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Shucking up a storm at the Oyster Fest

Brad Launer, of Oyster Bay, tried his hand at a "shuck-off" last Saturday at the Town of Oyster Bay's annual Oysterfest. More photos, Page 14.

On elections, Nassau is a 'problem'

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**
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"The easier it is to vote," North Shore State Assemblyman Chuck Lavine said, "the better it is for democracy."

Lavine, who sits on the Assembly's Voting Rights Committee, and others have been calling for election reforms in the run-up to this year's high-stakes midterm elections on Nov. 6.

Asked what part of state election law needs the most tweaking, Susan Lerner, executive director of Common

Cause New York, a not-for-profit that focuses on voting rights, said, "It's hard to pick just one."

Lerner told the Herald Gazette that the Nassau County Board of Elections is particularly troublesome. "Nassau is one of the problem counties," she said.

Lerner described the county

board as "patronage driven," referring to almost 20 positions on it that are filled by people — Republicans and Democrats — whose relatives hold powerful positions in the county and the various municipalities under its umbrella.

According to Lerner, board members aren't chosen for their ability to run an election. "They're chosen," she said, "because they are reliable foot soldiers for their party."

Bonnie Garone, counsel to David Gugerty, the Democratic Board of Elections commissioner, said that

this is a strength, not a weakness. "It's the duty of each of those political parties to choose people that they know will be loyal to their party," Garone said, adding, "By law, they're chosen for that reason." Democrats on the board advocate for their party's inter-

We are an exceptional state, but when it comes to elections, we are exceptionally behind.

SUSAN LERNER
Executive director,
Common Cause NY

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Glen Cove veterans get care at new VA mobile unit at VFW

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On Tuesday, Glen Cove joined three other Long Island communities taking part in a pilot program aimed at improving veterans' access to medical care.

Previously, local veterans in need of care who live on the North Shore had to head east to the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Northport — a 45-min-

ute drive. Now they can schedule appointments in a mobile unit, on Hill Street in Glen Cove, in the parking lot of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 347.

The bus will be available for appointments every Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., providing what Tony Jimenez, Glen Cove's director of veterans affairs, called "a real valuable tool that our veterans so richly deserve for the sacrifices they've

made for their country."

In Glen Cove, there are about 300 veterans enrolled in the VA, Jimenez said, most of whom served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. "We're aging a little bit," he said. "We all have many medical issues, many going back to our time in the service, particularly Agent Orange" — an herbicide used in the Vietnam War to strip trees of their leaves and

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A showdown in N.Y.'s 3rd district

GOP and Dem candidates that didn't face a primary face off

By LAURA LANE

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Rep. Tom Suozzi, who lives in Glen Cove, is a familiar face on the North Shore, once serving as the city's mayor. He has worked hard to serve his constituents as a congressman and says he would like to continue doing so. Political newcomer Dan DeBono says he is offering a fresh outlook and believes that his experience as an investment banker would be beneficial.

We provided the candidates with a few questions to assist voters in making their choice when they go to the polls on Nov. 6.

Herald Gazette: In some areas in District 3, jobs and small business have begun to diminish. What changes can you effect at the federal level to help boost the local economy?

Tom Suozzi: As a member of Congress, one of my top priorities, is to bring federal dollars back to Long Island to invest and support in infrastructure and industry. The first thing we need to do is reinvest in our crumbling infrastructure and start in places like Long Island where critical infrastructure is approaching 100 years in age. Infrastructure investment will create good, high paying jobs in the near term and reduce costs by making our economy more efficient in the long term. We also need to invest and support local sectors of our economy that will drive growth into the future. Long Island is home to a vibrant community of high-tech companies. We have an aerospace and defense cluster positioned to be a leader in 21st century space exploration and commercialization - an estimated \$3 trillion-dollar industry. Long Island is home to cutting edge life sciences research and development institutions. Directing federal investment in these sectors will spur innovation, new businesses and create new jobs and drive up wages.

Dan DeBono: It's more like all areas. Taxes are too high, businesses are fleeing, and we need to unwind the Suozzi and Cuomo tax hikes. We need to ensure our elected leaders work for their constituents, not special corporate interests. Too many of our elected leaders take both cash and marching orders from giant mega-corporations, then completely fail regular working people when it comes to ensuring fair competition between giants and small business. After 20 years with the world's leading financial institutions, I have the knowledge and ability to strengthen jobs and grow our economy. We must start by



Tom Suozzi
(Incumbent)

Party: Democrat

Age: 56

Family: Married, three children

Hometown: Glen Cove

Education: Juris Doctorate

Career: U.S. Rep., attorney, CPA

Political experience: Former mayor of Glen Cove and former Nassau County Executive

Party affiliations: Democratic, Independence, Reform, Working Families, Women's Equality

reducing taxes, enforcing anti-trust laws, and eliminating burdens that are being placed on small business.

Herald Gazette: Americans' public safety has been threatened by repeated events of gun violence. What do you consider the main cause of this pattern and how would you work to stop it?"

TS: Gun violence is a serious issue in our country. I have been endorsed by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, and Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence. I support common sense gun safety legislation that the vast majority of Americans want, including universal background checks and the Red Flag statute. For the last year I worked very closely with students across Long Island and together we co-hosted three gun violence prevention rallies since March 2018. I have signed on to 16 different gun safety legislation and it is impera-



Dan DeBono
(Challenger)

Party: Republican

Age: 49

Family: Married, two children

Hometown: Huntington

Education: MBA in finance

Career: US Navy SEAL, 20 years in finance, small business owner

Political experience: None

Party affiliations: Republican, Conservative

tive that both sides of Congress work together to enact laws that the vast majority of Americans support.

DD: I think it is crucial to do everything in our power to secure and keep us safe. From enacting and enforcing reasonable gun laws and gun reform to working with our local police departments to root out evil and to continue to be prepared, we can prevent acts of what I believe is terrorism from taking place. Additionally, illegal immigration, amnesty, and sanctuary cities all give comfort to domestic terrorists known as MS-13. We must enforce our borders and root them out.

Herald Gazette: As a congressman, how would you help the North Shore manage environmental issues including the pollution of the Sound and air quality?

TS: I have been endorsed by every

major environmental group, including the New York League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club, and the Long Island Environmental Voters Forum. Over my twenty years in public service, I have had a constant focus on preserving and protecting the environment.

I am proud that I was successful in doubling the federal funding to protect the Long Island Sound and working across the aisle I secured \$34 million to clean up the Navy/Grumman Plume. I serve as Co-Chair of the Long Island Sound Caucus and as Member of the Climate Solutions Caucus to ensure that our district receives its fair share of federal funds.

DD: The North Shore of Long Island is beautiful and filled with endless potential. It is important to continue funding improvements to our waterways and more importantly to educate all Long Islanders on the value of safeguarding this precious resource.

Herald Gazette: What federal resources will you use to help the communities on the North Shore address recent issues related to drinking water?

TS: In the past year, I have spearheaded efforts to clean up the Navy/Grumman Plume, working with my colleagues across the aisle to get \$34 million in federal funding. I also hosted a roundtable with all stakeholders to rededicate efforts to clean up the Navy/Grumman Plume and to lay out concrete steps we can take.

The United States needs a massive investment in infrastructure funding, some of which needs to be dedicated to sewers and septic systems. I am vice-chair of the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus and we are working on finding a solution to this serious problem.

DD: I have had a great opportunity in meeting so many people impacted by contamination of their drinking water. From the Grumman Plume in Bethpage, the lack of sewers in areas on the North Shore and throughout Suffolk we must find better ways to fund these important infrastructure projects. We must hold polluters responsible and not the taxpayers. We must use public private partnerships to fund and have these projects finish quicker and less costly. We must hold corporate polluters accountable within our lifetime. We can't allow our politicians to be funded by the very same groups that are polluting our beloved island which is why I don't take corporate PAC money. I consider it a bribe.



