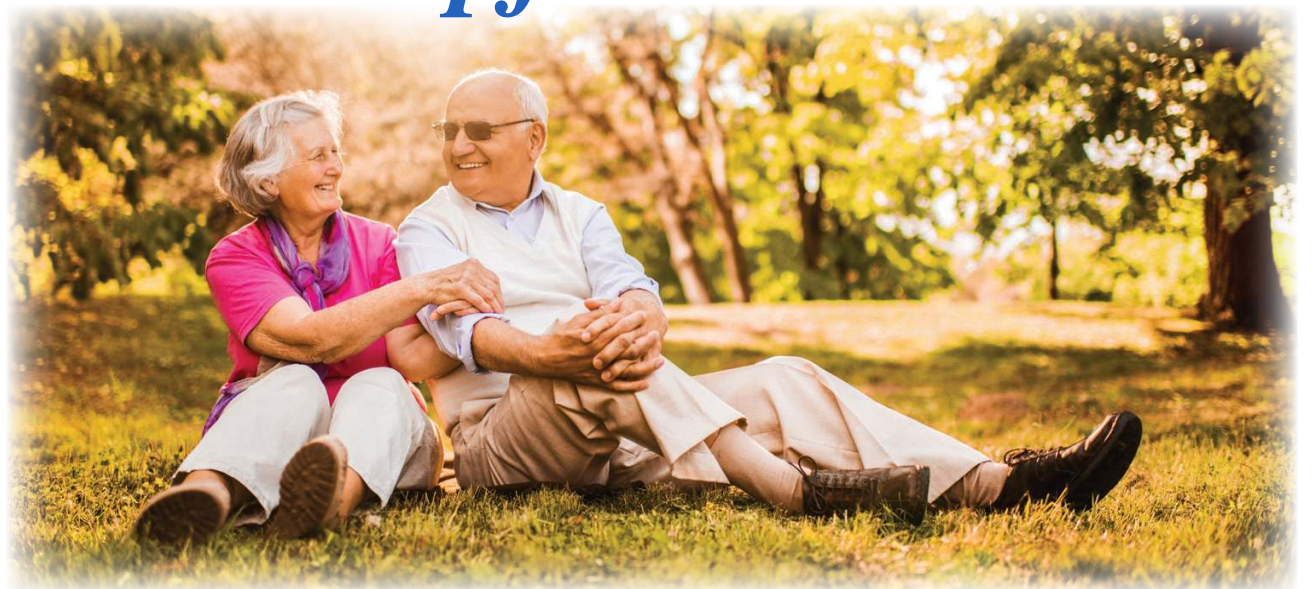
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Riding the reading wave

Gabriella Perone, left, Antonio Iona, Brian Guerra and Tyler Curran picked out books from the little red reading wagon at Pryibil Beach. Story, Page 3.

Animal shelter full after fireworks

Dogs' anxiety can be trained away, experts say

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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Every year during the first few weeks of July, animal shelters around the country are inundated with new arrivals — dogs that became separated from their families while trying to escape the booming sound of Independence Day fireworks.

On Facebook, several Glen Covers noted that more of their neighbors were submitting pet-

related lost-and-found posts than usual. “Just saw another post for a poodle mix found in the Landing [area],” user Davney Rossiter wrote in the Glen Cove Neighbors group. “I hate the 4th just [because] of the excuse for using fireworks. It’s the highest point of the year for lost dogs.”

Media outlets and pet-recovery services around the country say the same thing: July 5 is the busiest day for runaways. Ac-

cording to a 2015 infographic from one such service, Pet Amber Alert, between July 4 and 6, about 30 percent more dogs go missing than usual.

Over the past few weeks, Cove Animal Rescue in Glen Cove has faced an influx of canines. When the Herald Gazette visited the facility recently, it was full to capacity, with 14 impounded dogs. Some were being held in

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New obstacle for G.C. city charter reform

Technicality could nullify efforts

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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The years-long efforts of the Glen Cove Charter Review Commission, which in 2015 was tasked with considering reforms to the structure of city government — including term limits and durations — could be nullified by a technicality.

During a presentation of the commission’s recommendations at a working meeting of the City Council on Tuesday, City Attorney Charles McQuair told Carolyn Wilson, who chairs the commission, that contrary to her understanding, the committee was not legally empowered to propose the ballot referenda that its 10 members had spent the past three years deliberating.

Under state municipal law, the committee was required to propose changes to the city charter within two election cycles of its founding, McQuair explained. That deadline passed with the 2017 election.

Wilson said she believed that a January resolution to reappoint herself and her fellow committee members constituted a renewal of the committee and an

extension of that deadline. McQuair said that it did not.

The commission had been counting on the fact that state law grants special privileges to charter committees, including the ability to submit their proposals directly to voters in the

Ifeel as though [Reboot Glen Cove has] kind of undermined what we’re trying to do.

CAROLYN WILSON
Chairwoman,
Charter Review
Commission

form of ballot initiatives, bypassing the council’s approval, which, in other cases, is required. Hours before the council meeting, Glen Howard, committee member, told the Herald Gazette, “We are a charter commission. We don’t have to go to the council.”

If the City Council reauthorizes the commission before a Sept. 1 deadline, Wilson said, the referenda could still be put on the ballot in November.

Standing in the foyer of City Hall after the meeting, Wilson sounded distraught. Still clearly shocked by, and trying to make sense of, what happened, she said, “Something seems off about all this.”

She noted that in light of this development, an email from a fellow commission member she had received the day before made more sense. She would not

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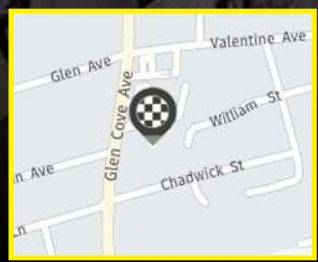
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Pryibil Beach's little red reading wagon

By SAMANTHA BARRY
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If you go to Pryibil Beach this summer, consider bringing an old children's book. The Reading Wagon always has room for donations.

It all started about three years ago, when Diane Bruschini, a reading teacher at Deasy School set out to remedy a trend: many grown-ups read at the beach, but children usually do not.

Thanks to her efforts, that trend has ended. Now, each day, Pryibil Beach lifeguards cart out a red wagon filled with a selection of books for beachgoers of all ages to enjoy. And children have certainly been taking advantage of the opportunity. According to lifeguard Jessica Dawes, at first, the kids are shy about it, approaching the wagon with cautious curiosity. "We tell them, 'You can take them,'" Dawes said. "They're like, 'Really? No way!' and they get all excited."

Alyssa Zangari, who works at the snack stand and has a clear view to the wagon said, "There's always kids and parents asking if [the books] are free." When she tells them yes, but that it runs on the honor system and asks that they return what they take, or replace it with another book, they say, "Oh my God, it's such a good idea."

Tommy Curran, 9, said that he plans on borrowing a book from the wagon, even though he hasn't yet. "I like that you can take any book out you want," he said. "I think it's good to read during the summer"

Getting books into children's hands is

not a foreign concept to Bruschini. About six years ago, after speaking with several of her students, she discovered that many of them spend their weekends at local laundromats sitting idly for hours watching clothes spin around in washing machines. When she heard that, she decided to try to help her students turn those hours of boredom into hours of learning.

She remembered an article she had read about an upstate New York town that had "traveling books," where people collected books and left them in places where they thought kids could pick them up and read them. Believing she could bring a similar system to Glen Cove, Bruschini said, "I started collecting books that were discarded from our libraries and in the schools, from parents, and even from my own collection."

She dropped them off at different laundromats and other places around town, like the senior centers, so the members would have books to read to their grandchildren when they visited. Eventually, she developed a network of places that were regularly expecting her deliveries. Once every few months, she drops by each of the eight participating laundromats to replenish them with fresh reads.

The wagon has gotten so popular, she said, that sometimes when she goes into work she has piles of donated books on her desk waiting for her to distribute them to their new homes.

After running the laundromat program for about three years, she started thinking

I like that you can take any book out you want. I think it's good to read during the summer.

TOMMY CURRAN
9-year-old beachgoer



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GABRIELLA PERONE, LEFT, Brian Guerra, Tommy and Tyler Curran and Antonio Iona show off their selections before posting up before starting on page one.

about where these kids spend most of their time in the summers, and thought, Pryibil Beach. She thought it would be a good idea to expand this project down to the city's beaches. She came up with the idea for the little red wagon.

Bruschini's daughter Julie, who has been a lifeguard for the city for many years, brought the idea to Glen Cove's Director of Parks and Recreation, Darcy Belyea, who immediately gave her the okay to bring the books to the beach.

"It was really just a simple concept," she said. "She asked if she could bring this wagon down to the beach with books and keep it in the lifeguard shack. The lifeguards could bring it out each day and

help replenish it. I said go right ahead."

Belyea has enjoyed watching the Reading Wagon work its magic. "I love the enthusiasm of watching young kids in bathing suits pouring through the choices and getting excited over what the next book is going to be that they read," she said.

"It's very small," Bruschini said. "It costs nothing, and it really doesn't require much time or effort to do, but it really contributes to our community."

She said that when she began the project six years ago she didn't expect it to take off like it has. "With the time it's had to grow and flourish, however," she noted, "it has really taken off."

Council still nowhere on water rate hikes

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The Glen Cove City Council is still divided on the issue of water rate increases. At a working session of the council on Tuesday, Mayor Tim Tenke proposed a 20 percent rate hike, a reduction from the 25 percent that the council voted down in late June.

At the June 28 City Council meeting, Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck presented a last minute proposal — a 15 percent rate hike — that was also voted down.

Panzenbeck's proposal would have meant a \$3 increase per quarter for the average ratepayer. Tenke's original proposal would have meant a \$5 increase, and his updated 20% proposal would have amounted to \$4 more on average.

The council has been discussing the rate hikes as a way to address debt service payments, which will become due in January 2019, related to the city's recent borrowing to install filters on the city's Freon-contaminated wells. Panzenbeck's proposal would have covered the payments that become due in 2019, but Tenke has said that another round of borrowing will



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THE CITY COUNCIL again failed to agree on whether to raise the city's water rates.

be needed next year to complete the well projects, and his proposal aims to preemptively address payments on that borrowing as well.

