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## Calling all snappers

Charlie Guastella, 10, cast his line at the 2017 snapper derby. This year's event will be held on Saturday at Prybil Beach. Parents say it's a fun way to teach their kids patience. Kids just say it's fun. More details on Page 2.

# Proposal could threaten family planning clinics

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**  
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A 20-something woman sat on a chair in the waiting room of the Glen Cove Planned Parenthood clinic recently, her legs curled against her torso, her eyes gazing down at the rug. A man around her age was seated beside her.

A TV in the corner broadcast the local news as the couple waited in silence for 15 minutes before a physician's assistant asked the woman to follow her to an exam room. The man waited for her in the reception area, pacing at times with his arms crossed or his hands behind his head.

Among its three facilities — in Glen Cove, Hempstead and Massapequa — Planned Parenthood of Nassau County serves about 14,000 patients a year, according to JoAnn Smith, the organization's president and CEO, and its clinics' waiting rooms host no shortage of emotional couples.

People often turn to the almost century-old nonprofit, a widely known reproductive and sexual health care provider, for medical attention that requires discretion that they don't trust their pediatricians or primary-care physicians to provide. Its clients include

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underage, sexually active youths exploring birth-control options, gay men seeking medication to prevent HIV and women considering ending unplanned pregnancies.

On June 1, the federal Department of Health and Human Services proposed a new rule that would limit Planned Parenthood's ability to provide family planning and preventive

health care, especially for low-income patients.

If enacted, the rule would strengthen a 1976 statute that prevents federal grant money from being used for abortions. The statute, known as the Hyde Amendment, was named for its author, former U.S. Rep. Henry Hyde, a

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# City faces deadline to rezone, revitalize Orchard neighborhood

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At a pre-council meeting Tuesday, urban planners working with the Glen Cove Community Development Agency presented a draft implementation plan for revitalizing a deteriorating area of the city, and told council members that they had until next July to approve the plan and begin implementing its zoning recommendations.

The area in question, designated a Brownfield Opportunity Area, encompasses the Orchard neighborhood of Glen Cove and surrounding areas, including Cedar Swamp Road, the Sea Cliff Avenue industrial corridor and the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road Station.

Kathy Eisman, a partner at the planning firm Nelson, Pope and Voorhis, led the presentation. She provided council members with a printout of the

details of the draft plan so they could follow along as she summarized aloud. This reporter asked for a copy of the printout, but was told by Ann Fangmann, the Community Development Agency's executive director, "We aren't giving these out to the public." The Herald Gazette has filed Freedom of Information Act requests with the city and the CDA to obtain

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# Reeling in the snappers

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Those who find themselves at Pryibil Beach on the morning of Saturday, Aug. 25, can expect to see over 100 tiny Glen Covers, with tiny fishing rods crowded on the pier trying their hardest to catch as many tiny fish as they can.

This year will mark the 40th anniversary of the Glen Cove Mayor's Snapper Derby — hosted by the Glen Cove Department of Parks and Recreation, the Glen Cove Anglers' Club and the Matinecock Rod and Gun Club.

The best part of the event, according to Sam McCrindle, 7, is "that you get to catch a lot of fish." Sam has been a derby competitor since he was two years old, and last year reeled in three snappers. Asked about his prospects for this year's take, he said, incredulously, "I don't know yet!"

"He's going to be the future of the [Anglers'] Club," Sam's father, Ron McCrindle, himself a member for about 15 years, said proudly. "It's a good hobby," he added, "keeps the kids out of trouble."

It also teaches them about marine biology, camaraderie and patience, McCrindle said.

Tom Manzione, who has chaired the event's organizing committee for 20 years, said regarding patience that fishing is a good antidote to the highly structured nature of kids' recreation. "It's too organized," he said. "You take your kid from one thing to another," which makes it hard

for them to learn how to entertain themselves.

"It's a good learning experience," he said. "You get frustrated at times, [but] the more you keep fishing, the better you get."

But passing down the tradition of fishing isn't just about teaching patience and perseverance. "For me," Manzione said, "it's about being with my son."

Jessica Reynolds, 21, grew up in the Anglers' Club — her father is a longtime member — and she remembers the derby fondly. "Even if you never caught a big fish," she said, "it was always a fun time."

Reynolds, currently a student at Hofstra University, she said that her favorite part of fishing was "the excitement of reeling in." Sometimes, you do get a bit of seaweed or a piece of trash, she said. Sometimes it's a fish, but until it breaks the surface, the angler doesn't know what they have.

There had been concern this year regarding the pier that Anglers' Club president Sal Groe would have to support the weight of between 120 and 140 children, their parents and event staff. When the North Shore was battered by a series of four nor'easters, over the winter, the Pryibil pier had taken a beating — along with the rest of the beach — and had been closed due to dangerous conditions since.

Repairs have been underway, and Mayor Tim Tenke said at an Aug. 21 pre-council meeting that the dangerous parts of the pier would be safely patched up in time for the derby.



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**JOHN CALAMUSA HELPED** his son, Logan, 8, with one of his catches at last year's Snapper Derby at Pryibil Beach.

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# A 'jolly fisherman' celebrates 100 years

By LAURA LANE

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*Second of two parts. The subject of this story, Anthony Simone died on Aug. 19 — nine days after it was originally published in the Oyster Bay Guardian.*

Anthony Simone has difficulty breathing, a result of a leaky heart valve. His mobility is limited, as are his kidney functions, but none of that stops him from carrying on a conversation with whoever is around at Oyster Bay Manor, where he has been living for a little over a year. The celebration of his 100th birthday there on June 20, when he was surrounded by friends and family, was a joyous occasion, one he says he will never forget.

Before the birthday bash, the Herald Gazette asked Simone how he has managed to live so long. "I have good genes and good luck," he said, lying on his bed, having just awakened from a nap. "My siblings and parents lived a long time, too."

But his granddaughter, Gina Hoagland, 53, who lives in St. Louis and was visiting to celebrate her "Pop Pop's" birthday, said she believed there was more to it. "It's because of his sense of engagement," she said. "He's a curious person, and has always been someone who enjoyed life."

Simone still follows the stock market, checking his portfolio often on the computer Hoagland bought him when he turned 90. And his memory? Let's just say it shouldn't be questioned. It is almost always dead-on.

"He remembers everything, and throws it back at you, especially when he was right," said his grandson, Andrew Galgano, grinning. "He's a ball-buster, and he's pretty funny, too."

Galgano, 51, lives about a mile away in Mill Neck, making it easy for him to visit his grandfather, which he does a few nights a week and on Sundays. They have been close since his childhood, when Galgano would spend the weekend at his grandparents' Lindenhurst home.

Even though he hasn't been there long, Simone has already made many friends at Oyster Bay Manor. At the party, the room was packed. Even so, sitting in a wheelchair, he looked around the room in amazement. When the seniors sang along with the four versions of "Happy Birthday" that were played by a DJ, Simone briefly cried, though a smile never left his face.

## Happiest memories

Simone has lived a full life, but it is his high school years that he recalls most fondly. "I enjoyed high school," he said. "It was easy, I was smart and got along with everyone."

Growing up in Bethpage is still an important time to him. "There were only a few businesses, and there were mostly farms," he recalled. "We played baseball and football in those fields — the usual. You could buy a laundry bag of cauliflower for 50 cents."

Questioned a bit more, he admitted that the happiest time was really when he met his future wife, Ethel Auer, when they were both 19. "I met her when she was going out



Photos by Laura Lane/Herald Gazette

**ANDREW GALGANO AND** Gina Hoagland celebrated their "Pop Pop's" milestone birthday with him and many of his new friends.

with my friend and she liked me better," he chuckled. "I liked her immediately. She was so pretty."

They married in December 1941, and were always more than lovers. They were best friends too, he said.

## Years in the service

Simone was drafted into the Navy in May 1944, and served as an aviation mechanic during World War II on the aircraft carrier USS Bennington. He maintained the planes that took off from the carrier to fight the enemy. He can distinctly remember how long he was in the Navy — "One year, 11 months and 10 days," he said, without hesitation. Simone was in three major battles, though he can only remember two — Okinawa and Iwo Jima. Asked what they were like, he smiled. "I didn't hurt anyone, and no one hurt me," he said. "Being an aviator mechanic was either very boring or too hard and rough, depending on whether we were being

attacked or not."

Although he is nonchalant when speaking of his service, he was actually often in danger. Bill Evanzia, 90, who lives in Westbury, is one of Simone's longtime friends. He also served in the Navy, but as a communications officer.

"Tony was very lucky his ship wasn't hit," Evanzia said. "The ships alongside him were hit very heavily."

Simone had the sobering experience of witnessing the aftermath of Pearl Harbor in 1945. "He told me that when he got to Pearl Harbor the half-sunk ships were sticking out of the water," Hoagland said. "As he rolled through the narrow corridor he could touch them."