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MEMBERS OF THE Glen Cove City Council discussed a cadre of issues on Tuesday at a regularly scheduled pre-council meeting.

Pre-council updates on budget, bridges and ferries

By **ZACH GOTTEHRER-COHEN**

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Several weeks into continuing budget talks, and just a week before the City Council is scheduled to adopt a final plan for 2019, the mayor and council members still lack a clear understanding of the city attorney's expenditures.

At a pre-council meeting on Tuesday, Mayor Tim Tenke said that he would be meeting with City Attorney Charles McQuair to get a handle on the finances of his department. The meeting followed a contentious pre-council meeting two weeks earlier in which Tenke suggested restructuring McQuair's department, bringing it "in-house" instead of contracting with him independently, as the city currently does.

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman raised complaints about a document that city Controller Sandra Clarson had provided the council earlier this year, which apparently didn't coincide with tax forms that McQuair had filed. Clarson said that the tax forms showed the

most accurate information, and the previous document that had been sent to the council was intended to answer a different set of questions than the ones being addressed at the pre-council meeting. Silverman disagreed, saying that she had sought the same information previously as what was being sought at the meeting.

East Island Bridge

In addition to the final budget vote, the council will decide next Tuesday whether to work with engineering firm Lockwood, Kessler, Bartlett, Inc., to satisfy a grant obtained by the Community Development Agency to rehabilitate Dosoris Pond and the East Island Bridge tidal gates.

Frequent flooding from Dosoris Pond has been one of the key obstacles in finding a permanent solution to the dangerous driving conditions that earlier this year, forced officials to close East Beach Road, one of two entry-points to Prybil Beach.

Ann Fangmann, executive director of

the Community Development Agency, which oversees the grants, told the Herald Gazette earlier this year that fixing the tidal gates could help solve "a whole slew of problems," including flooding and shoreline erosion, which affect the pond's ecosystem and surrounding infrastructure.

The grant will pay for a number of other measures, including repairs to the wing-walls on either side of the East Island bridge, installing plant-life on the shoreline to stabilize it, and assisting with drainage.

Fangmann said she expected construction to begin in 2020, with an end date sometime in 2021. During the work, it's likely that East Island Bridge will need to be closed, which would redirect traffic off of the island via an alternate route, through the Prybil Beach parking lot.

Council woman Pamela Panzenbeck asked whether getting construction equipment to the site from that direction would be a problem. Fangmann said that one of the reasons that LKB

was chosen for the project was that it had done a similar project on the bridge in 2005, and were familiar with the unique issues the geography posed.

Ferry update

Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos also mentioned that the city had submitted a "ferry plan" to state officials in support of its request for a deadline extension by which time they were supposed to have secured a ferry operator, or else risk having to recoup a \$16 million grant.

Tenke told the Herald Gazette earlier this year that ferry operators are looking for subsidies that would reduce their financial risk. Operators are concerned, he said, because there is no way to predict whether a sufficient number of Glen Cove commuters would use a ferry. New York City subsidizes almost all of the ferries that use its ports, Tenke explained, adding that he couldn't imagine that a Glen Cove ferry could operate any differently.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ Male, 38, from Glen Cove, arrested in an undisclosed location for first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation on Oct. 7.

■ Male, 27, from Glen Cove, arrested on Forest Avenue for third-degree assault on Oct. 7.

■ Male, 40, from Glen Cove, arrested on Petite Place for third-degree assault, fourth-degree criminal mischief and two counts of endangering the welfare of a child on Oct. 7.

■ Female, 26, from Glen Cove, arrested on School Street for public lewdness on Oct. 7.

■ Male, 30, from Brooklyn, arrested on Brewster Street for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana and a VTL equipment violation on Oct. 7.

■ Male, 52, from Glen Cove, arrested on Hendrick Avenue for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation, second-degree criminal possession of a forged

instrument and VTL violations on Oct. 8.

■ Female, 32, from Roslyn, arrested on Glen Cove Avenue for ability impaired by drugs, two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana and VTL violations on Oct. 9.

■ Female, 31, from Glen Cove, arrested on Continental Place for third-degree assault on Oct. 10.

■ Female, 59, from Jupiter, Fla., arrested in an undisclosed location as a fugitive from justice on Oct. 11.

■ Male, 20, from Mineola, arrested on The Place for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree unlicensed operation and a VTL equipment violation on Oct. 11.

■ Male 41, from Glen Cove, and a female, 45, from Old Bayville, arrested on Sea Cliff Avenue for one count each of second-degree criminal contempt on Oct. 12.

■ Male, 18, from Lake Ronkonkoma, arrested on Glen Street for fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana on Oct. 13.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Haunted Halloween nights at Coe Hall

Explore the haunted house, which includes special effects, ghosts, live music, and performances. For children 14 and up. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Cash only tickets available at the door; advanced ticket sales end at 4 p.m. Dates: Oct. 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27, 7 to 9 p.m. 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. Info: (516) 922-8668.

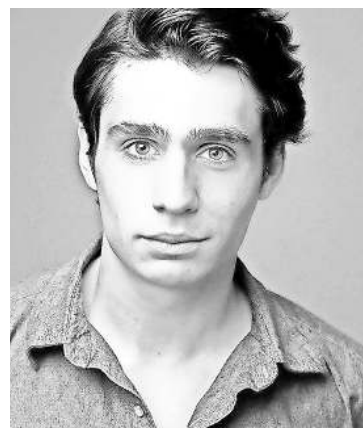


Triple tribute concert

On Oct. 22, experience the music of John Denver, Elton John and the Moody Blues. Hear some of your favorite classics like "Country Roads," "Your Song" and "Nights in White Satin." Features Tim Erbe on guitar and Beth Erbe on keyboard. Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Info: (516) 759-8300.

Sowing your late fall, early winter garden

Head to the Glen Cove Library on Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. as Paul Levine discusses plants that will thrive in the late fall and early winter garden, the proper location and best type of soil for each type of plant, different ways to water your plants and more. Seven attendees will go home with a plant as a raffle prize. 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. Info: (516) 676-2130.

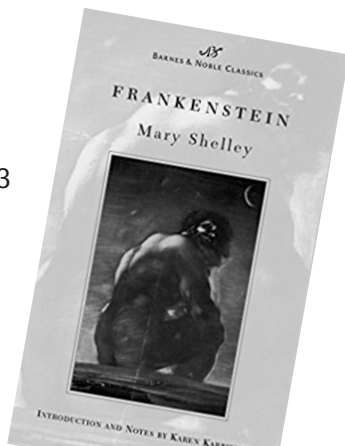


Bobby Conte Thornton in 'Blame it on My Youth'

Direct from his Broadway debut as Calogero in "A Bronx Tale," Bobby Conte Thornton visits the area with his solo cabaret show, on Friday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Landmark. It will feature his mentor, Chazz Palminteri, who will join Thornton on stage to talk about their unique relationship and their collaboration on his life story, which became "A Bronx Tale." Info: (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Little Mary's Monster

Visit Planting Fields State Park's Coe Hall for radio drama-style performance based on Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein," Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-21, 2-3 p.m. Diana Heinlein and David Houston's performance includes sound effects and background music, in a tale inspired by Shelley's manuscript. Info: (516) 922-8600 or www.plantingfields.org.



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HERALD SCHOOLS

Select Chorale heads to prestigious festival



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

GLEN COVE HIGH School's Select Chorale with Choral Director Ed Norris, second from right, Music for All choir coordinators Lori Lobsiger, left, Kim Mann, second from left and Louise O'Hanlon, right, a premiere director from Music for All's inaugural festival.

The Glen Cove High School's Select Chorale was invited to perform at the Music for All National Choir Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana from March 14 to 16.