A 15 percent hike would have fallen approximately \$13,000 short of covering

the second set of borrowing, while a 25 percent increase would cover both rounds of debt service, and left the city with a \$267,000 surplus in the water fund.

Because of the water department's quarterly billing schedule, if the council

can't agree on a rate hike by its August 28 meeting, the city will have to wait three more months before implementing increases, missing out on the extra revenue in the meantime.

For the first time since the council began discussing the issue in late May, Councilman Nick DiLeo, who voted against both Tenke's and Panzenbeck's proposals, suggested that a payment in lieu of taxes that the city expected to receive from Garvies Point developer RXR could be used to address the debt service without raising rates.

Tenke argued that an increase in the water rates — which has not been done since 2004 — was needed in order to maintain a healthy water fund, which he said would have precluded the need to bond for the well filters in the first place.

In August, the council is slated to vote to allow the mayor to apply for a \$944,000 grant to help offset some of the cost of the well projects, and Tenke said that there were other grant opportunities he was looking into as well.

The city is also working with D&B, an engineering firm, on plans for a new well at the site of the former Coles school.



Courtesy Nassau County Legislature

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LAURA Curran signed an anti-bullying bill authored by Legislator Josh Lafazan, to her left, surrounded by students and stakeholder organizations.

County to launch NassauStopBullying.org

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**

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The Nassau County Legislature passed a resolution establishing a dedicated anti-bullying website, described by the legislation's author, Legislator Josh Lafazan, as a "clearinghouse" of information for the county's students and parents on the harm that bullying can cause, and how to stop it.

The resolution was approved unanimously by the full legislature on July 9 and signed into law by County Executive Laura Curran three days later. The website will be up and running before the school year begins this September.

The website will take aim at what Lafazan described as a "critical" issue: When a child is being bullied, it's not often clear to parents what they can do about it.

A state law, the Dignity for All Students

Act, or DASA, enacted on 2012, requires schools to include anti-bullying measures in their codes of conduct, to gather data on bullying incidents and to appoint a faculty member to oversee the implementation of DASA policies, according to the state's Education Department website. This DASA coordinator is responsible for making sure that cases of bullying are handled appropriately.

One problem, according to Lafazan, is that schools don't always make it clear who the DASA coordinator is. The website, which will ultimately be found at NassauStopBullying.org, will provide a list of the coordinators for each school in the county, updated every six months.

Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton framed the matter of bullying against another issue that the county is trying to address — the opioid crisis. "A lot of kids feel a lot of pain from being bullied,"

DeRiggi-Whitton said, "and a lot of that pain causes them to look toward opioids. [The website will] compliment the work of our agencies, but as a county, we're limited in the work we can do. What we can do is make it easy for parents to access the information they need."

The Long Island Coalition Against Bullying — with whom Lafazan partnered in crafting the resolution — has pledged \$10,000 to pay for a public-service announcement promoting the website. Joseph A. Salamone, the organization's executive director, said that the website would be "an important step" toward addressing bullying on Long Island, "and gives victims, families and schools more centralized resources in their time of need."

"It is so important that we do all we can to protect our youth," Curran said adding that the resolution would help "streamline the process" of helping the parents of bullied children understand their options. "There is no excuse for bullying . . . [and it] can happen anywhere, at any time"

Lafazan, 24-years old and the second youngest elected official in the history of New York State, said that he felt particularly responsible for tackling the issues affecting young people. He asked rhetorically, "If I'm not going to be the fighter for kids, who is?"

When talking about the website's section on being a bystander, Lafazan echoed that sentiment. He said that encouraging kids to step in and protect victims of bullying was a matter of teaching them to ask themselves, "If not you, then who?"

The resources on the website will be designed to help parents have conversations with their children about bullying and the "dangers of being a bystander." But, Lafazan said, he also hopes that the lessons the website imparts will not be lost on the parents themselves. "We find that bullying isn't just among kids, but among parents as well," he said, adding that in the current political climate, "We're unfortunately not always seeing each other as neighbors and Americans first."

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ Female, 33, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Madison Avenue for fourth-degree criminal mischief and third-degree assault on July 8.

■ Male, 32, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Cedar Swamp Road for third-degree assault on July 9.

■ Male, 33, of Glen Cove male, was arrested on Glen Cove Avenue for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and failing to signal a

turn on July 11.

■ Male, 33, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Hazel Street for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and operation of a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver on July 12.

■ Male, 29, of Medford, male was arrested on Landing Road for third-degree assault and on Forest Avenue for petit larceny on July 12.

■ Female, 68, was arrested on Forest Avenue for petit larceny on July 12.

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

At the Barricades: Theatre Fans and the Stage Door Experience

On Wednesday July 25, Brian Stoll will talk about the role that theatre fans like himself have played in the theatre community over the centuries, and tell patrons about the stage door experience. Gold Coast Library, 7 p.m., 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. Info: (516) 759-8300.



Drones: A Flight to the Future

From home delivery and journalism to disaster management and wildlife monitoring, drones are taking over the skies. But how did they get their start? How exactly do they work? What else are they used for? On Monday, July 23, explore the history of drones and how they are used, and even experiment flying one! Presented by the Cradle of Aviation Museum. Recommended for children grades 4 through 8. Glen Cove Library, 7 p.m., 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Info: (516) 676-2130.



Long Island Wildflowers

On Saturday, July 21 head to Garvies Point Museum & Preserve to learn about wildflowers. This slide-illustrated talk will feature Long Island's native wildflower species. A walk through the preserve and its gardens will follow. Register in advance. The cost is \$5 per person in addition to museum admission. This event is free for current members. Garvies Point Museum & Preserve, 1 to 3 p.m., 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. Info: (516) 571-8010.



Opera in the mansion

The majestic Sands Point Preserve is the setting for the North Shore Music Festival's staging of Mozart's great comic opera "A School for Love" — also known as "Cosi Fan Tutte" — on Saturday, July 21. Enjoy the tale of a pair of young lovers who test each others' faithfulness — or lack thereof. The evening features dinner in Hempstead House, at 6 p.m., followed by the performance in Castle Gould's Great Hall, at 8 p.m. Info: (516) 304-5076 or www.sandspointconservancy.org.

Laughing at every age

Funny is even better at a certain age, according to Paul Anthony, whose Long Island Comedy Festival brings the 50+ comedy showcase to the Madison Theatre in Rockville Centre, on Saturday, July 21, 6 and 8 p.m. This entertaining evening of stand-up, hosted by Anthony, of course, features a lineup of creative comedy pros who have performed at top venues in Manhattan and elsewhere. They all have one thing in common — all over age 50. Info: (516) 323-4444 or www.madisontheatre.org.



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HERALD SPORTS

Ducks (30-33) hit restart button

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The Long Island Ducks couldn't have scripted a better start to the second half of the Atlantic League baseball season, highlighted by Bethpage Park hosting the 21st Annual All-Star Game on July 11.

After a frustrating first half resulted in a record of 30-33, leaving them five games behind Liberty Division winner Somerset, the Ducks embraced the clean slate and swept Freedom Division winner Sugar Land in a three-game series while scoring 29 runs in the process.

"We were too inconsistent in the first half," Ducks manager Kevin Baez said. "The guys were giving great effort, but we just didn't get the results we wanted."

Left-handed pitcher Bennett Parry, who started an All-Star Game that included six teammates, capped off the sweep of the Skeeters on July 8 with another dominant performance on the mound. He tossed seven shutout innings and struck out 10 while allowing eight baserunners in the 5-3 victory. It was Parry's sixth win in seven decisions and he lowered his ERA to a stellar 2.60 to go with a strikeout/walk ratio of 104 to 28.

"In my opinion, he's been the top starter in the league," Baez said of Parry, who has a career ERA of 2.55 over seven-plus minor league campaigns since being drafted in 2011 by the Baltimore Orioles. "He's got an outstanding change-up and a good fastball," he added.

The pitching staff, from Parry to closer Francisco Rodriguez (K-Rod), overcame some obstacles in the middle relief department to produce a solid first half. The Ducks boasted a 3.88 ERA with 511 strikeouts in 565 innings with Parry (65 2/3), Jake Fisher (73 1/3), John Brownell (64 2/3), Matt Larkins (54 1/3) and Jair Jurrjens (50 2/3) doing the heavy lifting.

Fisher was traded to the Ducks late last season and picked up where he left off, earning a spot in the All-Star Game. He had three wins and 66 strikeouts in the first half. Brownell is the franchise's all-time leader in most pitching categories, including wins (59) and Ks (714), following a respectable first half. Larkins sports a solid 3.64 ERA through nine starts and won five of seven decisions prior to the break, while Jurrjens, who has 128 Major League starts and 53 victories under his belt, hopes to return from injury after going 3-3 with a 3.55 ERA in nine starts.

Rodriguez (13 saves, .183 opponents' batting average) and All-Star selection Wander Perez have put the bullpen on their backs, and Baez said he's excited about recent addition Colton Murray, who'll serve as the set-up man. The 36-year-old K-Rod, who has 437 MLB saves (83 as a member of the New York Mets) including a single-season record 62



Photos by David Lepelstat/Herald

JORDANY VALDESPIN BATTED .351 in the first half of the Atlantic League season and led the Ducks in hits (87), extra-base hits (23) and runs (52.)

in 2008 with the Los Angeles Angels, has proven a key addition.

Another former Met, infielder Jordany Valdespin, has been raking at the plate in his first season on Long Island. He finished the first half with a .351 batting average and was leading the league with a .358 clip entering the All-Star Game. He's scored 52 runs and swiped 13 bases in addition to reaching base in nearly 30 consecutive games. "Everyone says this is the best Independent League around and I'm glad to be here," Valdespin said. "We've got a great group of guys."

As a whole, Baez would like to see the Ducks batting average climb much higher than the lackluster .258 mark through 63 games. Former Major Leaguers Emilio Bonifacio (.305, 16 steals), Travis Snider (.279, 9 homers, 45 RBIs) and Lew Ford (.271, 39 RBIs) all enjoyed a strong opening half. In-season additions Taylor Ard (10 homers in 36 games) and Ramon Cabrera (.993 fielding percentage) bolstered the offense and catcher position, respectively. Ford, Cabrera and power-hitting David Washington were named All-Stars.



AFTER A DOMINANT performance for the Ducks on July 8, All-Star pitcher Barrett Parry picked up his sixth win of the season and lowered his ERA to 2.60.