And he was also nearby on another historical occasion, in August 1945. "He was on the water during the fighting in the Pacific theater, headed for Japan, when the ship all of a sudden stopped and turned around," Hoagland said. "There was an announcement that America had developed a new weapon, the atomic bomb."

That September, Simone took part in the



**ANTHONY SIMONE GREETED** the residents who gathered for his 100th birthday party.

occupation of Japan. Hoagland said her grandfather told her the story often of the admiral who addressed the fleet before they went ashore, reminding them that they were representatives of the U.S. government. "The admiral said that they were to treat the Japanese with respect or the men would answer to him," she said. "You don't get to take your anger out on the Japanese people," Pop Pop told me he said."

Simone was honorably discharged in February of 1946.

## Life after the war

When he returned to the States, he got a job with the Republic Aviation Corporation building airplanes, including fighter planes and P45's. "It was a job," he said, "but I always liked it."

He also more than liked to fish. And he was good at it.

Evanzia was Simone's fishing buddy for 50 years. "We met because of fishing," he said. "It's not very difficult to become friends if you love fishing."

Simone would often bring his wife and daughter fishing aboard his wooden powerboat, Pacemaker. "We even used to trade off boats," Evanzia said, adding that Simone fished from March through December.

"We'd go out where you'd have to break through the ice at the boat basin. It was a nice time."

## Before moving to Oyster Bay

Living until age 100 usually includes experiencing heartbreak. Simone could never bring himself to leave the Lindenhurst home that he and Ethel bought in 1943, even after she died of osteoporosis in January 1989. He depended on his only child, a daughter, Carol Simone, who lived in Oyster Bay Cove. She took him wherever he wanted to go and tended to his health. But then Carol was diagnosed with cancer.

"He always worried about her," Hoagland said. "A poignant moment was when Mom was in hospice. He would sit next to her and hold her hand."

When doctors came into the room, Simone would tell them he was Carol's father. "He'd say, 'She may be 75 but she's still my little girl,'" Hoagland said. "He was 99 then, but still asked the doctor questions."

Asked to describe his friend, Evanzia paused. "A very caring individual who has always loved his wife, daughter and grandchildren," he said. "He was a jolly fisherman and always a very supportive individual — that is what defines him."

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The suspect is believed to be operating an older model tan or gold Buick. Anyone with information regarding the identity of the suspect or information regarding the larceny can contact the Lieutenant John Nagle at the Glen Cove Detective Division at 516-320-7929.



Courtesy Glen Cove Police Department

**THE GLEN COVE** Police Department is asking for help identifying this man, accused of stealing cash from an open register.

Compiled by Zach Gottferrer-Cohen

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ Male, 35, from Brooklyn, arrested on Forest Avenue for third-degree robbery on Aug. 12.

■ Male, 50, from Jericho, arrested on Pearsall Avenue for circumvent interlock operate without device, second- and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, speeding and failing to signal on Aug. 15.

■ Male, 54, from the Bronx, arrested on Glen Cove Avenue for circumvent interlock operate without device, second- and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and other VTL violations on Aug. 15.

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■ Male, 27, from Garden City, arrested in an undisclosed location for seven counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and seven counts of criminal sale of a controlled substance of varying degrees on Aug. 16.

■ Male, 32, from Muttontown, arrested on Dickson Street for first- and second-degree criminal contempt and second-degree aggravated harassment on August 16.

■ Male, 55, from Glen Cove, arrested on Pearsall Avenue for DWI, aggravated DWI and other traffic violations on August 18.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

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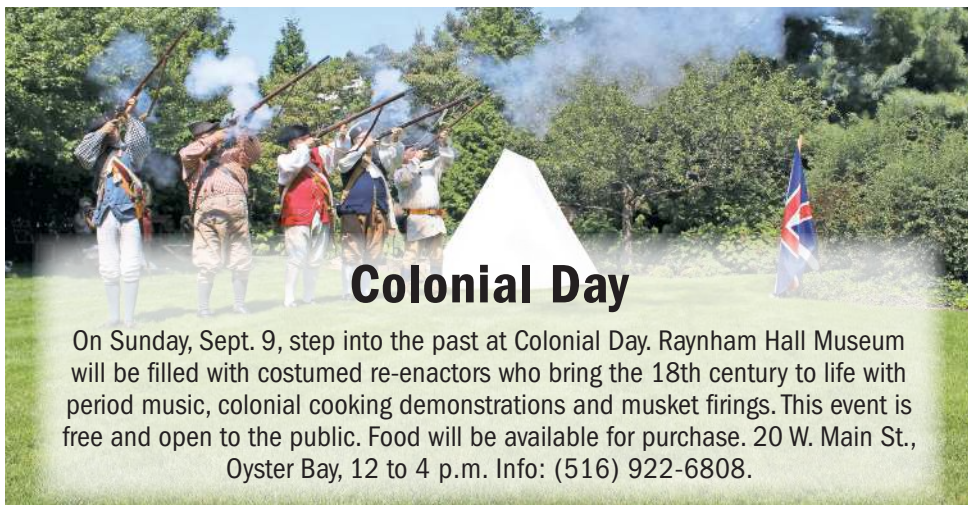


#### Pizza and paperbacks

On Friday, Aug. 24, the Stenson Memorial Children's Library will host this fun program. This session invites new kindergarteners and their parents to enjoy reading and eating all in one event. Eat a pizza lunch while discussing the plots and characters of your favorite children's book. 281 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 p.m. Info: (516) 671-4290.

#### Gentle yoga

This hour-long class on Friday, Aug. 31 offers gentle yoga focusing on mobility of the spine, strengthening the core, improving balance, and increasing range-of-motion. Classes include breathing, meditation, and easy-to-follow yoga postures. Glenwood Life Center, 71 Grove St., Glenwood Landing, 9:30 a.m. Info: (516) 399-2575.



#### Colonial Day

On Sunday, Sept. 9, step into the past at Colonial Day. Raynham Hall Museum will be filled with costumed re-enactors who bring the 18th century to life with period music, colonial cooking demonstrations and musket firings. This event is free and open to the public. Food will be available for purchase. 20 W. Main St., Oyster Bay, 12 to 4 p.m. Info: (516) 922-6808.

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## Hofstra aims to defend CAA crown

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Hofstra's women's soccer team enters the 2018 season with a target on its back after a dominating Colonial Athletic Association campaign last year culminated in a conference crown.

Hofstra is armed with a strong corps of returners off a 15-4-2 season that saw the Pride claim the program's first CAA title since 2012 and reach the NCAA Tournament for a second time in three years. The Pride received all nine possible first-place votes to repeat as conference champions. A year ago, Hofstra was picked fifth in the preseason poll and proved the prediction wrong with a 9-0 CAA mark that allowed the Pride to host the CAA Championships and raise the trophy in front of the home fans.

"They are thirsty and hungry for more," said 13th-year head coach Simon Riddiough. "We would love to repeat and it is always a goal to keep winning championships, but we have to start by making the CAA playoffs."

Senior defender Madeline Anderson was named CAA Preseason Co-Player of the Year after anchoring a defense in 2017 that posted 11 shutouts. The Clarke High School product also proved to be an offensive threat last season with two goals produced two goals during her junior campaign.

"She has an internal drive to succeed," said Riddiough of Anderson, who was the 2017 CAA Defensive Player of the Year. "She is a dream to work with."

Redshirt senior defender Kelly Gerdes adds veteran leadership to the backline with Anderson. The Wantagh native and former standout at MacArthur High School garnered All-CAA Second Team accolades last year while playing alongside her twin sister Katie.

"She is probably our second most important player outside of Maddie," Riddiough said of Gerdes. "She is a tremendous leader."

Anderson and Gerdes anchored a strong backline last year in front of starting goalies Jenna Borresen and Ashley Wilson, who split time in net during the CAA title run. Riddiough plans to once again go with a two-goalie system with both local players bringing different



**JENN BUONCORE HAD** five goals last season, including the game-winning tally against Northeastern in the CAA championship game.

strengths to the table. Wilson, a North Shore High School graduate from Glen Cove, started the second half of games last fall while Borresen (East Meadow High School) played the first half.

With last year's leading scorer Kristin Desmond now graduated, Riddiough hopes Jenn Buoncore can continue her emergence from last year where she tallied 14 points including the eventual winning goal in Hofstra's 2-1 CAA title win against Northeastern. The Pride also return scoring threats Bella Richards, Lucy Porter, Sabrina Bryan, Lucy Sheppard Monique Iannella. Riddiough said freshman forward Krista Agostinello will also add some scoring punch after tallying 50 goals at West Babylon High School.

"We have some really good weapons this year," Riddiough said. "The scoring will be more by committee rather than individually dominated."

Agostinello leads a 10-player freshman class that Riddiough says has the potential to mirror last season's newcomers who were instrumental in helping Hofstra



Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

**FORMER CLARKE HIGH** School product Madeline Anderson had a stellar 2017 for Hofstra and captured CAA Defensive Player of the Year honors.

achieve a 12-match winning streak en route to the NCAA Tournament. The large freshman contingent includes Merrick native Taylor Curcio, who helped lead Calhoun to the Nassau County Class AA finals during her senior year.