Glen Cove is the only school from New York and one of nine in the nation to receive the Music for All invitation after participating in a blind audition. The group met with Music for

All representatives on Oct. 3 to receive information on the festival. Principal Antonio Santana and the entire administration commended the students on this outstanding achievement.

Freshmen learn tolerance and kindness



Courtesy Glen Cove City School District

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH Education at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County Helen Turner spoke to Glen Cove High School ninth-graders about tolerance during a recent assembly.

Glen Cove High School ninth-graders were visited by Helen Turner, director of Youth Education at the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, on Oct. 3.

Turner presented "Understanding Impact: Deconstructing Symbols of Hate," which focused on the power of kindness and making informed decisions that are not biased or discriminatory, during the students' social studies classes. The presentation empowered students to become "upstanders" and understand that their actions and decisions should be based on morals and values that will encourage and support openness and diversity.

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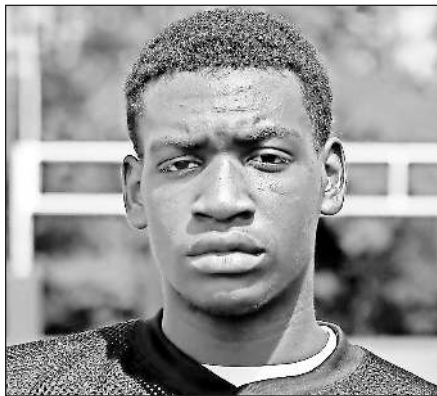


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Glen Cove Junior Football

CHRISTOPHER GUIDED THE Big Red to a come-from-behind 24-21 overtime victory over Division on Sept. 29. He had a pair of touchdown runs and a touchdown pass. Glen Cove won it on a 24-yard field goal by Jorge Rios. A 60-yard scoring strike to Peter Rodriguez and Rios' extra-point tied the game in the third quarter. Christopher also had touchdown runs in the first and second quarters and finished with 123 yards.

GAMES TO WATCH

Thursday, Oct. 18

Girls Volleyball: V.S. South at Glen Cove 5 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 19

Boys Soccer: Class A first round playoffs at higher seed
Girls Soccer: Class A playoff outbrackets at higher seed
Girls Volleyball: Calhoun at North Shore..... 5 p.m.
Girls Swimming: North Shore at Farmingdale 5 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Girls Volleyball: Glen Cove at Sewanhaka 10 a.m.
Football: Floral Park at Glen Cove 2 p.m.
Football: Lawrence at North Shore..... 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 22

Boys Soccer: Class A playoff quarterfinals at higher seed
Girls Soccer: Class AA playoff quarterfinals at higher seed
Girls Soccer: Class A first round playoffs at higher seed

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Girls Volleyball: Glen Cove at Roosevelt.....4:30 p.m.
Field Hockey: Class A semifinals at higher seed

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Boys Soccer: Class B playoff semifinals at higher seed
Girls Soccer: Class AA playoff quarterfinals at higher seed
Field Hockey: Class B semifinals at higher seed

BY J.D. FREDA

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Currently sitting at 6-3 in Conference A4 and looking for a strong close to the season is the Glen Cove girls' volleyball team. An offensive force all through the season, the talented group and coach Matthew Carbone are confident that they can finish out the season on a high note.

"We want to finish 11-3 in conference, that is our goal," Carbone said. "What we are is a very good offensive team, yet we still have some work to do defensively. If I am going to be stubborn coach or nitpick, that's what I would say."

Offensively, the litany of weapons is apparent. Senior captain and outside hitter Evelyn, and eight grade starting setter Brooke, affectionately known as 'the Tran sisters' have been playing extremely well together.

"Evelyn has been a role model not just for her sister, but the whole team. She is one of those players that only comes around every once in a while," said Carbone. "Brooke, or 'Baby Tran' as we call her, has a lot of knowledge for the sport and knows her position so well, which is weird since she plays a different position than her sister."

Senior Alyssa Schmitt is also a captain that has been a staple of this team for the past three years. "Her hitting has improved so much, even from the beginning of this season," Carbone said.

E'Shonne Cofield, Megan Fahey and Caroline Fahey are all contributors that push this high-powered offense along. "(Cofield) jumps out of the gym and she hits so hard...I think every girl that plays her is scared when they see her jump up for it," Carbone said.

Carbone admitted that, despite the success, they have experienced some inconsistency. "A lot of the time the girls play amazing, and other times they may not play as well," Carbone said.

Out of its last three matches, Glen Cove is 2-1, dropping its second match to Valley Stream North this season. Valley Stream North sits atop the conference at 10-0 and will likely take the lone playoff spot in the ability-based division.

Despite an arduous journey and road to the playoffs, Carbone still has positive



Brian Ballweg/Herald

ALYSSA SCHMITT HAS been a consistent force for Glen Cove, which has won four of its last five matches after a mediocre start.

feelings on the year. "Yes, it is bitter-sweet, for sure...Everything was in our hands, and it slipped out in certain moments," Carbone said. "(If we can win out) 11-3 is a positive, good season and I couldn't be more proud of them."

Carbone acknowledged that he is going to have to part ways with some of his longest tenured and talented girls, but understands the process.

"It hurts your heart with what these girls give for years and years for Glen

Cove, but with a heavy heart, I've got to keep going and try to better the program as best as I can," Carbone said. "We've still got the rest of this season."

Although an 11-3 record would be one most coaches would have much pride in, Carbone likes to hang his hat on something else. "I can judge how well we're doing here by the number of girls that return to see you after they graduate. It brings a smile to my face. It shows you the impact you've had on their life."

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THE EVENT'S MODEL coordinator, Janet Wright, got the chance to strut a rainbow look down the runway.

Rotary club takes a turn on the catwalk



GUESTS, ABOVE, MODELED their own designs at the show.

PHILESHA EVANS AND Janice Wardlow, above, right, made small talk at a reception before dinner.

JACKIE WILSON & Rita Turner, far right, considered whether to try their luck with an auction item.

JILLIAN CASSAR AND Sal Annarumm, right, looked at some jewelry for sale.



The Rotary Club of Glen Cove held its first-ever fashion show on Sept. 25 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. The event was a community effort to benefit Rotary Youth Leadership Awards RYLA, which provides programming for high school students with the purpose of educating them in leadership.

Models included members of the Glen Cove club, RYLA, and students and officers from other Rotary clubs in the area. Local outfitters Chico's and Portabella provided the outfits for the models, free of charge. Attendees enjoyed dinner and opportunities to win a plethora of different raffle prizes.

The event was a great opportunity for future Rotarians and current Rotarians to come together and bond through both modeling as well as a common cause.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Oct. 18

Beautification luncheon

Metropolitan Bistro, 39 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 p.m. Enjoy a catered lunch with members of Sea Cliff Beautification as the group celebrates 60 years of tending to Sea Cliff's parks. Bid on raffles, meet with friends and enjoy this year's guest speaker, Sue Giordano.

Awesome apps for your Apple device

Bayville Public Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 6:30 p.m. Professor Ed Hom will provide a fun overview of great apps for your iPhone and iPad. Find out what apps are and where to get them, and learn how to register for free downloadable audiobooks and e-books through the library using your device. (516) 628-2765.

Friday, Oct. 19

Halloween storytime

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Come to the library ahead of Halloween and enjoy stories, music and have lots of fun. Costumes are optional, but encouraged. Recommended for children ages 2 to 5. (516) 759-8300.

Escape the Room: Halloween edition

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Come to the library after we close for a special Halloween-themed "Escape the Library." Can you escape in 60 minutes? Recommended for children in grades 6 through 12. (516) 759-8300.

Saturday, Oct. 20

Sea Cliff Farmers Market

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

Antique truck and car show

United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff, 63 Downing Ave., Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Support the church at this fun auto expo. Includes music, food and a pumpkin patch. Admission is free but donations are welcome. For more information call Jim O'Donnell at (516) 671-5199.