"When you're not one of the two teams that wins the division in the first half, it's nice to get a fresh start," Baez said. "We've been able to bounce back in the second half in previous years, but nothing's guaranteed."

Bud Harrelson night: Aug. 3

The Ducks have teamed up with the Alzheimer's Association to present "Bud Harrelson Appreciation Night" on Aug. 3.

The evening will be highlighted by a pre-game ceremony honoring the baseball legend and all that he has accomplished with Long Island's hometown team. During the festivities, Harrelson's #3 jersey, which he wore throughout his 13-year career with the Mets and since the Ducks inaugural season of 2000, will be permanently retired and affixed next to the DuckVision video board in left-center field. The program will also feature special

remarks from the Harrelson family and members of the Ducks organization.

Ducks players and coaches will pay tribute while also raising awareness for Alzheimer's, which Harrelson was recently diagnosed with, by donning special purple jerseys throughout the course of their game against the Road Warriors, with each player wearing Harrelson's #3 on the back of their uniform. The jerseys will be auctioned off from the time the gates open through the top of the seventh inning, with net proceeds from the auction benefiting the Alzheimer's Association.

"Words do little in describing what Bud Harrelson has meant to the game of baseball, the Long Island community and the Ducks," said President/GM Michael Pfaff. "Now, facing his Alzheimer's diagnosis head on, it is fitting we pay tribute to the man and all he has done, while raising awareness for the cause."

Nancy Burpee has overcome impossible challenges all her life. The latest was lung cancer.



Nancy Burpee has been swimming competitively all her life. Not only against other elite swimmers, but also against a rare connective tissue disease. Then she faced her greatest challenge: lung cancer.

Nancy was told she faced a choice: either major invasive surgery or wait and see if the tumor would shrink. Instead, she turned to NYU Winthrop Hospital and Dr. Laurence Spier, one of the country's top robotic lung surgeons. Dr. Spier not only removed the tumor without removing the entire lung, he was able to "tease" her lung free from the chest wall. Nancy was amazed at the improvement in her breathing and stamina. In just three weeks, she was back in the pool, swimming faster than she had in years.

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THE GLEN COVE Charter Review Commission is currently working out the language for three proposed changes to the city charter that could significantly change how voters select their council members.

Deadlines loom for charter efforts

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provide the names of the people involved, but said that the email's author had been approached by another person and alerted to the fact that the charter commission might not technically exist.

McQuair wrote in an email, "To be clear, this is a situation about the [presentation] of a referendum and not the expiration of the commission itself."

Other charter reform efforts

The surprise roadblock for the Charter Review Commission comes at a time when another group — Reboot Glen Cove — has been ramping up efforts to enact a different set of more radical charter reforms.

Last Friday, the group began canvassing at cultural events in the city, including the Downtown Sounds summer concert series and the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival, in advance of an Aug. 28 deadline to present a petition at a City Council meeting.

The group must collect about 590 signatures, according to Jack Vilella, a Reboot organizer — 10 percent of the number of voters in the most recent gubernatorial election — by the deadline in order to compel the City Council to vote on whether to include its proposals on the November ballot.

Reboot Glen Cove is proposing a series of drastic changes to the charter, including abolishing the mayor's office in favor of a city manager; blocking the city's ability to accept payments in lieu of taxes, or PILOTs, as bargaining chips in negotiations with developers; and placing stricter controls on the city's Community Development Agency and Industrial Development Agency.

Philip Pidot, another organizer who ran unsuccessfully as a Republican candidate for City Council in 2015, said that with more signatures being added all the time, he did not have an accurate count. But, he said, the group was close to its goal, and added, "I'm confident we'll hit the 10 percent. The big question mark for me is whether the council will vote to [put

our proposals on a ballot measure]."

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Organizer,
Reboot Glen Cove

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If the council votes against the group's proposed amendments, Reboot Glen Cove would have another chance to bypass the council by presenting another list of signatures — an additional five percent, or just under 300 names. By the time that list would be presented at a September council meeting, however, it would be too late for the amendments to appear on the ballot.

Pidot said that the next phase of the group's strategy involved persuading council members to vote to include the proposed amendments, and persuading residents to push them to do so, to avoid a second round of petitioning.

Finger-pointing

Members of the Charter Review Commission said they feel conflicted about the rise of Reboot Glen Cove. On one hand, Howard said, "I'm glad to see someone getting the public involved."

But Wilson said that in many ways, these newcomers to charter reform had underdeveloped ideas. Many of the group's proposals had been discussed at length — and sometimes contentiously — during the commission's three years of work. "I'm sorry they've started so late," she said. "We've been meeting for three years, and the meetings are all open. I think we could have used their input." She added that the group's petitioning, public-outreach campaigns and surveys were likely to confuse voters who might not know that the two groups are different. "I feel as though they've kind of undermined what we're trying to do," Wilson said.

Vilella said that he didn't trust the commission's work. "I know that it was initially something that [former Mayor] Reggie Spinello had cobbled together," Vilella said.

He added that among the Glen Cove residents he's spoken to, "there was a lot of doubt... [that the commission is] interested in delivering results for citizens," and that he suspected something "nefarious" about the commission's work.

The results of the charter commission's exploratory survey

The commission received more than 200 responses to an online and paper survey conducted to gauge the public's interest in the proposed charter amendments. As of now, terms for the mayor and council members are two years, run concurrently and are not subject to term limits.

Mayor's term should be:

2 years: 29.6%
3 years: 30.0%
4 years: 40.36%

Council members' terms should be:

2 years: 49.1%
3 years: 28.8%
4 years: 22.1%

Should terms be staggered?

Yes: 61.1%
No: 38.9%

Should the mayor and council members be subject to term limits?

Yes: 82.0%
No: 18.0%

HERALD NEIGHBORS



Photos by Zoe Malin/Herald Gazette

JESSICA BARRETT PERUSED the variety of fragrant cleansing products Backyard Bees Soaps offered at the Sea Cliff Farmers Market.

Food, community and creativity

From June to October as the sun rises on Saturday mornings, vendors from the North Shore set up their booths in the grass outside St. Luke's Church for the Sea Cliff Farmers Market. The event, adored by the community and in its fifth year, is continuing to flourish. It offers fresh food, showcases local businesses, and is a welcoming place for friends to gather.

Glen Cove resident Amy Peters, an advocate for knowing where one's food comes from, founded the farmers market in 2014. She was inspired to bring this opportunity to her neighbors and provide everyone with access to clean, nutritious wares.

Beagan Young, of Youngs Farm in Brookville, sells fresh produce each week. Additional vendors diversify the event's offerings, like To Be Gluten Free and Steiner's Coffee Cake's, which offer delicious baked goods, and Conscious Kitchen and Don's Finest Living Foods' prepared items. "We have guest artists and vendors this year, which has also been very popular," Peters added.

As the market continues to grow, Peters said one thing remains constant: "The farmers market brings people together, and the pleasures of good food builds our community and celebrates our area's unique culture."

-- Zoe Malin



BEAGAN YOUNG, ABOVE, of Youngs Farm in Brookville added colorful beans to his produce baskets.

HILARY STAR DE ROY, bottom left, the mastermind behind the brand Royal Native, was a guest vendor at the Sea Cliff Farmers Market, selling her beautiful handmade bags and apparel.

GUEST VENDOR DANIELLE of Faerie Hair Sparkle, top left, added glittery pink tinsel to McKenzie Loftus' hair, right, as her friend, Sophie Leigh waited for her turn.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, July 19

Author Visit with Rosalie Knecht

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Head to the library to welcome author Rosalie Knecht. Her newest book, "Who is Vera Kelly?" has received excellent reviews. The title character works for the CIA as an undercover agent in 1960's America. She is sent on a treacherous assignment in Argentina where she wonders who she will be should she survive. But even in her deep uncertainty, it's quite clear that she is already the character readers have been waiting for. Register at the information desk, or call (516) 759-8300.

Singing, swinging sharks

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 4:30 p.m. Do you hear with your ears? A shark hears using its entire body! Discover how sharks are the apex predators of the ocean, thanks to their amazing super-senses. Get your bite on as you touch a real shark jaw and excavate a shark tooth to use to embellish a necklace. Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum. Recommended for children grades K and up. (516) 676-2130.

Livestock

Veteran's Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 p.m. As part of the village's Sunset Serenade Music Series, Livestock will perform. Bring a blanket or beach chair, a picnic and bug spray, and watch the sun set over Hempstead Harbor.

Friday, July 20

Sounds and Styles music program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Enhance your child's overall development and enjoyment of music, while strengthening your relationship. Parents and children will explore and respond to various musical experiences. Recommended for children ages 2 through 5. (516) 676-2130.

Saturday, July 21

Suozi's Summer Open House

Rep. Tom Suozzi's Huntington District Office, 478 A Park Ave., Huntington, 11 a.m. Constituents of New York's third congressional district are invited to attend and meet with the Congressman, staff and explore exhibits and presentations from historical societies. Refreshments will also be provided. For more information, call (631) 923-4112.

Monday, July 23

Coastal monogram letter

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4:30 p.m. Come to the library and make your own monogrammed artwork, painting your initial or any letter of your choice! This project makes a cool piece of art to hang in your room or to give as a gift! Recommended for children grades 3 through 6. (516) 759-8300.



Photos courtesy Metro Creative Connection

Music Under the Stars: Barometer Soup

The Town of Oyster Bay's 2018 Free Summer Concert Series have been scheduled at local parks and beaches. All concerts are free of charge and begin at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Concertgoers will experience a wide variety of genres that range from country to rock, providing free entertainment for all music lovers. On July 25, Barometer Soup will perform a tribute to Jimmy Buffet at Harry Tappen Beach, Shore Road, Glenwood Landing. Residents are invited to bring lawn chairs, a cooler and the entire family. Make Town parks and beaches your summer backyard!

Mosaic sea horse

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Adults will enjoy working with beautiful mixed mosaic pieces as they create a sea horse floating in a colorful water world. Mosaics, glue, glitter and paint applied to canvas add up to fun and creativity. There is a non-refundable \$3 fee due at the time of registration. (516) 759-8300.

Knitting group

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Join the Glen Cove Woman's Club Knitting Group! The group is seeking new members of all ages and skill levels to join their informal group, even if you don't know how to knit. Many of the items created during the meetings are donated to charity. There is no fee to join. (516) 676-2130.