Hofstra kicked off the 2018 season with 1-0 win at Bucknell and a 1-0 loss against Fairfield at home last Sunday. Riddiough set up a challenging non-conference slate that includes road games with national

powers Princeton and Virginia as well as a Sept. 16 home tilt against Long Island rival Stony Brook, who reached the NCAA Tournament last year. He hopes the grueling early schedule will prepare Hofstra well for the stiff CAA competition it will face against league contenders like Northeastern, James Madison and Drexel.

"Our league has a lot of parity," Riddiough said. "You can't overlook any opponent."

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# For GC schools, the future is Chrome(book)

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In the coming school year, the Glen Cove School District will expand its one-to-one Chromebook initiative to students in grades eight through 10.

The program started last year with the introduction of Chromebooks — a small laptop produced by Google — to students in grades six and seven. Teachers in those grades were also given Chromebooks and professional development training that taught them to use Google Classroom, software that the tech company created to help teachers organize.

Dr. Michael Israel, the assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction and technology, is excited to bring Chromebooks to the high school, and said that they will, “help prepare students with the 21st-century technology they need to be college- and career-ready.”

The decision to get the Chromebooks came after testing out the one-to-one initiative with iPads — touch screen tablets that are, in their simplicity, similar devices to Chromebooks.

After a few years of the iPad trial, surveys of students, teachers and parents indicated that there was a need for a machine with a keyboard. As the new Chromebooks are distributed, the iPads that they replace will be passed down to the elementary schools.

To get the one-to-one initiative going last year, administrators visited other schools who have had success integrating the Chromebooks into their classrooms, Israel said, adding that a consultant had worked with the district and the Board of Education’s technology committee to make sure the transition went smoothly.

In part, to help the district through the change, a new instructional technology coordinator, Justin Lander, has been hired. Lander is the former technology staff developer at Great Neck South Middle School. He had worked on the same one-to-one Chromebook initiative project there, growing the program from 30 laptops in the school to nearly 900 being used daily.

Lander spoke about the importance of meeting kids where they are in their current digital spaces. “Kids these days have the entirety of human knowledge at their

fingertips,” he said, “These Chromebooks will provide an increased opportunity for learning and allow students to move beyond the remote information of the machine, and to collaborate and think creatively.”

While the district has high hopes for the Chromebooks, some parents and teachers are skeptical that this was the right decision.

Several Glen Cove teachers declined to comment about the situation, but one, who asked to remain anonymous, fearing reprisals from administrators or parents, said that she has some “anxiety” about how the Chromebooks will be translated into classroom use.

The training that teachers have received so far doesn’t fully equip them to handle certain situations, she said. “What if the WiFi goes down,” the teacher asked rhetorically, “or if a kid forgets their Chromebook at home?”

At the beginning of the summer, teachers were given Chromebooks, so they could get acclimated to them before the start of the school year. So far, they have had one official training, with another one scheduled for Superintendent’s Conference Day at the end of August.

The teacher said that technology like Chromebooks was “temperamental,” and expressed concern that dealing with technical issues would cut into teaching time.

She added that all textbooks and packets will be digitized, which could cause problems for students who learn better with hard copies.

The Chromebooks, this teacher said, would be “just another screen that kids are becoming too reliant on.”

Kimberly Conte Velentzas said her son received a Chromebook last year as a sixth grader. “Of course, he loves it,” she said, “However I don’t feel the need for our children to be plugged in more than they already are. I’d love to see the money spent on this initiative go to other resources.”

The district’s long-term goal is to continue expanding the initiative to students in the 11th and 12th grade in the upcoming years. The district said that over the course of the year they will be evaluating the Chromebooks implementation process and the budget to see if they can get the whole high school equipped with the laptops by the 2019-2020 school year.

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## VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

### THE QUESTION:

If you could create your own ice cream sundae, what would it be made with?



My first ingredient would be chocolate ice cream and a cherry, and then cherry ice cream with chocolate pudding, and then another cherry.

**ISAAC TORRES**  
2nd Grade



Chocolate and chocolate chip ice cream with sprinkles, pink and purple jellybeans and cupcakes with chocolate sauce.

**BRIANNA STAUB**  
2nd Grade



Chocolate and vanilla ice cream with Pirate's Booty and gray whipped cream in the shape of an elephant!

**MIA NITTOLY**  
Kindergarten



Vanilla ice cream with peanuts, gummy bears and cheddar gold fish with caramel sauce.

**EMMA ORSINO**  
3rd Grade



Blue Cosmo ice cream with ketchup, yellow mustard, hot dogs, pickles and some strawberries.

**GABI SCHWARTZ**  
1st Grade



Honeycomb cereal and vanilla wafers on birthday cake ice cream with chocolate sauce, but no cherries!

**AZI SCHWARTZ**  
3rd Grade



Samantha Barry/Herald Gazette

**THE PLANNED PARENTHOOD** clinic in Glen Cove is one of three in Nassau County.

# Lavine: Anti-abortion rule is 'mostly symbolic'

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Republican of Illinois.

To date, clinics that provide abortions have demonstrated compliance with the Hyde Amendment through accounting procedures that show how funds from Title X, a Nixon-era family planning program, are spent. The new rule would require a physical division between a clinic's abortion-related services and others. Put another way, each clinic would need two buildings, one for Title X health care services and another for abortions.

The new rule would also bar doctors who receive Title X funds from discussing abortion as an option with their patients, which the American Medical Association has said could compromise the doctor-patient relationship "and force physicians . . . to withhold information that their patients need to make decisions about their care."

Critics say that the federal government would essentially impose a gag rule on doctors. Since the 1980s, every Republican president has enforced a "global gag rule" on foreign aid money, while each Democratic president has rescinded it. If enforced, the new HHS rule would be the first government-implemented domestic gag rule.

In its proposal, HHS contends that the rule would bring the department's Title X regulations into compliance with laws already on the books, noting that the Hyde Amendment's broadly defined terms give the department the leeway to interpret the prohibition on funding programs for abortion.

"Title X programs that subsidize other programs where abortion is a method of family planning, through infrastructure building, cost sharing, or otherwise, run afoul of the statute," the HHS proposal reads. "Congress made clear that 'none' of the Title X funds should go to support such programs."

### Family planning economics

"We will not take gagged money," as a matter of principle, Smith said unequivocally, explaining that medical ethics require doctors to provide patients with as much information as they need to make informed decisions about their health care.

Title X funding comprises 3 percent of Planned Parenthood's budget in Nassau, which would not be a crippling loss, Smith said. In 2017, the group's annual budget was roughly \$10 million, according to its annual report. The organization could lose about \$300,000 in funding if the new federal rule were enacted.

At the same time, Planned Parenthood needs to remain enrolled in another federal rebate program dating back to the presidency of George H.W. Bush that, according to Smith, reduces the cost of an \$800 intra-uterine contraceptive to between \$50 and \$200. "All of our patients benefit from this pricing," she said.

"Regardless of any federal defunding," Smith continued, "our doors will stay open for our patients. Whatever we can do, we are going to do."

Beyond providing less-expensive care for Planned Parenthood clients, she said, funding family planning efforts is fiscally responsible for taxpayers. Citing a 2015 study by the Guttmacher Center for Population Research Innovation, Smith said that "every dollar spent on family planning saves seven Medicaid dollars down the road."

She added that because fewer people would be able to afford contraceptives, stripping Planned Parenthood's Title X status could result in more unplanned pregnancies and more abortions.

### The political issue

State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a North Shore Democrat, said he wasn't surprised that the federal government would, under President Trump, propose a rule to further limit abortions without considering the possible consequences. "They don't care about that," Lavine said. "They care about satisfying an emotional issue and a hyper-religious issue."

If the rule were to go through, he said, New Yorkers might be able to take the issue to the courts, Lavine said, because the State Constitution goes beyond the rights delineated in the U.S. Constitution.

He called the proposed policy a "mostly symbolic" nod to Trump's base, adding, "We're always in grave danger when symbolism . . . becomes more significant than the issue itself."

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**KAREN WONTROBSKI, THE** event leader, led the children and their parents in a group dance to promote music, rhythm, and movement.

## Learning music, rhythm at the library



**HEATHER AND DAUGHTERS,** Brinley and Cassidy, crafted rocket ships with extra help from Debbie their grandmother.

**JULIAN AND LUCAS** Cirritos, with their mother Vanessa, did their rocket ship craft after the group singing activity.

**MIRA AND ZARIA** Zorila sang the handshake song with event leader Karen Wontrobski.



On Friday the Glen Cove Public Library held an event that was part of its “A Time for Kids” series. The event — aptly named Rhythm and Rock — aimed to teach children about rhythm and movement. The hour-long event was held for kids from 18 months to five years. Parents were also welcome and encouraged to participate in the activities, which included lively children’s music presentations where everyone was able to participate in group sing-alongs. Next, they engaged in energetic dances that got everyone moving and grooving and up on their feet. The children learned about the importance of music, what rhythm was, and how that relates to movement and dance. Afterwards parents and their children created brightly colorful hanging rocket ship crafts together to take home to finish off the event.