Pumpkin decorating

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Decorate a pumpkin with your favorite designs. The library will provide paint, stickers and gauze for mummy pumpkins. Bring one pumpkin per child. Recommended for children in grades Pre-K through 5. (516) 759-8300.

Pet Parade and Show

Clifton Park, Sea Cliff, 11 a.m. Dress up your pet and show them off. All pets are welcome, costumes encouraged. Hosted by the Sea Cliff Civic Association.

Owl Discovery Program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., 2 p.m. Volunteer for Wildlife will bring live owls and provide an in depth look at the



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

Pick your pumpkins in Sea Cliff

In its 15th year, the United Methodist pumpkin patch, located at 63 Downing Ave. in Sea Cliff, continues as a beloved tradition in the North Shore community. Every year, the church receives a truckload of pumpkins from a Navajo tribe in New Mexico to sell off to threes of autumn enthusiasts. Throughout the month, residents flock to the church to pick pumpkins for their porch, take photos in the fall scene, catch up with neighbors and snack on seasonal treats like pumpkin soup from Still Partners and homemade pumpkin bread. Hours: Monday — Friday, 12 to 6:30 p.m., Saturdays — 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sundays — 12 to 6:30 p.m. The patch will be open for the entire month of October.

fascinating world of these common, but seldom seen, local inhabitants. Register at glencovelibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Author luncheon

La Bussola Ristorante, 40 School St., Glen Cove, 1 p.m. Join The Friends of the Glen Cove Library for their fall fundraiser, featuring guest author Tracy Stopler, author of "The Ropes That Bind." The cost is \$45; includes a three-course lunch. For more information call (516) 676-2130.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Trivia challenge

Greenvale Townhouse, 49 Glen Cove Rd., Greenvale, 6 p.m. Come see how much you know. Match your wits with other great minds. You may win a prize. For more information call (516) 625-8804.

Charms for the homeless

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7:15 p.m. Using clay and paint, adults can make damask polymer clay creations for the Homeless Coalition. Add a key chain too. (516) 759-8300.

Thursday, Oct. 25

Origami monster bookmarks

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave.,

Glen Head, 4 p.m. Learn how to fold and decorate an origami monster that saves your place in a book. Not ready for origami? No problem. Decorate a pre-folded monster bookmark.

Recommended for children in grades K through 2. (516) 759-8300.

Halloween book buddies

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., 4:30 p.m. Volunteer to read to a younger book



Publish your short story

On Monday, Oct. 22, a publisher will visit the Gold Coast Library to discuss the process of manuscript and submission preparation, the mechanics of the short story market, how to research publications, and how to utilize experience earned from the rigors of the market. The focus of the presentation is using the short story market as a prelude to novel publication. Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Info: (516) 759-8300.

buddy, play games and create a special Halloween pumpkin. Students are eligible to receive community service credit. (516) 676-2130.

Author visit

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Author Carola Lovering will visit the library to discuss her debut novel, "Tell Me Lies," take questions from readers and sign copies for guests. Light refreshments will be served. Register online, or call (516) 759-8300.

Friday, Oct. 26

Our Savior's Fall Festival

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 16 Glenwood Rd., Glen Head. Come join in on the fall fun. This festival includes handmade crafts, attic treasures, baked goods, a country kitchen, kids activities, raffle baskets, homemade pies, Norwegian waffles and more. For information call Pastor Kim Wilson at (516) 743-0884.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Glen Cove's annual Halloween parade

Glen Cove. The parade kicks off at 1 p.m. at School Street and Highland Road (rain location: Pulaski Street Garage). A costume contest will be held at 2 p.m. There will be ongoing festivities between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., including trick or treating, a bouncy house, live DJ, fun games, and a pie eating contest. Head to the Regency Assisted Living Center at 12 p.m. for "Scary Story Hour" and refreshments. Sponsored by Glen Cove's Business Improvement District.

In the graveyard

Carpenter Cemetery, Brengle Place, 4 to 6 p.m. Back by popular demand, Sea Cliff's friendly ghosts will return for a haunting and fun reunion, bringing to life the fascinating lives and spirits of the village's past. Get taken on a graveyard tour. Complementary cider and donuts will be served.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Simon and Garfunkel Tribute

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, 2 to 4 p.m. Join us for a Simon and Garfunkel Tribute "Scarborough Fair," presented by the Guthrie Brothers. Enjoy a note-for-note performance of Simon and Garfunkel's best known songs presented with history and humor. All are welcome. Seating on first-come, first-served basis. (516) 671-1837.

Monday, Oct. 29

Snack club

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., 4:30 p.m. Using simple recipes, assemble fun snacks while learning appropriate food handling techniques. Recommended for children in grades 3 through 5. Register at glencovelibrary.org or call (516) 676-2130.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.



Courtesy Tony Gallego/Gill Associates

PETS AND THEIR people turned out in force for last year's pet parade. Organizers hope for a successful reprise this year.

Fun at the Howl'oween Pet Parade

Glen Cove's most fur-bulous pets dressed in their most creative Halloween costumes will take to the streets of downtown Glen Cove in the city's 8th Annual Howl'oween Pet Parade and Costume Contest on Sunday, Oct. 28 from noon to 2 p.m. With great prizes and trophies for the winners, pet costume contest entry will begin at 11 a.m. behind Glen Cove City Hall at 9 Glen Street. Advance registration forms can be downloaded at www.glencove-li.com.

With six contest categories pet-ticipants and their care takers are encouraged to dress in costume for the event and walk the

red carpet in front of an esteemed panel of judges.

All registered participants will receive a free raffle ticket to enter to win great gift baskets. "It is an honor for my dog Winnie to have been selected as the 2018 parade's grand marshal and now the pressure is on for my family to get her costume ready," said Mayor Tim Tenke.

Past parade entrants have included dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, parrots, and even a snake with costumes like from Dr. Seuss with Thing One and Thing Two.

Local org helps Glen Cove residents

Members of the Dr. Albert Hersey Foundation, also known as the "Hand of Love," met Oct. 4, 2018 to elect officers and set the agenda for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

The Foundation serves Glen Cove and outlying communities by giving financial assistance to individuals and families in urgent need. Last year the Foundation provided 196 food cards to 104 men, women, and children. Referrals are

made to the Foundation from social workers, local family service agencies, Glen Cove EOC, Glen Cove Parent Teacher Association, Program, Glen Cove Senior Center and by word of mouth.

The Foundation receives funding from individual contributors and St. John's Episcopal Church of Lattingtown. Tax Deductible Donations can be sent to the Dr. Alberta Hersey Foundation, Inc. P.O. Box 125, Glen Cove, NY 11542.



Courtesy the Dr. Albert Hersey Foundation

FOUNDATION MEMBERS EVELYN Willett-Fisher, left, Betty Obiajulu, Shervel Hersey, Georgina Connett, Adrian Hersey, Pandora Hersey, and Nancy Roenfeldt met in early October to discuss the organization's future.

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the enemy of its cover from air strikes. In the years since its use, the chemical has been determined to cause several types of cancers.

Jimenez said that in the week before he spoke with the Herald Gazette, he had three appointments at the Northport VA center. Given the drive, and less-than-ideal parking that sometimes forces patients to walk long distances from their vehicles to the center, an appointment can be a whole-day affair.

Levi Spellman, a spokesman for the facility and an Army veteran who served in Korea, said that the mobile-unit program was an effort “to bring care in the community,” adding that the unit “is a way we’re looking to be on the forefront of how care is administered.”

Because it’s a pilot program, Spellman said, VA officials planned to take a close look at how local veterans respond to it. “We’re going to have to collect this data over time,” he said, noting that it was too early to tell from the program’s three other locations — in New Hyde Park, Patchogue and Riverhead — whether it would be successful in Glen Cove.