Chair Yoga: Get fit while you sit!

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Barbara Croen and Leslie Arluck's class encourages fitness for those whose physical condition, restricted mobility, or age limits their participation in conventional forms of exercise. (516) 676-2130.

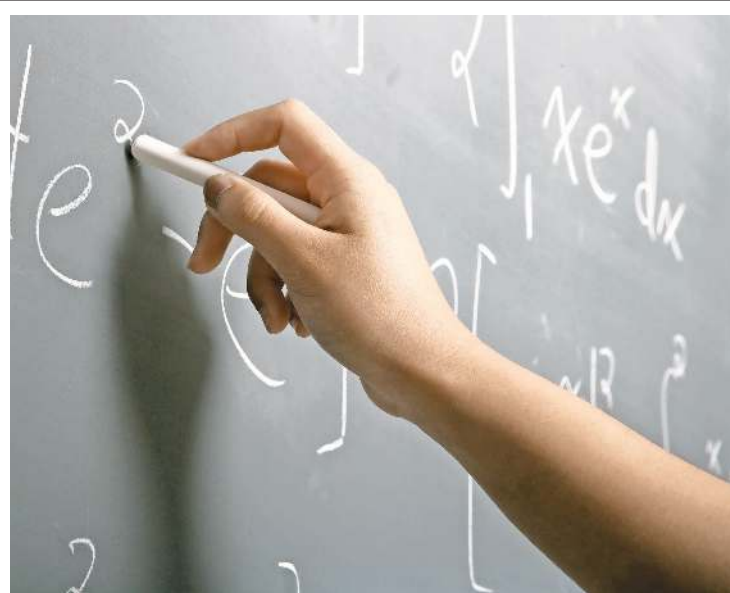
Tuesday, July 24

Communal paper garden

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Gather round for a

story time about gardens. Lauren Wallach will read from "The Rose in My Garden" by Anita Lobel, "Henri's Scissors" by Jeanette Winter, and "Miss Rumphius" by

Barbara Cooney. Participants will then join together to make a paper garden with construction and tissue paper, crayons and watercolor, scissors and glue,



Sharpen your math skills for summer

Join Sea Cliff MAKEshop for Math-based activities, puzzles and games for students in grades 3 through 7. The one-hour workshops will be held July 21, 28 and Aug. 4 at Stenson's Memorial Children's Library, 281 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. Register at www.eventbrite.com. For more information, email poojavira@scmakeshop.com.

and more! Recommended for children grades K through 3. (516) 759-8300.

Book bingo

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Come to the Annex, be the first to yell, "Bingo!" as loud as you can, and win great books as prizes too! Recommended for children grades 1 through 5. (516) 759-8300.

Wednesday, July 25

Trivia challenge

Abeetza Restaurant, 82 Glen Cove Rd., Greenvale, 6 p.m. Come test your trivia skills and see how much you know. Match wits with other great minds; you may just win a prize. For more information, call (516) 676-1976.

Thursday, July 26

Chicken Head

Veteran's Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 p.m. As part of the village's Sunset Serenade Music Series, Chicken Head will perform. Bring a blanket or beach chair, a picnic and bug spray, and watch the sun set over Hempstead Harbor.

Learn to make pancake tacos

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Don't eat before this class. Chef Rob will be bringing all the fixings for a down-home pancake taco; bananas, caramel, marshmallows, chocolate, M&M's, whipped cream, apples and more. Recommended for children grades K through 5. (516) 759-8300.

Learn to make southwestern pizza

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6:30 p.m. Teens will have access to a taco bar to choose all the delicious toppings for their very own pizza. Chef Rob will cook the pizza or have it ready for you to take home and bake. Enter a raffle for a chance to win a boombox at the end of summer! Recommended for children grades 6 through 12. (516) 759-8300.

Frogs, bugs and animals

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 4:30 p.m. This exciting hands-on program, presented by Green Meadows Farm, features frogs, bugs, reptiles, a fluffy chicken, bunnies, chinchillas, baby animals and more. Recommended for children grades K and up. (516) 676-2130.

Friday, July 27

Jason Liebman and the Firewhistles

Sea Cliff Beach, 96 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Every Friday night enjoy a variety of live music and beautiful sunsets all summer long, right on Sea Cliff Beach. With the cool weather and the calm waters setting the mood, local musicians will continue the Friday Night Music series for summer 2018.

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NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Tony Gallego/Gill Associates

MEMBERS OF THE Glen Cove Senior Center crowded into their new bus, joined in the front row by Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck, left, Mayor Tim Tenke, County Legislator Delia DeRiggi Whitton, and Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, and the Glen Cove Eagle, known affectionately as "The Eagle."

The wheels on the bus go right to the senior center, and all over town

The Glen Cove Senior Center recently christened a new, 24 passenger bus to help meet the transportation needs of seniors living in Glen Cove and the neighboring communities.

The bus cost the City of Glen Cove \$40,218, and Nassau County chipped in \$37,500. "By sharing the cost of the new bus with the county," Mayor Tim Tenke said, "I am thankful that we were able to underwrite the cost of a vehicle that will meet the needs of our valued seniors."

Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton joined Tenke and council members Pamela Panzenbeck and Marsha Silverman, along with senior center members at the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new bus.

"We have been waiting a long time for this bus," said Glen Cove Senior Center Executive Director Carol Waldman, "and we are incredibly grateful for the city and county's financial support in helping to make our new bus a reality, giving senior access to exciting programs and vital services."

The Regency honors staff, residents; celebrates 25 years in Glen Cove

The Regency at Glen Cove celebrated its 25th Anniversary on Thursday, June 21 by honoring all our residents and staff with a lunchtime celebration with cake and musical entertainment by saxophonist Aleksandr Aulov.

Administrator Beth Evens presented Rachel Morris, the longest resident of 16 years, with a bouquet of flowers and a

special Regency Fleur de Lis bracelet.

"Our wonderful residents and dedicated staff make the Regency family as special as it is," Evens said. "We look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality of care and happiness to our residents as we move forward and can't wait to see what the next 25 years brings."



Courtesy The Regency at Glen Cove

LONGTIME REGENCY EMPLOYEES were honored at the assisted living center's 25th anniversary celebration.



Tara McGinn - AR Workshop, Port Washington

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VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

THE QUESTION:

What is your favorite thing to do at summer camp?



I love when we say prayers at the beginning and the end of the day. And all of the arts and crafts we did this year represent a Saint, like St. Vincent de Paul.

JADWIN DUMEL
Age 9



We get to paint fun and colorful things in arts and crafts, like butterflies and portraits of people like my mom and dad.

SARA REITER
Age 8



That we get to make slime! I also love to sneak in to play with the younger kids. That's really fun!

TEAGAN GLUS
Age 11



I like going in the pool and doing the crocodile walk. And we color things like cups. And it's fun making new friends.

JULIA TERZULLI
Age 4



Going to the gym, because we play basketball and hockey, and the game room. It's fun to play knock hockey because you get to move your arms around a lot!

SOPHIA SCAGLIONE
Age 8



I like going to arts and crafts because I love making things like the guitars and our stained glass project.

SABRINA JONES
Age 8



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

KATHY DEECKEN, A Cove Animal Rescue employee, rewarded Sawyer with a treat.

Owners who abandon pets see them as 'disposable'

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the boarding area, normally reserved for pets whose owners pay to lodge them while they travel. As recently as a few weeks ago, the facility was taking care of eight rescued dogs, according to Kathy Deecken, a kennel manager and dog trainer there.

Glen Cove resident Jackie Comitino, a professional dog trainer and graphic designer for the Herald Gazette, said that one of the main reasons pets flee their homes during fireworks — and thunderstorms — is their “fight or flight” reaction. “As an owner,” she said, “you’re responsible for training your dog to have enough impulse control” to overcome that instinct. And that training has to start well before July Fourth. For a dog, Comitino said, Independence Day fireworks are like the World Series of self-control. “You can’t play in the World Series without practicing.”

For this training to work, she said, it’s not enough to get a dog to simply obey commands. “The magic is in the duration,” Comitino said. If your dog can obey a “stay” command for 20 minutes at a time, it will be less likely to bolt at explosive sounds.

In anticipation of this year’s fireworks, several Facebook users reported feeding their dogs low doses of natural sedatives to help them tolerate the noise of official displays, but expressed annoyance at the unofficial — and illegal — fireworks their neighbors set off. Comitino said that a dog with good self-control should be able to weather both planned and surprise explosions.

For dogs with less self-control, fireworks anxiety can be tempered by drowning out the booms with other noises, said Deecken, like an air-conditioner or fan, or by playing music or the televi-

sion at high volume.

While there were several runaways that were reunited with their owners through Facebook and Cove Animal Rescue, other owners didn’t want their pets returned. Betty Geiger, president of the facility’s board of directors, said that in the weeks after the holiday, some of the runaways whose owners the shelter contacted said they didn’t want to reclaim

their pets. “It’s one thing when they get lost because the fireworks scared them,” Geiger said, “but their humans aren’t picking them up.”

Some pet owners, she explained, don’t think of their animals as family members, and sometimes simply abandon them after being free of pet-related responsibilities for a few days. “The mentality, unfortunately, of our times, is that people just look at everything like it was a dis-

posable phone,” Geiger said.

Employees, volunteers and board members at the shelter are well acquainted with this mentality. Because it’s the only non-kill facility in the area, people who abandon their pets try to get them into Cove Animal Rescue, which takes in rescues only from Glen Cove residents, or dogs that are found within the city limits. It frequently turns down owners from Sea Cliff and Glen Head who want to surrender their dogs. They try to get around the rule, Deecken said, by dumping their pets in the city, sometimes right outside the shelter. If shelter workers believe, based on previous phone conversations with owners, that a dumped dog is from outside the city, by state law they are required to send it to a different shelter.

According to Deecken’s son and fellow shelter worker Jared Rodriguez, Cove Animal Rescue had taken in about five “dumps” in the past month.