—Samantha Barry

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, Aug. 23

### Outliers

Veterans Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your blankets, chairs and picnics to beautiful Memorial Park overlooking Hempstead Harbor and enjoy live music performed by local artists. Admission is free. Sunset Serenade is hosted by the Sea Cliff Civic Association.

### End of summer title swap

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Get together with friends and neighbors and share the books you've read this summer. We'll discuss the good, the bad and the really great books that we absolutely loved reading. Pick up a few titles you may have missed and put them on your reading list. In addition, this end of summer event will include raffles, prizes and light refreshments. Sign up online, in-person, or by phone. (516) 759-8300.

### 'New Beginnings' singles 50+ group

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., 7 p.m. Join life coach Marla Matthews at the library for a group discussion for divorced, widowed and single adults who would like to make a new beginning and meet new people. (516) 676-2130.

## Friday, Aug. 24

### Roger Street Friedman Band

Sea Cliff Beach, 96 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 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.

### Downtown Sounds - Milagro

Downtown Glen Cove, 1 School St., Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Milagro was formed in 2005 by a group of musicians to pay tribute to the Santana band and accurately reproduce their music, staying as close to the original arrangements as possible. Enjoy this impressive collection of Santana's songs at Downtown Sounds.

## Saturday, Aug. 25

### Snapper Derby

Prybil Beach Fishing Pier, Glen Cove, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Glen Cove Mayor's Annual Snapper Derby is a great way to close the summer season with an event that hooks in kids to the fun of fishing. This free event, organized by the Glen Cove Anglers Club, is for children ages 6 to 16. Registration will be held on the day of the event from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Glen Cove Parks & Recreation Department at (516) 676-3766.

### Sea Cliff Farmers Market

St. Luke's Church, 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy this open-air market that offers a selection of locally grown vegetables, fresh baked goods, fresh pressed juices, micro-greens and sprouts. All products are grown or produced on Long Island, mostly right in Nassau County.



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## Crash the Beach 2018

Mutual Concerns' fifth annual Crash the Beach fundraiser will be held at Sea Cliff Beach, 96 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 5:30 p.m. This year's lineup includes local musicians and groups like Jenn Gerrity, The Lazy Dogs and Andy Aldedort & The Groove Kings featuring Chris Kinnear, as well as other special guests. This annual beach concert benefits Mutual Concerns, which is determined to provide valuable services like the senior lunch program and the food pantry to North Shore neighbors in need. Contact Director Peggie Como at [SCMutualConcerns@gmail.com](mailto:SCMutualConcerns@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Musical xylophone treats

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 E. Main St., Oyster Bay, 10 a.m. Have some fun and make your very own xylophone using rainbow Twizzlers and rice krispie treats. (516) 922-1212.

### "Funny Girl" Live

Planting Fields Arboretum State Park, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay, 6 p.m. Come enjoy this fully staged, live performance of the hit Broadway musical "Funny Girl," accompanied by a full orchestra. Admission is free.

### Astronomy Nights at Sagamore Hill

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay, 8 p.m. Sagamore Hill will be hosting a series of free public astronomy events this summer in partnership with the Amateur Observers Society of New York. The event includes an outdoor presentation on celestial activities and stargazing through telescopes. All are welcome. Bring flashlights, refreshments, lawn chairs, and a blanket.

## Sunday, Aug. 26

### Zac Brown Tribute Band

Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Bring the family and a picnic to enjoy Morgan Park Summer Music Festival's 2018 season of free family entertainment.

## Monday, Aug. 27

### Paint party

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6:30 p.m. Create a scenic paradise at a paint party hosted by the

library. Celicia from Authentic HeArworks is back to guide you through the strokes. Join us to paint this awesome beach scene. There is a non-refundable \$10 fee due at the time of registration. (516) 759-8300.



## Fall Bird Watching Walks

Head to Garvies Point Museum and Preserve on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 10 a.m. for a special bird walking adventure. The preserve is known for the varied migratory birds that visit in the fall. The outer exhibit hall offers a spectacular eye-level view of these magnificent creatures. Feel free to BYOB: binoculars, that is. This event is included with museum admission 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove, (516) 571-8010.

## Tuesday, Aug. 28

### City Council meeting

Main Chambers, Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., 7:30 p.m. The Glen Cove City Council will hold its monthly meeting.

## Wednesday, Aug. 29

### The Missing User's Manual: Your Body

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a user's manual for our bodies that explained what nutrients our body needs, and where to find them? Marney White, a certified holistic health coach, explains these mysteries and more in her seminar, which wraps up with delicious food samples, as well as free wellness handouts. (516) 759-8300.

### Trivia challenge

Greenvale Townhouse, 49 Glen Cove Rd., Greenvale, 6 p.m. Come see how much you know and match your wits with other great minds. You may win a prize. For more information call (516) 676-1976.

## Thursday, Aug. 30

### John Brady and Brian Schurman

Veterans Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 p.m. Bring your blankets, chairs and picnics to beautiful Memorial Park, overlooking Hempstead Harbor, and enjoy live music performed by local artists. Admission is free. Sunset Serenade is hosted by the Sea Cliff Civic Association.

## Friday, Aug. 31

### Rusty String Band

Sea Cliff Beach, 96 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 7 to 9 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.

### Downtown Sounds - Soul Sound Review

Downtown Glen Cove, 1 School St., Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Soul Sound Revue, the hottest Motown show this side of Detroit, performs the greatest hits in true "Motown Tradition." Soul Sound Review recreates the dynamic vocal harmonies and musical styling of classical Motown groups of the 60s, 70s, 80s: The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, The Supremes and many more.

### Strummin' and drummin'

Coe Hall at Planting Field Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Rd, Oyster Bay, 6 p.m. Bring a blanket and picnic for a night of free family fun. The band has a lively, fresh, and funky approach to kids music, with crowd interaction, hands-on drumming and more. (516) 922-8668.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

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

## Pucking around Glen Cove

During the City of Glen Cove's National Night Out, Assemblyman Charles Lavine got a few tips from a lizard-like friend in the game of hockey. Sparky the Dragon, the mascot of the New York Islanders, helped the assemblyman practice his pucking skills.

Glen Cove's National Night Out began 34 years ago as a way for neighborhood watch groups, police and fire departments to educate their communities about public safety.

**ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES LAVINE** got a few tips from Sparky the Dragon at Glen Cove Police Department's National Night Out.



Courtesy Assemblyman Lavine

## Back to school season is approaching

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton met with the organizers of the City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau's annual backpack giveaway and donated school supplies in support of the effort during a visit on Aug. 15.

Fueled by community-wide support from local businesses, government offices and not-for-profit community organi-

zations, the Youth Bureau, under the leadership of Marketing Director Dr. Charmaine Clarke, provided stuffed backpacks to more than 300 students in grades K through 8th last year, and supplied high school students with the essentials.

*Compiled by Alyssa Seidman*



Courtesy Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton

**NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR** Delia DeRiggi-Whitton met with the organizers of the City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau's annual backpack giveaway.

# Think Vaping is Harmless?



- **Throat cancer**
- **Popcorn lung**
- **Kidney disease**
- **Lung cancer**
- **Heart disease**
- **Sexual dysfunction**
- **Impedes brain development**



# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

## Off-Broadway's most 'Chill' leading man Will Roland returns to the stage after finishing a run with 'Dear Evan Hansen.'

In 'Be More Chill,' an unparalleled new Off-Broadway musical sensation currently taking New York by storm, teenaged outsider Jeremy Heere partakes in an honest, yet hilarious journey through a high school's minefield to find his authentic self. Much like Jeremy, the actor playing him has an enormous heart.

However, Will Roland says that he had to make it through his formative years in Locust Valley before he truly understood what it means to be a good person.

A graduate of Friends Academy, Roland remembers occasionally "forgetting about my heart" and being a bit of a bully.

"I was mean in ways that I didn't intend to be, but in hindsight I was like, 'You shouldn't have said or done that,' he recalls. In 'Chill,' Roland is anything but a bully. The video game loving drama nerd whom he plays ingests a pill-sized computer, or Squip, that promises to make him the epitome of cool. The result is a voice inside of his head telling him what to do to win the affection of his crush, Christine, and how to interact with jocks, bullies and hot girls.

"Jeremy's desire to help [himself and others] is real but he's so misguided," says Roland of his character's motivations. "He couldn't be more wrong in the way that he goes about it, which I think is a valuable lesson in the play."

Roland has learned many of his own valuable lessons through a journey with 'Chill's' musician and lyricist Joe Iconis that dates back to when they first met in 2007. The introduction led to their collaboration on Iconis' 'The Black Suits' (which also featured Roland's future 'Dear Evan Hansen' castmate Ben Platt). Soon Roland was asked to give voice to the character of Jeremy's friend Michael Mell in Chill's very first reading in 2013.