So far, Spellman said, “The participation ... is not as high as you would think.” He speculated that that was because veterans tend to schedule several appointments in the same day to minimize the hassle of a trip to Northport, a habit that



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LOCAL VETERANS AND dignitaries gathered for the ribbon-cutting of the Northport Veterans Affairs mobile unit, which will be stationed in Glen Cove on Tuesdays.

would be hard to break. “We’re asking people to change their current model of care,” he said. “That takes time, and word of mouth.”

According to Jimenez, the program will be flexible, to accommodate the needs of the veterans who make appointments. “I’m told that it’s going to start as prima-

ry care, and then expand as the need develops,” he said. “If there are predominantly heart issues, they might have a cardiac doctor come out to see a number of appointments.”

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said at a ribbon-cutting event for the mobile unit that he hopes that by



THE MOBILE UNIT will be parked in the lot of the Glen Cove VFW Post 347.

demonstrating a need for veterans services in the community — especially among younger veterans — the program can ultimately lead to a permanent, fully operational VA clinic in Glen Cove.

The VA has worked with the Glen Cove VFW to ensure that whenever the mobile unit is parked in the post’s lot, vets will be able to use the building as a waiting room, to stay warm and dry while they wait for their appointments.



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State election law dates to 1890s

ests, and Republicans for theirs. “I think it works very well,” Garone said.

The board, which is required by state law to be run jointly and co-equally by designees of the two major parties, is one of the few political domains of local government that is not subject to changes in the county executive’s political loyalties. Whereas most departments are restaffed after the election of a county executive of a different party, the Board of Elections is more insulated from such changes.

Garone also said that what some call patronage isn’t necessarily a bad thing. “Sometimes, many members of the same family dedicate their lives to public service,” she said. “It doesn’t equal nepotism.” In fact, she said, it can be “honorable.”

County issues

A system based on party loyalty instead of the ability to run an election is more prone to gaps in “basic competence,” Lerner said, “from the voters’ points of view.” She noted several inefficiencies that her organization has documented statewide.

“Nine times out of 10, it’s a mess,” she said of a typical Election Day in New York. “The lines are set up in ways that cross each other,” confusing voters. Sometimes, she added, “The poll workers give contradictory instructions.”

“I believe that the people who run our elections are highly qualified,” Garone countered, “and the proof is in how smoothly our elections run.”

An election worker — who, citing fears of retribution, spoke to the Herald Gazette on condition of anonymity — called the county’s election process “totally inefficient.” The worker referred to “a bunch of locations” where, during the Sept. 13 primary, “we ended up running out of ballots on election night.”

Garone explained that, on Election Day, the board has “rover teams” on the road, ready to restock any polling places that might run low on ballots. Of the recent pri-



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LEGISLATORS AND VOTING rights advocates say New York state’s election law leaves much to be desired.

mary, she said, “I’m not aware of any place that ran out” of ballots.

Statewide issues

Nassau County is not alone in its handling of elections. “We are an exceptional state,” Lerner said of New York, “but when it comes to elections, we are exceptionally

behind.”

The state’s primary elections — in which party members select the candidates for the various races — are a particular source of concern for Lerner. For example, congressional primaries are held separately from state and local primaries. “No other state has two primary dates,”

she said.

In order to vote in a primary, New Yorkers must be registered with a political party no less than 13 months before the vote. Lavine said, “There is some rationale for imposing a considerable period of time” between the registration deadline and the primary. “What would stop droves of Democrats from registering for the [Republican] primary?” he asked, adding that doing so would enable them to nominate the weaker of the two choices and increase the chances of a Democratic victory in the general election. “But 13 months, which is our New York version, is far too long.”

The laws governing New York’s elections are based, Lerner said, on a framework from the 1890s. The registration deadlines, for example, were defined “at a time when paper [registrations] had to be carried from place to place and then copied.” Nowadays, she said, there’s no reason why digitized voter rolls can’t be used to allow same-day registration.

“If we had electronic poll books,” Lavine said, “then it would be much easier to have early voting, and much easier to vote in general.” Early voting, he said, is imperative in fair elections: “Many people work two or three jobs, limiting their ability to set aside time to vote on Election Day.” He added that in rural parts of New York, some people have to travel considerable distances to their polling places.

NEWS BRIEF

Coffeehouse Concert

Brookville Church’s new youth performance group, “Brookville’s Broadway,” will perform its very own Kids 4 Kids Coffeehouse Concert on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

All the money raised at the event will be used to send underserved children to a summer camp in Glen Cove.

“Brookville’s Broadway” has added some exciting features to this year’s Coffeehouse Concert, including a six-course dinner for 10 for which the youth will cook, serve, provide light entertainment and clean up. Babysitting, tutoring services and dance lessons will also be offered.

For further information, call the Brookville Church office at (516) 626-0414 or email BrookvilleChurch@gmail.com. Brookville Church and Multifaith Campus, 2 Brookville Road, Glen Head.

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A taste of tradition at 35th Oyster Fest

By **ALYSSA SEIDMAN**

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An anxious crowd of festival goers gathered around the bandstand on West End Avenue in Oyster Bay last Saturday, awaiting the anticipated oyster shucking and eating contest at the 35th annual Oyster Festival. The midday sun offered slight relief from the bitter winds that blew in from the bay, but onlookers kept their sights set on the stage as volunteers unloaded piles of oysters in front of competitors.

The Oyster Festival, a three-decade long tradition of food, fun and entertainment, began as a humble celebration in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who spent much of his life in the hamlet. Residents enjoyed the event so much that it became a permanent notch in Oyster Bay's belt. It has since invited visitors from all over the island — and the country — to engage in a fun-filled festival weekend with rides, games, vendors and, of course, oysters.

The most iconic events of the weekend are the oyster shucking and eating contests, which draw skilled competitors to duke it out in a bout of "culinary athleticism" on the West End Avenue stage year after year. Throes of cheering fans crowd the bandstand to watch the action up close, hoping to catch a glimpse of the fast-paced fun.

Four competitors signed up for the



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

FOUR SHUCKERS TOOK part in the 2018 oyster shucking contest, coming from as close as Glen Cove to as far as Mattituck.

shucking contest. Event sponsor Frank M. Flowers & Sons provided rubber aprons, utility gloves and oysters while the "master shuckers" wielded their own oyster knives. Emcee Jim Kerr, from Q104.3's Rock & Roll Morning Show, riled up the crowd as the competition began.

With four minutes on the timer, the shuckers attacked their respective oyster

piles, digging into the marbled shells and exposing the briny bites in mere seconds. Each competitor's face was scrunched in determination, their hands moving quickly as they maneuvered the knife in and around the half-hollow mollusks. Their elbows cocked in and out as they shucked each oyster skillfully. After the contest they each enjoyed a well-earned

oyster fresh from the shell.

Mattituck native Kristopher Ocker took first place, shucking 33 oysters. A tie for second required a pulse-racing "shuck-off" between Dave Mahnken, of Poughkeepsie, and hometown favorite Brad Launer, of Oyster Bay. After a heated one minute and 30 seconds, Launer was awarded second-place. He won by a single oyster.

This was Launer's ninth year participating in the shucking contest. What keeps him coming back, he said, is his great love for the festival. "It's a good part of the community, we make a lot of money for charity here, so it's a fabulous time," he said. "I love doing it."

Once remnants of shucked shells were cleared from the competition stage, aluminum tins filled to the brim with opaque oysters were lined up on the table for the eating contest. Among the 12 competitors were 2017's oyster-eating champion Shawn Leonard, of Cold Spring Harbor, and his cousin Dave Leonard, who once devoured 480 oysters in one contest. This was his first time competing in 19 years. Kerr referred to them as "the two most ferocious competitive eaters."

Once given the go-ahead, the Leonards — employing the same strategy — scooped up their plates, sucking the oysters right out of the tins. They slurped with ferocity, the mollusk's salty juices dripping down from their chins.