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JACKIE COMITINO
Dog trainer



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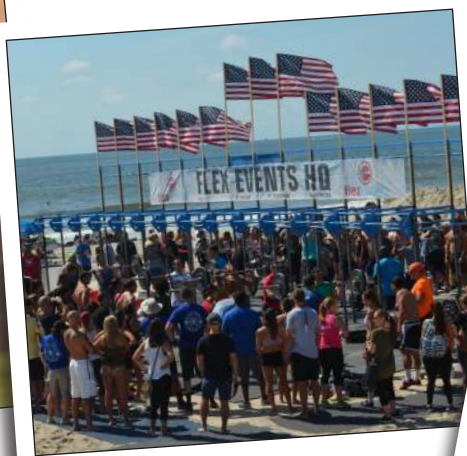
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Awards change the game, sparking girl power flame

By ZOE MALIN

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Zoe Malin/Herald Gazette

IT WAS A night to show off some “strong girl” poses on the red carpet at the first-ever Game Changer Awards on June 29.

brings people with varying perspectives together.”

The awards not only serve as a fundraiser for Girls Rising, but also recognize inspiring women of all ages. Carnie Wilson, of Wilson Philips, was presented the inaugural Game Changer Award for her work in promoting the positive self-image of women and advocating for girls to follow, what she called, “their truth.”

“I’m humbled that Antigone Rising granted me with this beautiful award,” Wilson said. “We need young girls to know that they can do it. Listen to your gut instinct, never let anybody say, ‘you can’t,’ and strive not for perfection, but for prog-

ress.”

In partnership with Joan Jett & the Blackhearts, Melissa Etheridge, and former Women’s National Basketball Association player Sue Wicks, Antigone Rising presented three deserving young women with awards. Administrators from elementary and middle schools across the country were asked to nominate students who they felt were empowered, served their community, and acted as leaders.

“When it came down to it, the three girls who were the most inspired, motivated, and genuine were from our local community,” Ellis-Henderson said. “The purpose of these grants is to remind girls to

reach a helping hand to those coming up behind them. That’s how we can change the game.”

Lia Serravalle, a Sea Cliff Elementary School fourth grader, received the Sue Wicks Grant for her participation in a plethora of after school activities, and her well-rounded character. “I am amazed and proud,” Lia bravely remarked.

Allyna and Allaina James, twin sisters from Finley Middle School in Glen Cove, were given the Joan Jett & the Blackhearts and the Melissa Etheridge grants, respectively. “We’ve never received an award like this before, and I still can’t believe it,” Allaina said. “Sometimes women are not recognized for anything, so Girls Rising is so important.”

Grammy winner Julie Gold, students from the North Shore and Glen Cove school districts, and Antigone Rising all performed show-stopping songs that kept the crowd on their feet all night.

“Having this event take place in our hometown shows our community’s support of equality, inclusion, and empowerment,” said Camps.

North Shore High School graduate Ella Oswald said she believes that through Girls Rising, Antigone Rising is paving a path for young female performers like her. “Girls Rising gives girls the platform we need to push and challenge ourselves,” Oswald said. “It’s helped me find what I’m truly capable of, and for that, I’m just so grateful.”

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Always 'Wild about Harry' Local musicians and fans gather in tribute to the social activist and his music

Harry Chapin's tragic death is now decades behind us, but his music and philanthropic contributions remain at the forefront. Stuart Markus, a longtime fixture on the local folk and acoustic scene, continues his role of overseeing Chapin's legacy, organizing the yearly memorial concert in Eisenhower Park.

Markus, who is based in Malverne, remains passionate about Chapin's music and his humanitarian zeal. He shares Chapin's legacy with fans once again, on Monday, July 23, at "Just Wild About Harry," now in its 15th year.

Despite the many years that have passed since the troubadour's death on the Long Island Expressway en route to that ill-fated performance in Eisenhower Park in July 1981, Chapin's music still resonates with audiences and the music community.

"The concert has become sort of an institution now," says Markus. "I never expected it would go this long. It is such a wonderful concert and everyone has a great time, which is a tribute to what a great man Chapin was. Over the course of the year, I'll hear from people telling me how much they love the show."

"The opportunity to hear his music played live still means a lot. It's as if the Long Island music community comes together to give the concert he never could. Everyone has so much support for it."

Markus and his trio Gathering Time, which includes Hillary Foxsong and Gerry McKeveny, are supported by many musicians who join him yearly. Among the participants are returnees Frank Walker and Robin Eve, Grand Folk Railroad, Friends on the Journey, Robin Greenstein, Sid Cherry and Helene Schreier Pandal, Patricia Shih, MediaCrime, Karen Bella, Christine Solimeno, Jerry DeMeo, Debra Lynne



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Everyone gathers to salute Harry Chapin during the rousing finale that closes the concert.

and Melanie Fink, and Joe Iadanza.

"I'm always happy to be able to bring in some new talent I've had my eye on for the past couple of years, and to welcome back people who have been in and out over the years," says Markus.

Newcomers Toby Tobias, Robinson Treacher and Mike Barry, join this year's lineup.

"I never want the show to get stale," Markus says, "and I like to recognize up and coming talents who approach the songs with new stylings."

Among them is Treacher, of Oceanside, "who is becoming well known in the northeast folk scene and Long Island's music scene," says Markus. "Toby Tobias is also such an interesting performer. He grew up in South Africa, then moved to

Israel before coming here. He's a great songwriter, I'm so glad to be able to bring him into this."

The set list features mix of the classic hits, "Cat's in the Cradle" and "Taxi," along with some of Chapin's lesser-known songs, including "The Rock" and "Flowers are Red."

Among the highlights,

the popular children's performer Patricia Shih, who is a multi-instrumental singer-songwriter, is back with "Flowers Are Red." "It's becoming her signature," says Markus, of the tune, which tells the story of young boy on his first day of school.

As they've done for a number of years Markus and Gathering Time will once again play "Taxi."

"It's such an epic ballad," he says, "and his breakthrough song. And the middle really allows Hillary to shine on those vocals. It's a hearttugging song that's not maudlin. It's just a masterwork of songcraft."

And, as always, in the true spirit of Harry Chapin, the show concludes with the entire group on stage doing their rendition of "Circle."

"That was Chapin's traditional closing and so it is fitting that we honor that tradition," Markus says. "It's a celebration about the continuity of life. And through this concert we are continuing what he started. Everyone looks forward to it every year."

"Harry Chapin was a great example of someone who took his fame and fortune and put it into serving the greater good. That's what makes this concert is so special. It's a chance for so many local musicians to honor a great musician who



Gathering Time's Stuart Markus leads his fellow musicians in the spirited tribute.

was such a good person. There is a real sense of community among all of us and a sense of appreciation among the audience."

More than simply a concert, the event, as always, involves a food drive. Concertgoers are asked to bring donations of nonperishable food items to support Long Island Cares, Inc., the regional food bank and humanitarian organization founded by Chapin in 1980.

"We want people to have fun but we always want to keep the focus on helping the people that Harry wanted to help," Markus says.

"The annual Harry Chapin tribute concert is always a very special event for all of us at Long Island Cares because so many of Harry's fans attend and are extremely supportive of Long Island Cares and the work we do to assist the more than 316,000 Long Islanders struggling with domestic hunger and high food insecurity," Paule Pachter, the organization's chief executive officer, said in a statement. "It's hard to believe it's been 37 years since Harry's untimely passing."

The event is scheduled rain or shine.

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SUMMER SOUNDS Coltrane Day

Jazz greats gather for a musical event that's part jam session, part concert, part cultural festival to honor the late jazz icon John Coltrane. The festival, now in its fourth year, includes workshops, community jams and family activities in celebration of the legacies of John and Alice Coltrane, who lived in Dix Hills. The lineup brings together a unique blend of artists and bands, highlighted by sax legend Joe Lovano (pictured) and the Michelle Coltrane Band. Other performers include Dave Diamond, the prolific singer-songwriter and session musician; guitarist Jeff Mattson plus Zen Tricksters members; Funk Filharmonik, the region's premier funk band; and the musical force Fantuzzi, who infuses their sound with the energies and



WEEKEND Out and About

rhythms of Afro-Caribbean Nyabingi, Latin Salsa, Merengue, African drums, and devotional Kirtan. For the first time, the event also features two of Long Island's rising stars — jazz trumpeter Jonathan Dely and multi-talented jazz/hip-hop artist Dudley Music. Jazz music masters Premik Russell Tubbs, Dave Frank, and James Cammack will also appear.
Saturday, July 21, 12-10:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations are encouraged to support the Coltrane Home. Heckscher Park, Route 25A, Huntington. (631) 223-1361 or www.thecoltranehome.org.

ON STAGE Blackmore's Night

Blackmore's Night, spearheaded by Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Deep Purple's Ritchie Blackmore and singer-songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Candice Night, continue to gain accolades with their unique brand of "Renaissance Rock." Their

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The Elton John tribute band in concert, Thursday, July 19, 8 p.m. Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, Oyster Bay.

Lee Brice

The country singer-songwriter in concert, Thursday, July 19, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Live Stock

The popular local band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

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The iconic rockers in concert, Thursday, July 19, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.theespaceatwestbury.com.

Alibi

The band in concert, as part of the Summer Music Series, Friday July 20, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff.

Forever Ray

The Ray Charles tribute band in concert, part of the Downtown Sounds summer concert series, Friday, July 20, 7:30 p.m. Village Square Plaza at Glen, School and Bridge St., Glen Cove. Visit www.glencove-downtown.org for more information.

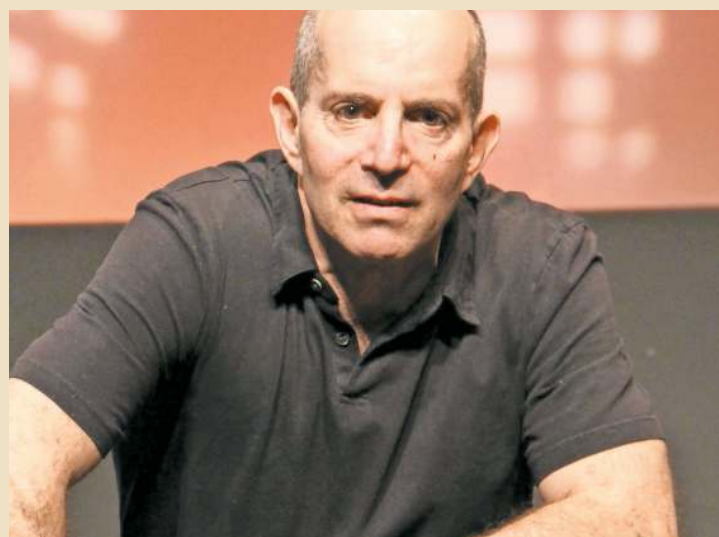
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Short-Wave Radio

The band in concert, Friday July 20, 8 p.m. West Harbor Beach, Bayville.