Photos courtesy Maria Baranova

The cast of "Be More Chill," based on Ned Vizzini's cult sensation novel about coming of age in the digital age.

Ironically, after auditioning for 'Chill's' initial production for New Jersey's Two River Theater in 2015, he made it to the last round of callbacks and did not get cast.

"Three years elapsed, and [instead] I spent that summer in D.C. doing a little show called 'Dear Evan Hansen.' It ended up going really well for me," he jokes, name-dropping the six-time Tony Award winning musical.

It was this past spring when he received a call from Iconis asking him to lead 'Chill' in its Off-Broadway incarnation.

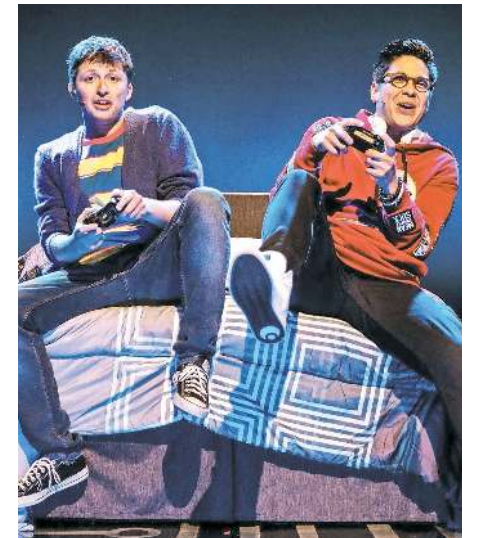
"Iconis has said that he loves to write musicals about people who do not get musicals written about them," says Roland. "In this case, you have 10 genius comedian character actors who are firing on all cylinders, accessing all of their delightful freakishness, and I think that is what a lot of people are connecting with."

He revels in the fact that the show

"celebrates the weirdness in all of us." "This is a show that received a production based on the enthusiasm of its fans and the quality of its content," he marvels. "It became obvious at some point that it would be a hit."

Roland points to his 10 years as a camp theatre/arts teacher at Friends Academy as a factor that informed his work as 'Chill's' Jeremy. "I taught so many Jeremys and Christines — so many young people who were sort of writhing in their own skin, and could only express themselves when they were pretending to be someone else," he recalls. "Jeremy has this theatrical bent, he loves putting on this cool version of himself that allows him to speak more honestly and truthfully. He wants the world to be easy but he doesn't know how to make it that way."

"Philosophically, I am interested in playing characters who are three-dimensional and aren't afraid to be ugly or



Will Roland (left) in a scene with cast member George Salazar.

weird. I'm very lucky in that I can't fake it!"

This also worked to his advantage when he was brought on board Showtime's 'Billions,' when he was asked to play a financial/computer whiz for three episodes.

When Roland isn't bringing packed houses to standing, screaming ovations, he can be found watching Youtube videos on "weirdly esoteric topics..." and occasionally making his way out to visit his parents, who still reside in Locust Valley. (Roland Auctions, the business they own and for which he used to work, is in Glen Cove.)

"We live in such a screwed up world where everyone is so sad," he adds. "Why must we always analyze the sadness of our world with equally sad content? Why can't we attack our sadness with radical joy? 'Chill' does it so exuberantly and delightfully."

— Iris Wiener  
kbloom@lherald.com



### SEASONAL DELIGHTS Annual Scottish Games

With bagpipes, caber tossing, and highland dancing, the Scottish Games — now in its 58th year — continue to be a highly anticipated summer tradition at Old Westbury Gardens. The Long Island Scottish Clan MacDuff, co-host of the event, invites all to celebrate this cherished tradition; it's believed that the games were begun by the ancient highland chieftains to help them select the strongest men for their armies. The festival offers plenty of action for all ages, featuring bagpipes galore, parades, concerts, dance exhibitions,

### WEEKEND Out and About

competitions including caber tossing, kids' games and more, along with Scottish treats to enjoy. Additional activities include birds of prey, a petting zoo, an antique car parade, and even dog agility demonstrations.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; grand opening ceremony at 12:30 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors, \$10 children ages 7-17. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. (516) 333-0048 or [www.oldwestburygardens.org](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org).

### IN CONCERT The Christine Spero Group

Pianist-singer Christine Spero and her band share an unforgettable journey through some of Laura Nyro's most memorable songs in a heartfelt and moving tribute. "Spero Plays Nyro" reminds the audience that Nyro's music is poignant and timeless. Supported by her crack band — featuring drummer Peter O'Brien, bassist



Scott Petito and saxophonist-percussionist Elliot Spero — Spero captures Nyro's essence. The arrangements are hip, the vocals expressive. Spero's exquisite arrangements are true to Nyro's originals but with creative touches that are interpreted in the group's own distinct style. Hear "And When I Die," "Eli's Coming," "Stoned Soul Picnic," "Wedding Bell Blues," and "Sweet Blindness," among others, in this spirited homage to the acclaimed songwriter, who died in 1997. Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. \$30. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd. Roslyn. (516) 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

### Performances/ On Stage



#### Newsies

Musical based on the 1992 film, inspired by the real-life Newsboys Strike of 1899 in New York City, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 23-24, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 25, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 26, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

#### Ken McGorrie and the Achievements

The songwriter and his band in concert, Thursday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

#### Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

#### Outliers

The band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

#### Toots and the Maytals

The ska-reggae vocal group in concert, Thursday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### Hamlet

Shakespeare's revenge tragedy, Friday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 26, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

#### Louie Anderson

The actor-comedian on his standup tour, Friday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

#### Milagro

The Santana tribute band in concert, as of the Downtown Sounds summer series, Friday, Aug. 24, 7:30 p.m. Village Square Plaza, Glen, School and Bridge St., Glen Cove. Visit www.glencovedowntown.org for more information.

#### Mystic Rhythms

The Rush tribute band in concert, with "Rush Thru Time," Friday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### My Son the Waiter: A Jewish Tragedy

Comedian-actor Brad Zimmerman's one-man comedy show, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2 and 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m.; Sat-



### Diana Ross

The legendary singer performs at Tilles Center's gala concert, on Saturday, Oct. 6., at 8:30 p.m. Diana Ross, the Queen of Motown, defines icon through a remarkable career that's spanned over 50 years.

From her early days with the Supremes to her enduring landmark solo career, Ross has demonstrated that she is a consummate performer. She has been instrumental in shaping the sound of pop music and paving the way for contemporary artists.

Tickets are \$377, \$252, \$177, \$127; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

urday, Aug. 25, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 26, 2 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

#### Roger Street Friedman Band

The popular band in concert, as part of the Summer Music Series, Friday, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff.



#### Smokey Robinson

The R&B icon in concert, Friday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

#### Classic Deep Purple Live

Former Deep Purple bassist-singer Glenn Hughes in concert, Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

#### Daughtry

Chris Daughtry and his band in concert, with special guest Sinclair, Saturday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### Funny Girl

The musical story of Fanny Brice, who rose from vaudeville comedienne to Ziegfeld

Follies stardom, presented by Plaza Theatrical Productions, Saturday, Aug. 25, 6 p.m. Planting Fields State Park, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-9210 or www.plantingfields.org.

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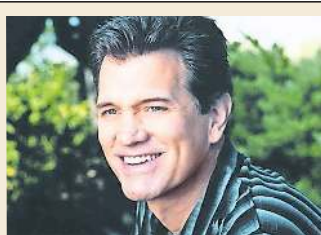
The eclectic funk-rock band in concert, Saturday, Aug. 25, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

#### Counterclockwise Ensemble

The contemporary chamber quintet in concert, Sunday, Aug. 26, 6 p.m. Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

#### Jean-Luc Ponty

The jazz violinist-composer in concert, Sunday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.



#### Chris Isaak

The singer-songwriter in concert, Wednesday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### Strangelove

The Depeche Mode tribute band in concert, with special guest Electric Duke, Sunday, Aug. 26, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370

New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

#### ZBTB

The Zach Brwon tribute band in concert, Sunday, Aug. 26, 7:30 p.m. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

#### Fall Out Boy

The band kicks off its Mania 2018 tour, Wednesday, Aug. 29. Nassau Coliseum, 1255 Hempstead Tpke., Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.nassaucoliseum.com.

#### John Brady and Brian Schurman

The pair in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 30, 7 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

### For the Kids



#### Shrek the Musical

Everyone's favorite ogre comes to life on stage, based on the acclaimed film, Saturday, Aug. 25, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Aug. 26, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

#### Scrimshaw Workshop Week

View the Whaling Museum's scrimshaw collection and create an inked scrimshaw keepsake box, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 23-24, 2-3 p.m. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or www.cshwhalingmuseum.org.