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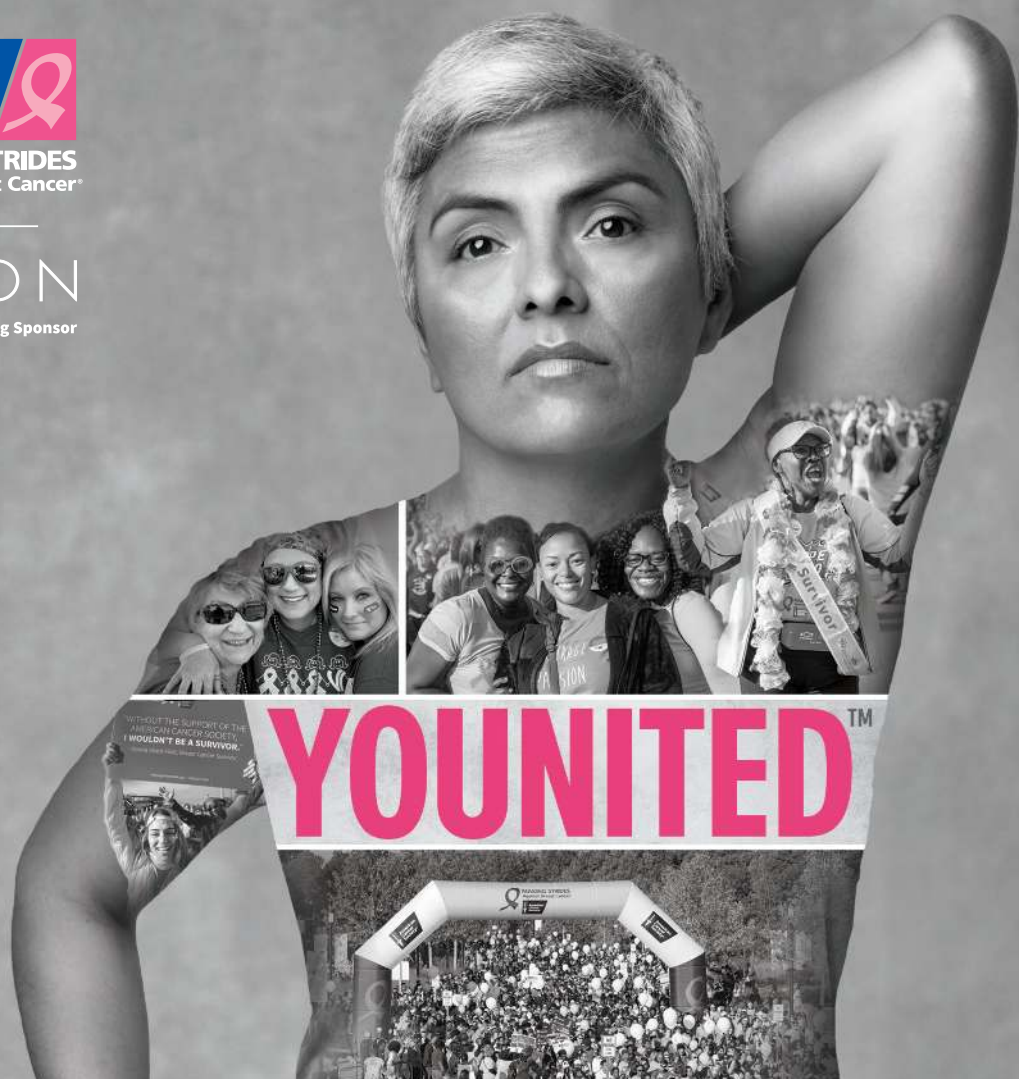
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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Dee Snider rocks Tilles Center in 'Rocktopia' national tour

Rocktopia" doesn't fit in any one box. A classic rock musical performed by an orchestra and a rock band in a mash up with rock, opera and Broadway singers all together? The phenomenon is in a class all its own and that is just how Dee Snider likes it.

"'Rocktopia' is a whole unique experience and that's what drew me to it when they invited me to sing with them on Broadway the first time," he says of the show that makes its way to Tilles Center for the Performing Arts on Oct. 20, at 8 p.m. "It's a different experience. You can't say, 'Oh, I have seen this before.' You definitely have not!"

Whether you fancy Journey and Aerosmith or Beethoven and Puccini, "Rocktopia" promises something for everyone. Rock music is quintessentially universal, and Snider will not only provide the hits that brought his band, Twisted Sister, fame in the '80s, but he'll also be tapping into his operatic side.

"It should be more than interesting. Anybody who doubted I could sing Zeppelin and saw 'Rocktopia,' they now know that it's not out of my wheelhouse, and now being a classically trained countertenor, I think I'll deliver my operatic moments quite well."

Snider's visit to Long Island also allows him the opportunity to revisit his roots. The Baldwin native sang in the choir at Tilles Center when he attended New York Institute of Technology because his own school did not have a choir.

"I worked at the radio station at C.W. Post (now LIU Post), WCWP, and Tilles Center had just opened at that point. It was a brand new thing back in the '70s," he recalls. "I saw one of my favorite bands, Slade, perform there. They were a huge inspiration for me. There's a lot of memories connected to Long Island."

It seems that just about everyone has a Dee Snider story, whether they met him on the street getting a coffee, saw him perform, or ran into him buying light bulbs. "It's like no degrees of separation," he laughs.



The cast of the hit Broadway show is now touring, The diverse array of rock, Broadway and opera vocalists, also includes We McDonald, a Season 11 finalist on NBC's "The Voice."

In fact, a few weeks prior to "Rocktopia," Snider was in Long Beach for his annual charity event, Dee Snider's Ride. The 2018 ride, which marked its 16th anniversary, benefits Melissa's Wish.

"When I started the Ride I told people that one day they'd be rolling me out there drooling on myself. I'm not there yet by any means, but true to my word, 16 years later, we're still doing great work," Snider says.

"Melissa's Wish was inspired by a young woman who used to ride with us years ago, but who got cancer and died. Her dying wish was that her father would create a charity that would help the caretakers of sick people. We started the charity and we're using the finances to help local families who tragically lost loved ones and are in financial, desperate straits."

Snider will be sharing the stage with

"Rocktopia" lead guitarist Tony Bruno, a fellow Long Islander who got his start opening for Twister Sister in the band Swift Kick. "Back in the day, Twister Sister was this huge local phenomenon playing these clubs to 100, 200 people every night," Snider remembers of his early days at clubs like Speaks, Mad Hatter and OBI.

"We found this little band called Swift Kick with talented young musicians, and we invited them to be our regular opener. There was this amazing guitar player in the band, Tony Bruno. Since then his career has just been incredible!"

Bruno went on to produce, write and direct music for Rihanna, Julio Iglesias, and Zayn Malik. "Forty years later, it will be two old friends up there, and dare I say, crushing it!"

Though Snider wouldn't mind delving further into acting (he was last seen as



Photos courtesy Matthew Murphy

Dee Snider finds his musical groove as Rocktopia's guest vocalist.

Sheriff Ron getting eaten by a shark in the sixth "Sharknado" flick), he's excited about "For the Love of Metal," his latest album and his first to enter the Billboard charts in 30 years.

"Just the fact that it's being talked about is blowing my mind. Some of it is timing. Look at how Tony Bennett has reconnected with a younger audience. It's kind of what's happening to me right now. Record store owners have told me they have young kids walking in for the Dee Snider record, and when they say, 'Oh, are you a Twisted Sister fan?' the kids are going, 'Who's that?' It pleases me to no end that they're just discovering my music and liking it!"

Snider also has an animated Netflix series on the pipeline, but for now he is excited about bringing "Rocktopia" to a wider audience as it goes on tour. "We all grew up on rock, so there's an appreciation of it," he says of why "Rocktopia" has a built-in fan base.