Bathtub Gin

The Phish tribute band in concert, Saturday, July 23, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Family Folk Day

Tom Chapin and the Chapin Sisters headline the folk concert, Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m. With Matthew Taft and John Taylor with Phil White. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

Barometer Soup

The Jimmy Buffet tribute band in concert, Wednesday, July 25, 8 p.m. Harry Tappen Beach, Shore Road, Glenwood Landing.

Bob Merrill and the Hot Club of Paris Allstars

The gypsy jazz/swing band in concert, as part of the Picnic Pops concert series, Wednesday, July 25, 7 p.m.; with dance lessons, 6:30 p.m. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

Creedence Clearwater Revisited

CCR founding members bassist Stu Cook and drummer Doug "Cosmo" Clifford in concert, Wednesday, July 25, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Chicken Head

The lively local band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

Darla

The progressive funk band in concert with indie rockers Ritual Talk, Thursday, July 26, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 625-2700 or www.myfathersplace.com.

The Liverpool Shuffle

The popular Beatles tribute band in concert, Thursday, July 26, 7 p.m. Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

For the Kids

Stranger Things Shrinky Dink

Use an assortment of images from the series to create "Stranger Things" jewelry, Friday, July 20, 12:30 p.m. For grades 5-12. Registration required. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main

St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

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Unearth your inner artist on a guided walk through Old Westbury Gardens, Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. Gather natural inspiration to form a seasonally inspired take home craft. For ages 6 and up. Free with admission. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.



Shark Supersenses

Get set for Shark Week, Sunday, July 22, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Touch a shark jaw, go on a shark scavenger hunt and create a shark tooth necklace, along with other shark-themed crafts. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.

Book Bingo

Participate in a spirited session of bingo, with books as prizes, Tuesday, July 24, 7 p.m.; For grades K-5. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Storytime at the Beach

Enjoy a story, craft and song, presented by Sea Cliff Library, Wednesday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

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Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.

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Stars Stripes & Pinups: Art Inspired By Sailor Jerry

An exhibition that draws from the art and words of the famous American tattoo artist. Through July 21. Main Street Gallery, 213 Main St., Huntington. (63) 271-8423 or www.huntingtonarts.org.

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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.



Movie Time

See, "Red Sparrow," the spy thriller about a Russian ballerina recruited into a secret intelligence service, Thursday, July 19, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

At the Movies

See "The Greatest Showman," the fictionalized musical biopic about P.T. Barnum, Friday, July 20, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.



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Skelos, son found guilty in federal corruption retrial

By **MATTHEW D'ONOFRIO**
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A jury found former State Senate majority leader Dean Skelos and his son, Adam, guilty on all counts Tuesday in their corruption retrial in Manhattan's Federal District Court. The four-week proceeding wrapped up July 13 and the jury had deliberated for nearly three days.

The father and son, from Rockville Centre, were convicted on corruption, extortion and conspiracy charges in 2015, after the elder Skelos allegedly used his political power to secure work for his son at no- or low-show jobs. The two returned to court on June 19 after their convictions were overturned last year.

The pair were sentenced to five and six-and-a-half years in prison, respectively, in their first trial. They have been out on bail since last August, when a court order by U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood released them because there was "a substantial question whether jurors received the correct instructions to make an accurate ruling."

Last September, an appeals panel cited a 2016 Supreme Court decision involving former Virginia Gov. Robert McDonnell, which narrowed the definition of an "official act" in corruption cases. The decision forced the prosecution in the retrial to demonstrate that Skelos, once considered among New York's most powerful elected leaders, exercised formal powers in seeking favors for his son.

Former U.S. attorney Preet Bharara prosecuted the original case, charging that Skelos used his influence to secure a storm-water mitigation contract between Nassau County and Arizona-based company AbTech, for which his son worked. He allegedly netted more than \$200,000 in payments for his son from AbTech, as well as \$100,000 in health benefits and a \$78,000 salary from Roslyn-based Physicians' Reciprocal Insurers, a medical malpractice insurer for which Adam did no or little work.

Part of the retrial focused on a \$20,000 check that Adam accepted from Charles Dorego, a top executive at Glenwood Management, a real estate development company that Adam allegedly did no work for.

"I did not corrupt my office, and I never intended to," defense attorney Robert Gage Jr. said, re-emphasizing Dean's testimony during closing arguments last week.

Adam's attorney, John Kenney, argued that the prosecution's claims revolved around Adam getting a job, which the defense contended was "not corruption." Kenney said that while Adam was "not the ideal employee," he showed up and tried his best, despite not necessarily deserving the "cushy" paycheck. At one point, Adam's attorney described him as "troubled," and labeled him a "28-year-old child," to which Adam shook his head.



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FORMER ROCKVILLE CENTRE politico Dean Skelos, pictured leaving court.

Gage argued that Dean Skelos had no power over the companies involved in the case, and that he did not back any legislation to benefit his son's employers.

He also called the federal government's argument "desperate" and sarcastically labeled the prosecutors "talented." As for the charges, Gage said that Skelos admitted to helping his son, but that there was no criminal exchange, or "corrupt trade." Dean was expressionless throughout both arguments.

Dean had said after leaving court one day last week that he thought the case "speaks the truth," and added that he was eager for the trial to end so he could return to his family.

After the verdict, State Sen. Todd Kaminsky said in a statement that the state must pass laws to empower local prosecutors and strengthen anti-corruption laws.

"When the Skelos case was reversed earlier this year, it gave people the sinking feeling that one could get away with anything in Albany," he said. "Thankfully, that proves not to be the case. However, this trial once again laid bare how broken and dirty Albany has become, and how far we have to go to reform it."

Bharara said in a tweet Tuesday that the Skeloses will be resentenced.

ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

New Ice Cream Concoctions To Go

By **CATHI TUROW**

As a takeout artist who can't make ice cubes, I was grateful to discover another way to stay cool and refreshed this summer. In our neighborhood, ice cream is dressed up in ways I've never seen before. Now I can literally take out ice cream for breakfast, lunch and dinner. And you can too!

■ **COOLMESS** (1512 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn) This ice cream café that just opened is filled with unique ice cream mish moshes. My favorite? The Cereal Bar. Fourteen different kinds of cereal (Cocoa Puffs, Reese's Puffs, Fruit Pebbles, and more) can be combined with any ice cream flavor. At every table, there's an ice cream machine. Add all the ingredients you choose and make your own ice cream or try one of the specialties. I love the Unicorn (red velvet and Cookie Monster ice cream, mini marshmallows, gummy bears in a sugar cone with mini M&M's on top). After all that ice cream, if you have room, you can order a light lunch or dinner from the menu. Or if you'd prefer to eat ice cream on a plate with silverware, go to:

■ **Xtreme Treats** (259 W. Old Country Rd., Hicksville) Another new ice cream café! The two great specialties are: The Big Dipper, an oversized ice cream meal on a place that is a Tahitian, vanilla based ice cream bar, dipped in a chocolate shell, and covered with toppings of your choice and The Whipp, Cereal infused vanilla ice cream in a cup (choose Captain Crunch, Fruit Loops, Lucky Charms, etc.) And more toppings go

on top of that, unless you'd prefer to have ice cream with a side of fries. If so, go to:

■ **Baskin Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts** (Glen Cove/Glen Head/Sea Cliff/Greenvale) Begin with Baskin Robbin's flavor of the month, Oreo n' Cake ice cream. Then, slide over to Dunkin' Donuts and add a side order of the new Donut Fries. They look like French fries but are covered with sugar and cinnamon. Ice cream with a side of fries doesn't get better! Unless, you'd prefer a more sophisticated ice cream experience at:

■ **Angela's Bakery** (181 Glen Street, Glen Cove) The new special is very popular in Italy during the summer. A shot of espresso is poured over vanilla gelato, a combination of strong and sweet flavors that will make your taste buds sing. Munch on an Amaretto de Pistachio or Amaretto de Almond cookie alongside it and you'll be transformed to Italy. Unless, of course, you'd rather eat candy bar flavored ice cream. If so, go to:

■ **Carvel Ice Cream** (181 Forest Ave., Glen Cove) The soft ice cream flavor of the month is Twix candy bar. The Carvel hard flavor of the month is Kit Kat. In the freezer section, the new, mini fudgie cups are topped with a little candy bar as well. Candy bar ice cream doesn't get better, unless of course, you'd prefer to eat the "ice" without the "cream." If so, go to:

■ **Ralph's Italian Ices** (75 Forest Ave., Glen Cove, /685 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head) Sour cherry ices are back for the summer as are honeydew and cantaloupe ices — and they're made with real melon. Yum!

OBITUARIES

John M. Wellenreuther

John M. Wellenreuther, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on July 13, 2018. Beloved husband of 50 years to Theresa "Terry," loving father of John (Carisa) and Lisa; cherished grandfather of Wyatt; dear brother of Margaret "Joan" McCauley and the late Karl. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Retired Nassau County police officer; member and past president of Nassau County Police Steuben Association; President of the Grand Council of Steuben Association in Civil Services; member and past captain of Brooklyn Schuetzen Corporation; member of the board of directors in the German-American Committee of Greater New York; delegate for the Grand Council to the Plattduetsche Volkfest Verein; member of the German-American Cultural Council; member of the German-American Steuben Parade Committee.

Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home. Funeral mass held at The Church of St. Rocco in Glen Cove, followed by an interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the scholarship fund of the Grand Council of Steuben Association, 1657 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh, N.Y.

Frank Castelluccio

Frank Castelluccio, 90, a life long resident of Glen Cove, died on July 12, 2018. He was a guardian to his sister Elizabeth's six children.

He was an Army veteran, exceptional carpenter, but above all else, his love of family personified the man he was. Frank loved family gatherings with all his great nieces and nephews, and sitting around the dinner table enjoying their company. He was a mentor to many, but most of all to his best friend Mikey.

Frank was known and loved by countless employees in many stores throughout Glen Cove. As they put it, he was "a sweet old man." Uncle Sonny, as many people called him, was also an accomplished cook, avid amateur radio operator and a past Long Island champion in trap and skeet. He is survived by a large family who will miss him terribly.