#### Imagination Station

Visit Peggy Phipps' childhood cottage at Old Westbury Gardens for independent playtime, Sunday, Aug. 26, 12-4 p.m. Build, observe and ponder in the changing discovery space. Free with admission. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

### Museums/Galleries and more...

#### Coast Guard Art

An exhibit depicting the mission of the U.S. Coast Guard, including search and rescue and boat patrols, along with buoy tending and training exercises. Artists on view include James Consor, Karen Loew, and Glen Head residents Susanne Corbelletta and Charles Van Horn, among others. Through Sept. 15. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.northshorehistoricalmuseum.org.

#### Focus 2018

A showcase of works by winners of the national juried fine arts photography competition. View pieces by 21 artists. Through Aug. 26. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299

Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or www.bjspokegallery.org.

#### Long Island Biennial

A juried exhibition of 52 works by artists representing Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Paintings, sculpture, photography, works on paper, and mixed media encompassing diverse styles, subject matter, and themes are included. Through Nov. 11. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

#### Seashells...Nature's Inspired Design

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

#### The Tile Club: Camaraderie and American Plein-Air Painting

An exhibit of tiles, drawings, sculpture, and prints that document the life and times of this lively artistic society. One of many that emerged following the nation's Centennial in 187, it comprised a select group of artists, writers, and musicians, including Winslow Homer, William Merritt Chase, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, Edwin Austin Abbey, J. Alden Weir, and Stanford White. Meetings were known for spirited conversation and experimentation with painted tiles. Through Nov. 11. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

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#### Urban Pop

An exhibition of artists who bring a myriad of visual cultural influences to their fine art practice. Some hone their skills on the street, others working in the studio find their own version of pop urban art, some having unique language of their own, that can't be categorized within a specific movement. Through Sept. 8. Gold Coast Arts Center, 113 Middle Neck Rd., Great Neck. 829-2570 or www.goldcoastarts.org.



#### Movie Time

See "Chappaquiddick," the dramatic retelling of Ted Kennedy's tragic accident and its aftermath, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

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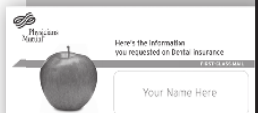
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## Michael S. Belohlavek

Holy Rood Cemetery.

Michael Stanley Belohlavek, 72, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on July 23, 2018 after a lengthy illness. He is pre-deceased by his beloved son Jason. Devoted husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Judith, daughter, Adeline Phelps, grandchildren, Aidan and Anna, son-in-law, Matthew and sisters, Frances Sullivan and Marylou Wurst. Michael was an attorney in a Manhattan law firm for more than 25 years. For the past 20 years he served in the New York State Attorney General's office where he was second in command for many years and served as deputy solicitor. He was well known for his high standards in legal writing. He wrote and edited briefs argued in the United States Supreme Court. Michael was an avid cook, passionate baseball fan and cared deeply for his family. He will be dearly missed. Arrangements entrusted to McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home. Funeral mass held at the Church of St Patrick, followed by an interment at

## Arthur V. Junge

The man, the myth, the legend, Arthur V. Junge, known as Ding by many Glen Cove natives on Long Island, died on July 29, 2018 at the age of 74. United States Army Veteran, master electrician, sea captain, mechanic, master scuba diver, and pilot are just to name a few of his many titles. Above all an extraordinary father, survived by his daughter Valerie, son-in-law Michael Lasser, grandsons Maximilian and Jack, and his canine sidekick Dolly. He was a local lifeguard, and winner of the 1959 "Pop Kinnear" Memorial Cup Race. Fond memories were made with the motor head cronies in Orient & Greenport, LI. Many great laughs at Tarpine Airpark in Florida. Peaceful livin' in New Hampshire just one mountain away from his brother Matthew (Sa). Lover of laughter and music, "Will

You Miss Me When I'm Gone" (1935) by June Carter Cash was his last request. A Veterans Service will be on Saturday, September 1 at Calverton National Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. that is open to the public. Followed by a gathering of family and friends nearby on the North Fork.

## Carmen R. Ciampi

Carmen R. Ciampi, of Glen Head, N.Y., died on Aug. 15, 2018. Beloved husband of

the late Marion; loving father of JoAnn Wallis, James (Kathy) and Joseph (Gail); cherished grandfather of Kristina, Jennifer, Jaclyn and Joseph; dear brother of Anna Famillete, and Louis, Philip, Nunzio, Angelo and Rose Drwal. Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home. Funeral mass held at the Church of St. Rocco in Glen Cove, followed by an interment at Holy Rood Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Jude's (www.stjude.org) or Glenwood Fire Co., 1 School House Hill Rd., Glenwood Landing, N.Y.

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## THE GREAT BOOK GURU

### American dreamers

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
My family and I are planning a vacation on Martha's Vineyard next week and I would like to suggest a book we could all read and then discuss. I think non-fiction might work best. Any ideas?

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**MEMBERS OF THE** Glen Cove City Council and other city officials reviewed a plan to revitalize the Orchard neighborhood and surrounding areas.

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**NOTICE OF SALE**  
**SUPREME COURT: NASSAU COUNTY. HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Pltf. vs. KENNETH J. CALDWELL, et al, Defts. Index #011887/14.**  
 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Jan. 23, 2018, I will sell at publication auction on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Calendar Control Park (CCP) Courtroom of the Supreme Court, 100 Supreme Court Dr., Mineola, NY prem. k/a 3 Barbara Lane, Glen Cove, NY a/k/a Section 30, Block 42, Lot 568. Said property located in the City of Glen Cove, County of Nassau and State of New York, known and designated as Lot Numbered 368, Block 42 on a certain map entitled, "Map of Harbor View situate City of Glen Cove, Nassau County, N.Y., Joseph E. Dioguardi, Licensed Land Surveyor, Glen Head, Nassau County, N.Y. dated November 13, 1967, revised February 21, 1968" and filed in the Nassau County Clerk's Office on August 1st, 1969 as Map Number 8240 and as amended by a certain map entitled, "Map of Amending Lots 559, 560, 565 and 566 in Block 42, on Map of Harbor View, filed August 1, 1969, File No. 8240, situated at City of Glen Cove, Nassau County, New York, Joseph E. Dioguardi, Licensed Land Surveyor, Glen Head, N.Y., June 29, 1972 and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau on August 28, 1972, as Map Number 8419". Approx. amt. of judgment is \$1,198,956.56 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. RITA

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# City's Orchard plans

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the document.

The most heavily residential section of the area is the Orchard, measuring less than one square mile, where rentals outnumber ownership by approximately two to one. One element of the plan, as Eisman described it, would be to modify building codes to allow four townhouses, "almost like brownstones," she said, on each 9,500 square feet, or two parcels' worth, of land. Under current regulations, developers would need to merge three parcels in order to do that.

Beyond that, said Eisman's co-presenter, Max Stach, also a partner at Nelson, Pope and Voorhis, given the area's "narrow streets and parking requirements ... You really can't do more than a single-family home" on those lots. "You need to have a certain amount of property before you can fit everything," Stach said.

Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck asked Eisman and Stach, "What happens to all the little homes that are in the neighborhood?" if the plan moves forward.

Ultimately, Eisman said, "It would require those to be demolished and sold." Councilman Kevin Maccarone said the owners would probably have to be bought out.

Stach said, in the context of "incentivizing development," that the city could increase its code enforcement efforts in the Orchard neighborhood, specifically against those residences that were illegally housing "more than two families, maybe under the table." He did not clarify how more code enforcement would lead to development.

In addition to the Orchard, the draft implementation plan recommends mixed-use, "transit oriented development" near the Glen Street train station, and a "retail regional commercial center, and possibly light industrial space," along the Sea Cliff Avenue corridor, pending remediation of the three contaminated superfund sites there.

A final draft of the implementation plan should be ready for the City Council's approval by December, according to Eisman.

"The reason that you're just seeing us now," she told the council, "is that we just finished the [plan], but we've been working on this stuff for a while." She cited the recent sale of the Coles school, which the Brownfield Opportunity Area steering committee — comprising state and local agencies and stakeholders —

has apparently played a part in. She added, "We've been working with the city for two and a half years on implementation."

Once the plan is approved, Eisman said, a series of other benchmarks, particularly zoning adjustments, must be made before a state-defined July 2019 deadline. The consequences of missing the deadline are unclear, but Eisman said she believed the city could meet its requirements by March.

## Other updates from pre-council

### Water rates

The council discussed a water rate increase aimed at covering \$973,000 in debt service payments related to the city's water infrastructure — like well repairs and filter upgrades — that will become due in 2019. A 15 percent across-the-board hike would address the debt service, but would do little to help build a water fund surplus. As of the end of the pre-council meeting, no resolution on water rates was proposed for the Aug. 28 City Council meeting.

### Charter revision

The council will vote next week on whether to re-establish the Glen Cove Charter Revision Commission. If the measure passes, the commission will be able to put three charter amendments that it has explored — term lengths, term limits and staggered terms — up for referendum in November.