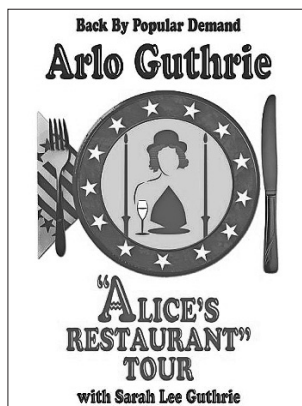
"If there was a dinner party and they invited the most important people in the world of music, Bach, Beethoven, Hendrix and Queen would be there. They all created something important. This show ties them together and makes you appreciate that they each have their place at that table."

Tickets are \$129, \$99, \$79, \$59, \$49, \$39; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

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ON STAGE Arlo Guthrie

When legendary folk music icon Arlo Guthrie took to the road to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his seminal song "Alice's Restaurant Massacre," he was incredibly moved by the feedback from enthusiastic fans. He now brings his "Alice's Restaurant: Back By Popular Demand Tour" to Long Island. Folk songs enduring many decades of change only become classics when storylines remain just as relevant today as they were when originally composed. "Alice's Restaurant" is of this ilk; it's now weaved into the fabric of American society. Guthrie is joined on stage by his son Abe and longtime collaborators Terry "A La Berry" Hall (drums), Steve Ide (guitar, vocals) and Carol Ide (vocals, percussion) of his former acclaimed band Shenandoah. Guthrie's daughter Sarah Lee Guthrie, a lauded singer-songwriter in her own right, also appears, opening the show.



WEEKEND Out and About

Friday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

IN CONCERT Tower of Power

Tower of Power has been a staple on the R&B scene for over five decades. They share a bill with the soul-funk powerhouse the Average White Band, for a memorable evening of funk combined with a whole lot of soul. Hailing from Oakland, Calif., Tower of Power's bold horn section and experimental style still resonates. In 1972, TOP gained national fame for "You're Still a Young Man." Nu Since then, and numerous lineup changes later, the band — still led by founding member and saxophonist Emilio Castillo — is going strong. Their horn section is a force in and of itself. They've shared the stage with Grateful Dead, Elton John, Little



lively concert, bringing some funk from across the Atlantic. This Scotland-based band defined the '70s with their disco hits and continue to treat audiences to their timeless music. Like TOP, Average White Band has been a perennial favorite among R&B fans for nearly half a century. Together they meld jazz, funk, rock and soul in a powerful performance.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. \$73, \$58, \$43. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Feat. Rod Stewart, and Aerosmith, among others, thanks to their powerful brass talents. Today, the band includes 10 members who combine trumpets, guitar, sax, and more for an outstanding show. Average White Band adds to the

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Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage



Man of La Mancha

The classic musical based on Cervantes' "Don Quixote," Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18-19, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 20, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 24, 8 p.m.. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Dave & Friends

The band performs a tribute to Waits and Zevon, Thursday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Kate Usher and the Sturdy Souls

The alternative soul-pop-rock band in concert, Thursday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

The Kennedys

The husband and wife folk-rock duo in concert, Thursday, Oct. 18, 7:30, p.m. Cinema Arts Center, Sky Room Cafe, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

The Price is Right Live

The hit interactive stage experience inspired by the long-running TV game show, Thursday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Bobby Conte Thornton

The actor-singer in concert, with his cabaret show "Blame It On My Youth," Friday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. With special guest Chazz Palminteri. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-1384 or www.landmarkon-mainstreet.org.

Jessie's Girl

The acclaimed tribute band in concert, with its "Back to the Eighties" show, Friday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

JJ Mack

The jam band in concert, Friday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.



Max Weinberg's Jukebox

Drummer extraordinaire Max Weinberg returns to the Landmark on Main Street stage with his "Jukebox" show, on Friday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m.

An interactive concert experience, Weinberg invites the audience to create in real time the set list he and his crack four-piece combo will play that night. Performing songs from the glory days of rock and roll, audience members get to choose from a menu of over 200 songs — everything from the Beatles to the Stones to Bruce and The E Street Band's biggest hits — and hear the group play 'em the way they want to hear them played.

Tickets are \$65, \$53, \$48; available at (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

The Loser's Lounge

A battle of the bands tribute to Barry Manilow and Bette Midler, Friday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com. ny.com.



Los Lobos

The Tex-Mex influenced rockers in concert Friday, Oct. 19, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

She Kills Monsters

Qui Nguyen's comedic romp into the world of fantasy role-playing games, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20, 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21, 3 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Road, Centerport. 557-1207 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

Billy Gardell

The down-to-earth comic on his stand-up tour, Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. With special guest Ben Creed. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountry.com.

Frankenstein: Little Mary's Monster

A radio-style drama reading with of Mary Shelley's classic, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 20-21, 2 p.m. Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Rd., Oyster Bay. 922-9210 or www.plantingfields.org.

Monsters of Freestyle

The Freestyle showcase, Saturday, Oct.

20, 7:30 p.m. With TKA, Rob Base, Expose, Crystal Waters, Shannon, Sweet Sensation, Johnny O, Coro, Lisette Melendez, Soave, Alisha & Pretty Poison. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.livenation.com.

Roger Street Friedman

The popular band in concert, Saturday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

From Italy, Con Amore

Tenor Salvatore Chiarelli in concert, Sunday, Oct. 21 2 p.m. Program includes popular traditional and classical Italian songs, opera and musical theater. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

So You Think You Can Dance Live

The stage version of Fox's hit TV reality-dance competition, Sunday, Oct. 21, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

Triple Tribute

Tim and Beth Erbe in concert, in a tribute to John Denver, Elton John and the Moody Blues, Sunday, Oct. 21, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Tesla

The heavy metal band in concert, Thursday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. With special guest Rubicon and VOX. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

For the Kids

Halloween Escape the Room

Escape the library in a Halloween-themed event, Friday, Oct. 19, 7-8 p.m. For grades

6-12. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.



The Little Mermaid Jr.

Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in the charming musical, adapted from Disney's 2008 Broadway production, Saturday, Oct. 20 11 a.m.; Sunday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

Picture Book Films

See short films based on favorite children's books, Friday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. For ages 2-5. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Owl Discovery

Join Volunteers for Wildlife for an in-depth look at owls, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Oct. 26, noon (for children entering Kindergarten in 2019) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Registration required. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Museums/Galleries and more...



True Colors

A full range of color's magic is on display in this exuberant show of over 100 works from the 19th century to the current hot talents. From Monet and Matisse to Mark Rothko and Frank Stella, and onward to the huge Color Field canvases and pulsing neon sculptures of today, color as a means of expression is the keynote for this exhibition. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

The Harlem Hellfighters

A groundbreaking exhibit about the World War I African-American Army unit, consisting of 33 men from the Glen Cove area. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.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 Street and Prime Avenue, 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 Drive, 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 Street and Prime Avenue, Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

At the Movies

See "Tag," the comedy about five highly competitive friends, Thursday, Oct. 18, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Friday Flick

See "Blockers," the comedy about a trio of parents who try to stop their daughters from losing their virginity on prom night, Friday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or www.glencovelibrary.org.

Movie Showing

See the 1962 western "Lonely are the Brave," Friday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m.; also "Leave No Trace," a drama about a family living on the margins, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Sketching in the Galleries

All ages can express their creativity and sketch in the museum's gallery space, Sunday, Oct. 21, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Help yourself to a variety of drawing supplies, grab a seat and create. Free with admission. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org.

Film Screening

See the documentary "Rothko: An Abstract Humanist," a rare examination of the life and work of Mark Rothko, Tuesday through Sunday, Oct. 23-28, 12 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Having an event?

Submissions can be emailed to kbloom@iherald.com.

Tale of terror

Dear Great Book Guru,
My friends and I have a monthly book club and this year we would like to read something special for Halloween, something frightening, but also worthwhile, with social commentary perhaps?