Funeral Mass was held at the Church of St. Patrick, followed by an interment at Holy Rood Cemetery.

ANSWERS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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OPINIONS

Europe must help defend itself

The U.S. and its European allies gathered again last week at NATO headquarters in Brussels to discuss the mutual-security commitment that has helped keep Europe at peace for almost 75 years.

In the past, these meetings have been little more than a formality, with the U.S. pleading with other NATO member



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nations to provide more for their own defense rather than relying primarily on America's outsized financial contribution to the alliance. But that was before President Trump arrived on the scene to give NATO a reality check. And good for him for doing so.

A little history helps here. NATO was born out of the ashes of World War II, as a bulwark against the looming threat from Russia's "Soviet Union." After the war, the Russians had gobbled up a huge swath of Eastern Europe — including half of Germany — and pointed the formidable Soviet war machine at the heart of the continent. The U.S. and the surviving nations of Europe formed NATO to defend against this threat.

Over the decades that followed, the American commitment to NATO remained steady and substantial. The U.S. defense budget climbed upward, and American troops were stationed in Europe. In addition, the American "nuclear umbrella" provided another layer of deterrence against further Russian aggression. Eventually, this unwavering steadfastness yielded results: The Soviet Union began to crumble under the weight of its failed economic system and its militaristic overreach, culminating in the fall of the Berlin Wall and the freedom of Europe's "captive nations."

But what did Europe do with this freedom and security? It began to shirk its responsibility for common defense and markedly reduced defense spending in favor of economic development and spending on generous social programs. The U.S. was left to pick up the slack, despite the pleas of one U.S. president after another for more financial help from Europe to defend it.

How bad did it get? Take Germany as an example. Because it allowed its military capability to steadily decline, Germany today is essentially defenseless. Its own military commissioner recently reported that practically none of its submarines or

transport planes were ready to sail or fly. Worse yet, only 66 of 93 German fighter planes were operational, and just 29 were combat-ready. The commissioner also found that the number of German troops has been allowed to fall to dangerous levels, and the officer corps is badly depleted.

In the meantime, German leaders have given contradictory and confusing signals to their potential Russian adversary. Largely because of an ill-advised decision to decommission all of its nuclear capacity, Germany faces a critical energy shortage. In a desperate move to fill this gap, German leaders cut a deal with Russia to build a huge gas pipeline through Europe. So Russia — the country Europe supposedly fears most, and which could quickly strike at NATO countries with massive force — will be a major supplier of the energy that will help power the German economy.

How will this affect Europe's defense posture? Well, let's not forget the long gas lines and energy insecurity America's over-reliance on Middle East oil created. Or the resulting flood of money into countries that hate the U.S. and Israel, fomenting a radical Islamic age of terror the world has lived under for a generation. One can imag-

ine that just as Russia cut off the natural gas it supplied to Ukraine at the height of winter during the recent Crimean conflict, it could someday also leave a cold Germany to fight a hot war.

America finally got its head out of the Middle East sand and developed its domestic energy sources, so Europe should strive for its own independence from strategically questionable sources. And if that means replacing Russian gas with liquefied natural gas shipped from the U.S., why not? That would make more sense for the defense of Europe, and would help reduce Germany's huge trade surplus with America.

So before the old-guard diplomatic community gets itself all worked up over Trump's hardball tactics with our complacent European allies, it would do well to insist that he take the same muscular U.S. message to Russia. In his one-on-one conversation with Vladimir Putin, I hope Trump told him in no uncertain terms that if Russia ever again wants to be accepted in the community of nations, it must halt its militaristic expansionism, give up any temptation of aggression against Eastern Europe and, yes, stop messing with other countries' elections.

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Local immigrants: the things they carry

Let me tell you about Olyy. But first let us peek behind the headlines and remember that some 1 million immigrants a year come to the U.S., seeking a better life. Add to that tens of thousands of undocumented people who stream across our southern border every year, and you have a snapshot of "coming to America" 2018. We sometimes forget that the

anonymous waves of foreigners comprise real people, often fleeing poverty and violence. We forget, sometimes, that each of them carries a story.

I met Olyy at my local dog-grooming parlor, where I take Lilly Bee for her monthly haircut. For a couple of years, she was the friendly, puppy-lov-

ing young woman who greeted my dog with hugs and kisses, listened to my instructions and returned Lilly to me cleaned up and turned out.

Then, a few weeks ago, Olyy said she knew I worked for a newspaper, and she wondered if I could help her get the word out about San Pedro la Laguna, in her native country of Guatemala, where they have banned the use of plastic in an effort to lower levels of toxicity in local waters.

"I want people to be aware that we still have time to take care of our planet," she said. "If a country like Guatemala, with lower levels of education ... a really poor country has something like this, how come New York is not doing something similar?"

According to a video Olyy shared with me, it was Mayor Mauricio Mendez who launched the anti-plastic campaign in San Pedro la Laguna in 2016. The video explains that the tiny village has become a national leader in one of the world's "most pressing environmental problems."

The population of the entire region is 14,000, 90 percent of whom are indigenous Mayans.

Mendez secured approval for a ban on the sale and distribution of disposable plastic bags, straws and polystyrene containers. "When I took office," he said, "the municipal landfill was saturated with plastics and most of the waste ended up in the lake." The lake is their lifeline. "We needed to act fast," the mayor said.

Now merchants who sell food in foam containers, or who distribute merchandise in plastic bags, face fines of 15,000 quetzales, approximately \$2,000.

Olyy, who is 33, is working on a master's degree in landscape architecture because, she says, she wants to learn more about land use and how to best use technology to locate

and address sources of pollution. "After I obtain my master's degree," she said, "I intend to get my Ph.D. in entomology and learn how to work with insects to address pollution problems."

She attends Farmingdale State College, and hopes to continue her studies at the City College of New York's School of Architecture. Her dog-grooming work helps support her and her family and goes toward school tuition. "My mother left us when I was 2 years old," she said, "so I was raised by my grandmother. ... My father is an alcoholic and suffers with prostate cancer. My two brothers are the people I've been able to rely on, and they have taken care of me. They are helping me continue with my education."

Her family in Guatemala was extremely poor, and she was the only one interested in education. Her brothers, she said, "are my closest friends and have been almost like parents to me, helping me through some incredibly difficult times."

While Olyy and I were exchanging texts and e-mails last month, she suddenly left for Florida to help make a video with a volunteer group seeking aid for animals that were affected by a volcanic eruption near Antigua Guatemala, up in the mountains. More than 300 people are still missing and presumed dead. Her group is trying to save dogs and

horses affected by the ash and lava that spewed from the crater.

In the States, she volunteers in Farmingdale, designing open-air "green" space for patients recovering from cancer.

Olyy came to America in 2007. She is still learning English, even as she works toward her college degree. Amid the complexities of welcoming asylum seekers, turning back undocumented foreigners and providing services for the sick, weary and impoverished thousands crossing into the U.S., we often forget that we all come from someplace else. The public attention on immigration trends toward the sensational: the criminals and the drugs and America's intemperate response, including separating babies from their mothers.

Olyy didn't want to talk politics. She wants to get on with her life, and improve the lives of others here and in her native country. The thing is, hers is not an extraordinary story. Change some of the facts and it's the story of my grandmother, and perhaps yours.

Writing about Olyy made me look around my community this week with renewed appreciation for all the dreamers who dared make the journey to America. Thousands of first-generation immigrants work among us, multi-colored threads, strengthening the fabric of our daily lives.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Take time to give the gift of life

Some 4.5 million Americans would die each year without blood transfusions, according to Brookhaven National Laboratory, in Suffolk County. That is why donating blood is critical. Giving a single pint of blood could save as many as three lives.

In summer, however, blood donations drop off dramatically, because schools, which account for a high number of donations, are out, and people are on vacation, when they're not precisely thinking about giving blood.

If you have the time, please donate blood. Only 10 percent of people who are eligible to do so donate blood annually, according to the American Red Cross. But someone in the U.S. needs a blood transfusion every two seconds — yes, that's every two seconds.

There is no substitute for blood. It is

perishable, and can quickly become unusable if not stored properly and administered promptly, which adds to the importance of having a steady supply on hand. Blood centers list the health benefits of donating blood:

■ You may be less likely to have a heart attack.

There is no substitute for blood.

■ It balances your iron levels.

■ It enhances the production of fresh blood cells.

Each new donor helps blood centers

meet their daily needs. The universal blood type, O negative, is the first line of defense for doctors and emergency rooms in a catastrophe. Most blood centers, however, collect all blood types.

Blood donors must:

■ Weigh at least 110 pounds.

■ Be between ages 16 and 75. (Sixteen-year-olds must have parental permission, and those older than 75 most provide a doctor's note.)

■ Eat well (low fat) and drink fluids.

■ Not have gotten a tattoo in the last year.

Check your local fire department and libraries, because they often hold blood drives during the summer. If you meet the requirements, please make the time to give. You will inevitably be saving a life.

Enjoy boating, but obey no-wake zones

Open water, a cool breeze, clear skies, and the feeling of waves lapping at the side of your boat: Few activities are more relaxing and enjoyable than summer boating. Getting caught up in the euphoria, however, is no excuse to be negligent and ignore the rules on the water.

The Herald has reported on no deadly boating accidents on the South Shore this summer, and we'd like boaters to keep it that way. Nowadays, areas like the South Shore Blueway Trail in Freeport are populated not only with boaters, but also with swimmers, paddleboarders

and kayakers, which makes it even more important for those with motors to operate their crafts safely, using common sense.

We're now six weeks into hurricane season, and we should all be more aware of one of the most important natural resources that helps to reduce the damage caused by big storms: mudflats. Coastal wetlands that form when mud is deposited by tides or rivers, mudflats absorb large amounts of water that storms push landward. They reduce the force of those storms, and serve as buffer zones against erosion.

The wakes boaters leave when they speed through these wetlands, however, can erode the mudflats over time. If you're boating this summer, be responsible by minding signs delineating no-wake zones, which usually have speed limits of 5 miles per hour.

Yes, boating should be fun, but boat operators must also focus on safe practices. Don't ruin a great day on the water by being anything less than vigilant about the swimmers, kayakers and paddleboarders who share the water — and the restrictions that are intended to preserve our priceless natural habitats.