### Reboot Glen Cove

Philip Pidot, one of the leaders of Reboot Glen Cove, a civic group that has advocated for more radical charter reforms than the mayor-appointed Charter Revision Commission, tried to persuade the council to put more than 20 reforms on the November ballot in three "digestible" groups. If the council refused, Pidot said, his group would have enough petition signatures to force an all-or-nothing referendum in the 2019 election.

### Finance Committee

Mayor Tim Tenke nominated four people — Francis X. Ferrante, John J. Fielding, Anthony Guargenti and Tom Hopke — to serve on the city's Finance Committee, which currently has three open seats. The five-seat committee has had no more than three members since the council approved its mission statement in May. In the four months since, the mayor has reviewed the resumes of about a dozen candidates, but before Tuesday's meeting he had nominated only five.

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## OPINIONS

# Will the next election only postpone the next disaster?

**W**ill the approaching midterm election simply be a referendum on Donald Trump's presidency, or a more momentous vote affecting America's future? Will it only postpone the looming financial disaster facing the nation?

Right now, I agree with the best political analysis, which projects that the U.S.



**ALFONSE  
D'AMATO**

House of Representatives will change hands this fall. The GOP losses shouldn't be as great as they might be, given the fast pace of economic growth and near full employment. But Republicans have done a dismal job of capitalizing on the nation's strong economy,

and the president hasn't always helped. Instead of focusing on the rebounding economy and building on our prosperity, Republicans have walked right into Democrats' traps that have forced them to relitigate the last election.

It doesn't take a big stretch to conclude that both parties would rather fight over divisive political issues than address looming problems that could sink us all. Why? Because addressing those problems isn't as easy as partisan bickering.

There's a growing consensus among economists that the nation is approaching a perfect financial storm that has been fanned by both parties and needs both parties to tame it. The biggest problem we face is the huge national debt that is stretching to the breaking point.

In a stark op-ed entitled "America's Debt Has Exploded," former U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin observes, "The imperative must be to develop a political strategy and a narrative that persuades the broad American public that its economic well-being depends on getting our fiscal house in order." It's worth noting that Rubin isn't a right-wing pundit crying wolf. He's a liberal-leaning Democrat who's simply stating the facts.

This impending debt crisis will be made worse as our health care and retirement costs continue to spiral upward. In just a few short years — by 2026, according to government estimates — the nation's Medicare program will slip heavily into the red. A few years later — by 2037, the Social Security Administration estimates — the Social Security Trust Fund will also tip into deficit. These "unfunded liabilities" will dangerously contribute to the nation's debt.

Added to this burden is the debt load of younger Americans struggling to pay off huge college loans, and the steep debt carried by American businesses. Put this all together and it points to a day of reckoning our children and grandchildren will not be able to avoid.

Which is why the time to act is now. And that will require a Congress that shakes off its obsession with petty politics and a president who shakes off his preoccupation with petty distractions. These national challenges could be met with a good dose of common-sense measures, including adjusting Social Security and Medicare retirement entitlements, like Congress did a generation ago to keep the programs solvent. A bipartisan approach will again be the key to getting these needed reforms done.

But if American voters are lulled into a false belief that they're fundamentally changing anything simply by shifting control of Congress from Republican to Democratic, they are sorely mistaken. What they will be aiding and abetting is even worse partisan warfare and division, and more dangerous political gridlock in Washington.

A Democratically controlled House may strive mightily to impeach Trump,

but it is likely that the GOP will retain control of the Senate, where no vote to remove the president will succeed. Just think back to the ill-advised GOP effort to impeach Bill Clinton. While a Republican-led House voted to impeach him on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, a *Republican-led Senate* voted not to convict him. If a GOP Senate didn't remove Clinton from office for these charges, does anyone really believe a GOP Senate would come up with the required 67 votes to remove Trump for similar charges?

So after all the storm and stress of a protracted impeachment battle, the country will be right back to square one, facing some very hard choices relating to our future economic prosperity.

If this fall's congressional elections come and go with business as usual in Washington, and the 2020 presidential election approaches with no attention to our looming debt crisis, look for the nation's economy to begin to feel the inevitable consequences of the inaction. Some future leaders will be compelled to act when the crisis lands full force, but how much better would it be if our leaders woke up now and acted before America faces that storm?

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## What you get, and what you give up, out West

**T**his is us in Herald territory: We slog along Sunrise Highway on a Friday afternoon, just trying to get home from work, shopping, school or some late-in-the-day chore. It drains the spirit to just inch along, A.C. blasting against the fetid humidity pressing in around the car.

Perhaps we distract ourselves with music or a podcast or phone calls. It used to be considered rude to call a friend while you were driving, as if we were trying to cross something off our to-do list while working our way home. Now it seems a necessary use of traffic time. We're all too busy all the time.

Where I'm reporting from now, traffic is not a consideration. We're renting a house in the Sierra Nevada an hour from Reno, which is also the only and nearest big town. When you don't have to think about traffic, you can be more spontaneous. Late Friday afternoon? No problem to drive into Reno for dinner. Of course, it is Reno. The tastiest food comes out of the Laughing Planet, a chain of good-quality rice bowl

restaurants.

This is us: In our towns along the South Shore, August has been a succession of hot, sticky days. Friends report trips to the movies on weekend afternoons rather than heading to the beach or a golf course.

Up here at 6,700 feet, it was too cold for me to get out of bed this morning. The thermometer outside said 43 degrees. Of course, by 11 a.m. it was 85 and sunny, which it is every single day in July and August and part of September. So you can make plans here that aren't contingent on weather because there are no surprises, except for the occasional wildfire.

This is us: There are neighbors on my block in Woodmere, as we come and go through the year. Friends drive by the house and let us know if a package sits on the step or if a shutter has come loose. And when any of us decide to exercise or play at the beach or see a show and enjoy a delicious meal of pretty much any ethnicity we choose, we can. Damn, we have the Big Apple at our doorstep any time we decide to take a bite.

Our kids ride their bikes up and down the block. Most of us have sidewalks and streetlights. Many parents don't feel com-

fortable allowing youngsters to wander too far out of sight.

Out here, children as young as 8 and 9 walk or ride bikes to school. They seem to have much more freedom to roam, because it feels safe. Today, for example, my grandkids rode their bikes around a pond and across a field to have breakfast with us. Parents do not hover.

This is us: In Herald territory, we do our back-to-school shopping in our towns at a variety of well-stocked stores. If a phone dies, there is someone to fix it. If we need a prescription, we can pick it up within an hour. We have stuff and convenience, and it's all easily accessed. We can run out for milk at 3 a.m.

Out here in the far West, one has to be much more self-sufficient — and organized. You can't forget to buy milk when you shop, or you might go without milk for a few days. The kids need school supplies we can only get in Reno. Neighbors are far-flung. I imagine that in winter, if the heat went out, it could become a life-threatening situation.

You get the wide-open spaces when you live here. You get stars at night and rivers to swim and fish. You get peace and quiet.

**A**ddressing the coming perfect financial storm isn't as easy as partisan bickering.

**I**n the Sierra, there aren't any weather surprises, except for the occasional wildfire.



**RANDI  
KREISS**

The easy access to hiking trails and wilderness and the deep night skies is life-affirming.

This is us (and it is huge): In our communities, we have the safety net of great medical care locally, and world-class specialized hospitals within an hour's drive. It doesn't matter until it matters, and then the issue becomes critical.

Here, where we are currently dealing with a family medical situation, quality care is a problem. My daughter is basically commuting to San Francisco, nearly five hours away, to get the procedures and follow-up she will need. The remoteness of her hometown compounds the stress of major surgery.

Here, the proximity to nature and the joys of hiking, biking, paddleboarding and skiing are compelling. Many people dream about living this life. I respect my kids' decision to settle here, and they have the skis, snowshoes, rafts, tubes, scooters, boards and kayaks to establish their bona fides.

For me, though, the balance tilts toward the East Coast, and specifically toward our towns along the shore. I miss the boardwalk and the deep sand beach. I miss stepping out for dinner in Park Slope or out East, or just sitting on my porch, watching the fan spin in the hot August night.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## After state deal, water rate questions remain

**F**inally, enough residents got together to complain about New York American Water, and their unreasonably high water bills, and didn't let up until they caught the state's attention.

A three-hour public hearing on Aug. 16 in East Rockaway gave way to a barrage of investigations into the stark disparity in water costs from one community to another. Afterward, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said he would refer the matter to state Attorney General Barbara Underwood's office and request that a special investigator be appointed.

Over the weekend, the state reached an agreement with NYAW to provide rate relief to financially strained customers. As part of the agreement, NYAW will suspend the so-called "conservation rate" that recently sent hundreds of South Shore residents' monthly bills soaring. This pricing arrangement charges a progressively higher rate as more water is consumed. The rate divides customers into four tiers based on how much water they use. Watering a lawn with an automatic sprinkler would put a homeowner in the highest tier.

The governor put the value of the state's agreement with NYAW at \$11 million. Thank you, Mr. Cuomo, for acting on behalf of NYAW's customers.

Here's the thing: Why so late? The Herald has been reporting for over a year on NYAW's practices, which have left homeowners paying hundreds of dollars a month — in some cases, more than \$1,000 a month — for water that ratepayers in municipal water districts outside NYAW's jurisdiction pay less than \$50 a

month for.

Sea Cliff ratepayers have consistently said they're tapped out financially just trying to pay their water bills.

NYAW's reaction has been unsympathetic, at best, and downright infuriating, at worst. In recent statements, the company blamed ratepayers for their exorbitant bills, attributing the spike in charges to leaky pipes. Only when pressed by state senators and Assembly members from both the North and South Shore did the company finally attribute the increase to the new conservation rate.

At the Aug. 16 hearing, NYAW officials said the conservation rate was designed to reward customers who limited their water use. But records show that homeowners could use less water than in previous years but still pay more.

It's just shameful, and the state is complicit in all of this. The Public Service Commission approved the conservation rate, apparently without thoroughly scrutinizing its effect on ratepayers' bills, and certainly without demanding public outreach by NYAW to inform ratepayers.

The PSC is now among the state agencies that are investigating the utility. PSC representatives said the agency would look into whether there were any systemic issues within NYAW that would cause the bill spike, and whether the company increased its rates beyond an allowable 5 percent limit.

PSC Deputy Chairman Tom Congdon said the agency would "audit the heck out of" NYAW. Let's hope so.

Meanwhile, Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas, County Comptroller Jack Schnirman and state

Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli are scrutinizing the utility as well.

There is little doubt that NYAW is spending millions to upgrade its water-treatment facilities and pipes. Greater transparency is needed, however, so a ratepayer can know precisely how much of a bill is going toward such projects.

Cuomo said that the rate relief is a temporary measure. What does that mean, precisely? What will happen when the relief package expires? Will rates soar once again?

The governor did not rule out the possibility of a municipal takeover of NYAW. That's a sticky question, though. The Water Authority of Southeastern Nassau County, which was created by the State Legislature to look into the matter, studied the possibility from 2012 to 2016, but nothing came of the effort. After more than five years of deliberations and a \$90,000 feasibility study, the WASENC board of directors voted in early 2016 against a local public takeover of NYAW, effectively dissolving the WASENC.

In its final report, the authority said there was no evidence to suggest that a public takeover would save ratepayers money. In fact, the panel suggested, it would likely cost them \$73, or 11.6 percent, more per year over the first three decades of the takeover. After that, rates could fall by \$75 a year.

The WASENC report came before the recent rate increases that led to mass protests, however. Clearly, state intervention is needed to help resolve this issue for good. Let's hope Cuomo stays on top of this. Nassau ratepayers deserve at least that.

## LETTERS

### Contact your former favorite teacher today

To the Editor:

The obituary "Beloved teacher Thom Ruckert dies at age 72," in the July 26-Aug. 1 issue, would have saddened 75-year-old me even without the parallels I see to myself. Ruckert began his 32 years of teaching in Glen Cove at age 24 in 1969, and retired in 2001, while I began my 37 years of teaching in Oyster Bay-East Norwich at age 23 in 1966, and retired in 2003.

To me, one of the saddest aspects of his death was the statement from his 61-year-old former student who hadn't seen Ruckert since she was a high school senior, despite saying that he was her favorite teacher, who made learning fun.

I found myself wishing she had told him that during the intervening 43 years. So, I urge every adult reading this to reach out, before it's too late, to your favorite teachers, whether



## OPINIONS

## Nellie Bly: She came, she wrote, she conquered

*said I could and I would. And I did."*

—Nellie Bly,  
"Ten Days in a Madhouse"

Newspaper writer Erasmus Wilson was, no doubt, an über-male chauvinist. In an 1885 Pittsburgh Dispatch column, he joked that American families should kill their baby girls, as was common in China then.



**SCOTT  
BRINTON**

In the piece, titled "What Girls Are Good For," Wilson offered advice to an "anxious father" who had written to him, worried that his five daughters, ages 26 to 18, were all unmar-

ried. Women, Wilson argued, belonged in the home — and nowhere else. The working woman, he wrote, was a "monstrosity."

The father's letter — and, more so, Wilson's inane response — riled up 20-year-old Elizabeth Jane Cochrane, who was helping her mother run a boardinghouse in Pittsburgh at the time. Cochrane fired off an angry letter to the editor.

Thank you, Mr. Wilson: Your column inadvertently gave birth to one of history's most important journalists and women's rights advocates. The Dispatch's managing editor, George Madden, was so impressed by Cochrane's thoughtful, articulate reply that he offered her a reporting job. She took it,

changing her name, as was the practice among women newspaper writers then. She called herself Nellie Bly, and went on to become one of the greatest crusading muckrakers of the late 19th century.

I recently read a collection of Bly's work, "Around the World in Seventy-Two Days and Other Writings" (Penguin Classics, 2014), as I rode trains in and out of Manhattan, where I attended a seminar for parents of first-year NYU students.

My 18-year-old daughter, Alexandra, will begin her studies in biomolecular science this fall at NYU's Tandon School of Engineering, where 40 percent of first-year students were women in 2017-18. My, how things have changed in the 133 years since Wilson scrawled his appalling words, I thought. Most women of Bly's era never could have imagined a time when young women would study science at a renowned university side by side with men.

Yet not enough has changed. A headline from the blog of the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank, proves the point: "2016 SAT test results confirm pattern that's persisted for 50 years — high school boys are better at math than girls." The piece, by University of Michigan Professor Dr. Mark Perry, skews data to perpetuate a centuries-old myth.

In Bly's day, women received pennies for every dollar that a man did working the same job — and most jobs were closed to women. Now they are paid 80

cents for every dollar that a man makes, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Working women today are often mocked because of their looks, their every move dissected by male counterparts, and even by our national leaders. So, Alexandra, let Nellie Bly's life serve as an object lesson for you: She never let a man define her professional ceiling.

After two years of reporting for the Dispatch, Bly grew bored and struck out for New York City, talking her way in to the New York World, a newspaper owned by Joseph Pulitzer. She was given a seemingly impossible trial assignment — which, to my mind, was meant to scare her away. She had to go undercover in the charity ward of the notorious insane asylum on Blackwell's Island, now Roosevelt Island.

She was all of 22. She dived headlong into her "delicate mission," as she called it, staying overnight at a women's boardinghouse, posing as Nellie Moreno, a Cuban immigrant with virtually no memory and little money, and talking crazy — crazy enough that the women around her believed she might hurt them. Soon she was locked up on Blackwell's Island, where she witnessed — and endured — horrifying verbal and physical abuse.

Women at the asylum, Bly found, were kept in claustrophobia-inducing, rat-infested quarters where they were starved and drugged. When they

stepped out of line, they were beaten. Many sane women, she discovered, were imprisoned there because they were broke or spoke no English.

A lawyer for the World vouched for Bly 10 days into her ordeal, and she was released, after which she wrote a two-part exposé for the paper, "Behind Asylum Bars" and "Inside the Madhouse," which gripped not only the city, but the nation.

Reforms followed. The city's Department of Public Charities and Corrections allocated an annual budget of \$2.34 million to care for the insane, up from \$1.5 million — a 53 percent increase. The Blackwell Island asylum received an additional \$50,000.

Bly got the job at the World, continuing her undercover reporting and breaking big stories about any number of scandals and atrocities, becoming world-famous. She married in her early 30s and eventually went into her husband's business, but returned to reporting later on, after he died and the company went bankrupt. She died of pneumonia at 57.

My daughter comes from a long line of strong working women, including my mom and my wife. If Bly were alive today, she would likely advise young women to ignore the Mark Perrys of our still-evolving society and help right its wrongs, just as Bly did with Erasmus Wilson.

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## LETTERS

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If any of my 1,000 former students even rank me among their top 10 favorite teachers, I assure you that hearing from you would warm my heart. If you've never seen my Facebook page (Richard Siegelman), you've missed seeing your own picture when you were 8, 9, or 10 years old. I'd also love an e-mail (mrsiegelman@yahoo.com) telling me what you've been up to since whichever June 30 you were last in my classroom, or a direct-message tweet (@MrSiegelman).

The most wonderful eulogies delivered at funerals are always too late for the subject for whom they would have meant the most to hear.

**RICHARD SIEGELMAN**  
*Plainview*

## Ratepayers held hostage

To the Editor:

We now see what happens when a corporate monopoly like New York Ameri-

can Water holds us hostage, reaping record profits from our most basic necessity — our water — and how the state Public Service Commission has been unable to protect the public from American Water's greed and ineptitude.

We commend Gov. Andrew Cuomo for acting on some of our requests, suspending part of American Water's high rate plan, rebuking the company for profits it made from property taxes that were wholly paid by ratepayers, and requiring the utility's shareholders to foot the bill for an independent monitor.

However, these are just baby steps, offering temporary relief until the end of this year. We cannot let our elected officials back down once the elections are over and our winter bills are naturally less. We want American Water's charter revoked and tax-free public water for all Nassau residents instituted.

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