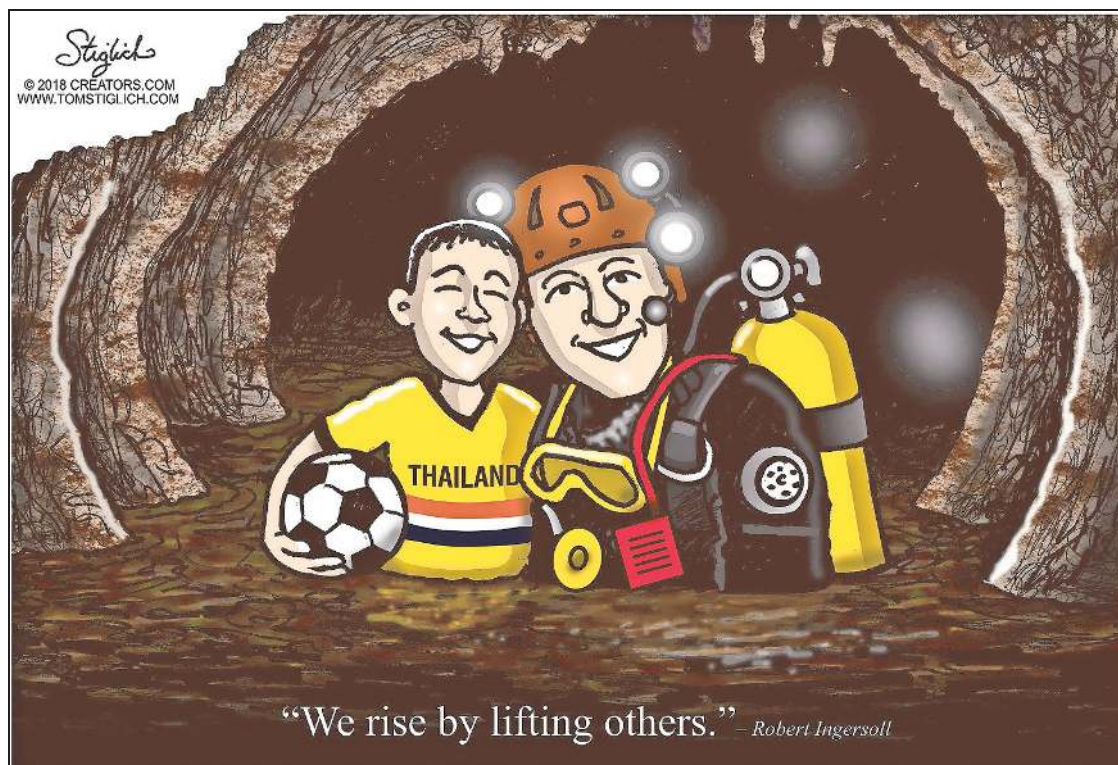
LETTERS

Thanks Mayor Tenke and council

To the Editor:

I realize there are mixed feelings regarding Pryibil Beach being closed for swimming on the Fourth of July because of Glen Cove's and Long Island's, lifeguard shortage. And, for those of us who attended the special City Council meeting called by the mayor, we heard from all sides on this issue.

I do not swim often, but living close to Morgan Park, I sometimes dash down for a quick swim after working in the yard or after a long day. Not having lifeguards in place on July 4 at Pryibil Beach was unfortunate, for sure, and my sense is that the city is having some hard discussions about this challenge.



“We rise by lifting others.” — Robert Ingersoll

OPINIONS

We must protect our drinking water

We all worry about drinking water — homeowners and business people alike — and why shouldn't we?

Flint, Mich., has become the poster city for water contamination, but closer to home, toxic chemicals have been discovered in the water supplies of New York communities like Newburgh, Hoosick



HILARY BAUM

Falls and Buffalo. And Long Island has a long history of coping with endangered water supplies. They've even become top issues in contests like East Hampton's recent village election.

Local action is important, but it's not enough. Especially now, when

the Environmental Protection Agency is dismantling federal drinking water protections across the country, the state must act with urgency and bring to fruition Gov. Andrew Cuomo's commitment to upgrade New York's aging water infrastructure and safeguard our public health, environment and economy.

We applaud Cuomo's historic financial appropriation of \$2.5 billion and the establishment of a Drinking Water Quality Council tasked with advising the state Department of Health. It's an important step, but the wheels of advisory councils can grind exceedingly slowly, and New

Yorkers can't wait until the next emergency event or the discovery of long-term poisoning of a trusted water source to enact smart, enforceable regulations of potential contaminants.

The drinking water council is currently determining maximum allowable levels of 1,4-dioxane; perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA; and perfluorooctyl sulfonate, or PFOS — potential carcinogens that also affect liver, thyroid and immune system functions. The council is to make its recommendations by early this fall, within a year of its first meeting.

A recently released report on federally advised maximum levels of these contaminants, delayed for political reasons by the EPA, finds the agency's suggested maximum levels of PFOA and PFOS to be seven to 10 times too high. New York must act swiftly and set its own regulatory levels.

Long Island residents should be particularly concerned with 1,4-dioxane, a solvent stabilizer that's found in personal care products. According to the Citizens Campaign for the Environment, the nation's highest levels of this potential carcinogen have been found in Nassau and Suffolk county water.

Also troubling, PFOA and PFOS — used in firefighting foam, nonstick cookware, waterproof clothing and grease-proof food packaging — have been found

in Long Island water systems, especially near manufacturing sites, airports and military bases. Voluntary blood testing for these chemicals is under way now in Suffolk County.

One encouraging development is the lawsuit initiated by Cuomo and Attorney General Barbara Underwood against several

chemical makers to recover the money spent addressing PFOS and PFOA contamination. Holding the polluter accountable sends a strong message to manufacturers that the state is serious about protecting its drinking water and public health.

Here on Long Island, many businesses — including farms, vineyards, breweries, restaurants and manufacturers — depend on an abundant, sustainable supply of clean water. Most see effective, strong regulations not as a burden, but as a necessity.

Nationwide, more than 70 percent of respondents to an American Sustainable Business Council poll — including majorities of Republicans, Democrats and independents — believe that clean water protection spurs economic growth. Just 6 percent believe it is too burdensome.

Business plays a critical role in protecting our water. Many on Long Island and around the country are already taking steps to reduce their water footprint, improving both the efficiency and the environmental quality of their

operations.

The most exemplary companies are taking action not just at their own facilities, but also at the larger, watershed level, sharing the challenges and risks with many players to improve water management and protection.

This isn't just altruism. It's common sense. When the public is vulnerable to water contamination, businesses are vulnerable, too, with lost employee productivity, higher costs — including water rates to mitigate the effects of pollution — and interruptions in services. Clearly, both business and government play essential roles in securing a clean, reliable and abundant water supply now and in the future.

Successful protection will come from a combination of public and private investment, smart regulations and market-based solutions, but for the work to accelerate here in New York, the Drinking Water Quality Council must not get bogged down in political delay. It must be smart, stringent, and transparent in determining the maximum contaminant levels of PFOA, PFOS and 1,4-dioxane to protect us against these well-documented threats.

Hilary Baum is the program director of the New York Sustainable Business Council, an affiliate of the American Sustainable Business Council that represents over 2,000 businesses and business organizations that are committed to advancing a vibrant, just and sustainable economy in New York state.

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However, I appreciate that Mayor Tim Tenke's primary focus was to first address the problem by calling a special meeting to approve the hiring of lifeguards from outside of Glen Cove, to ensure that our beaches are open for swimming throughout the summer. I appreciate that the mayor's resolution was supported by the entire City Council, and that Tenke and all council members emphasized that local lifeguards will be given priority when creating the schedule. Thank you, Mayor Tenke, thank you City Council and a big thank you to our lifeguards.

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS
Glen Cove

Veterans services are top-notch

To the Editor:

Having read both Randi Kreiss's column "Vets at the mercy of the commander in chief" (June 6-13), and the letter in response from Paul Tuthill ("Vets' benefits 'mess' not new, June 28-July 4), I offer some clarifications about the much-maligned federal

Department of Veterans Affairs' services. I would recommend that Tuthill visit the VA in Northport and the sub-clinic at the Nassau University Medical Center, Building Q. The doctors in residence at these sites are second to none.

Further, there is the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency. If Kreiss needed any help in her quest to secure her father's veteran's benefits, I am sure officials there would have walked her through the process.

The Trump administration has increased funding for the armed services, but I'm waiting to see whether any of it winds up serving our veterans. I see most of it going to military contractors. What is needed is to fund contractors to rebuild the Northport facility, which is in dire need of repairs.

If anything, the priority of this administration is the privatization of the VA, which directly conflicts with the national Veterans of Foreign Wars' position.

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271-11 76th Avenue, New Hyde Park, New York 11040



MEMORY CAFES For 2018

We're pleased to inform you about our Memory Cafes for 2018. Come connect with other caregivers and their care partners living with Alzheimer disease or other demen-tias for a light meal or snack, enjoy some entertainment, and make new friendships, in a relaxing atmosphere. We think you'll love them.

Upcoming Cafes

Eatalia — 34 New Street, Huntington; 1:00—3:00 pm

July 18, Aug 15, Sept 26

Uncle Tony's — 302 Main Street, Farmingdale; 1:00—3:00 pm

July 24, Aug 14, Aug 28, Sept 13, Sept 27

Gino's — 1113 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park; 1:00—3:00 pm

Aug 7, Sept 4

La Famiglia — 90 W Main Street, Babylon; 1:00—3:00 pm

Aug 8, Sept 12

Baby Moon — 238 Montauk Hwy, Westhampton Beach, NY; 1:00—3:00 pm

July 26, Aug 23, Sept 20

Borelli's — 1580 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow; 1:00 - 3:00 pm

July 30, Aug 20, Sept 17

Make your reservation now!

Call (516) 586-1507, email whhh@parkerinstitute.org or visit the link below to register for an upcoming event

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/memorycafe>

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VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Make a difference and be a hero by helping seniors in your community

Would you like to help seniors in your community?

The Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands Program Needs You!

This is an opportunity for you to make a difference in your community by helping family caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias throughout Long Island.

Willing Heart, Helpful Hands is a unique program that helps caregivers keep loved ones in the comfort of their own homes for as long as possible and eases the stress associated with being a caregiver.

Volunteers will receive free ongoing training and a monthly \$50 living allowance.



To find out how to lend your helpful hands, contact us today.

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