—Gravitating towards the Ghoulish

Dear Ghoulish Gravitator,

I recently reread the 1990's horror novel, "Rosemary's Baby," by Ira Levin. While it can be read as a terrifying tale of urban bliss gone bad, I found it much more socially relevant this time around. Rosemary, a young wife, has left her mid-western family home, the religion of her youth, her conservative-minded parents and her many siblings to live in New York City with her aspiring actor husband, Guy. We meet the couple as they navigate the

urban real estate market with the prize being the apartment of their dreams, but one with shadowy hints of cannibalism, devil worship, and murderous wizardry. Rosemary's eagerness to please everyone: her husband, her doctors, her neighbors, and her friends can be seen as commentary on a woman's place in society. Faustian bargains to advance careers are casually made and complaints are dismissed as hysteria. Soon we come to realize these characters are out-sized versions of ourselves set in a wildly fantastical world of evil improbabilities but mir-

roring much of what we know to be true. You will be very surprised at how topical this novel is. Highly recommended!

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



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NEWS BRIEF

Realtor to use Waze to promote open houses on L.I.

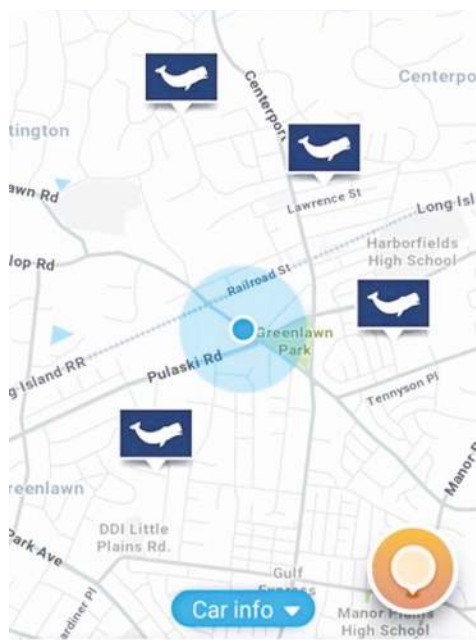
Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty will use the widely popular traffic and GPS navigation app, Waze, to capture a broader audience for its listings and open houses on Long Island. Starting Sept. 15, during a company-wide open house weekend, Waze users will be notified of nearby open houses, indicated with a "whale" pin on the Waze map at its location.

Interested parties will be further directed to the open houses through a separate detailed takeover ad with additional information about the open house, which is revealed to users when the vehicle is at a complete stop. More than 200 properties across Long Island will be featured on Waze during the company-wide open house.

Marion Weiler, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, called the Waze rollout a continuing part of "our 360 degree approach to integrative, innovative marketing," and the first of several rollouts this fall that will introduce new concepts in marketing to help agents be more effective and add more value to the agent-client relationship.

"Technology has revolutionized the real estate industry, and we will continue to stay on the cutting edge as new technologies and applications develop," Weiler said. "Regardless of what technology can offer to help in the home buying and selling process, real estate remains, at heart, a people business. An experienced, knowledgeable and local real estate agent can do what no technology can do on its own, that is, provide the human connection that can seal the transaction with the right buyer, at the right price."

Weiler added, "Technology may lead you to the house of your dreams, but it



Courtesy Daniel Gale Sotheby

STARTING SEPT. 15, Waze users will be notified of nearby Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty Open Houses, indicated by a "whale" pin on the Waze map at its location.

takes the right real estate professional to lead you through the process."

"We are very excited to introduce another innovative strategy to market our listings to prospective buyers by harnessing the power of a heavily used and trusted app," said Deirdre O'Connell, Chief Executive Officer. "We take pride in our standing as the leading real estate organization on Long Island. We set the standards, and the path, for other firms to follow."

—Alyssa Seidman



VIEWFINDER

By SUSAN GRIECO

THE QUESTION:

Other than social media, what app do you use the most?



I use my Dunkin' Donuts app every day, because the points accumulate, and I get free beverages.

VICTORIA DeVITO
College Student



Definitely Waze, because I don't know how to read a map.

TERRY WYNNE
Retired



I use Shazam when I hear a song I like, and I don't know the name of it. It lets me know what song it is.

ROSE MILLER
Assessor



For me, it's got to be Netflix. I use it a lot, especially when I visit my grandparents, since there's no TV in the bedroom.

TOM SULLIVAN
College Student



Fiverr is a great tool that helps me find goods and services at a fraction of the price. You can find just about anything there!

CAT DUNN
Business Owner



My coaches use sportsYou to schedule games and practices. Since I play volleyball, basketball, lacrosse, soccer and softball, I'm on that app a lot!

CATHERINE ANDREE
9th Grade

HERALD Crossword Puzzle

King Crossword

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- 5 One-on-one battle
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- 13 Paquin or Faris
- 14 Raw rock
- 15 Over
- 17 Pen point
- 18 Vagrant
- 19 Ticket
- 21 Aspect
- 24 Idea that spreads on the Web
- 25 48-Across' counterparts
- 26 Room-to-room access-
- 30 Convent dweller
- 31 Great praise
- 32 Old card game
- 33 Wine pourer
- 35 Existed, Biblically
- 36 Do as you're told
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- 38 Cease-fire
- 40 Noble title
- 42 Melody
- 43 Ecclesiastical compact
- 48 See 25-Across

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- 53 Unaltered
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- 20 Coal diggers' org.
- 21 Ward (off)
- 22 Chills and fever
- 23 Open area at a terminal
- 24 Othello, for one
- 26 Responsibility
- 27 Praise in verse
- 28 Days gone by
- 29 Drunkards
- 31 Patella
- 34 Jimmy Kimmel's network
- 35 Tusked mammal
- 37 Buddy
- 38 Party-game pin-on
- 39 Go by train
- 40 Son of Seth
- 41 Pimples
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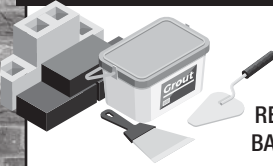
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ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

Takeout to curb Halloween candy cravings

By CATHI TUROW

On Halloween night, I love to give trick or treaters chocolate eyeballs. To be certain I'll have enough for every child in the tri-state area, I buy bags of them in advance. The problem is, before Halloween the eyeballs stare at me. As a takeout queen with an empty refrigerator the only way I can avoid devouring them is by getting in my car and finding new and delicious takeout choices in our neighborhood. If you find yourself in a similar situation, I suggest you go to:



CATHI TUROW

■ **NYCR (New York Chicken and Rice)** (214 Glen Cove Ave. A, Glen Cove) This café just opened and it's one of the most creative restaurants ever. The idea is to put together a meal in four steps. Step 1: Select a base, which can be lettuce, different types of rice, fries or a pita pocket. Step 2: Fill your base with chicken prepared four different ways, gyro, or a falafel. Step 3: Choose two or more toppings, there are 17 in all. Many toppings are homemade, such as the spicy feta and red schug. Step 4: Choose from 17 unique sauces including coconut tahini. With all these innovative options, you can go back every day for months and never repeat a meal. However, if you're still worried about going home and eating the Halloween candy, head to:

■ **Cactus Café** (214 Glen Cove Ave. D, Glen Cove) Spicy tomato soup is back for the fall. Since chipotle is one of the main ingredients, the super spicy kick will keep you warm on the inside on a cool, autumn day. However, if the chipotle isn't curbing your sweet tooth and Halloween candy is still on your mind, go to:

■ **Villa Mecì Pizzeria** (214 Glen Cove

Ave., G, Glen Cove) Customers are loving the new barbeque, buffalo and bacon pizza. Although, after eating a slice you're pretty sure you'll still go home and wolf down the candy, go to:

■ **Youngs Farm** (91 Hegeman's Lane, Glen Head) Fresh, homemade pumpkin soup is back for the season. If you're craving a little more pumpkin, go to:

■ **International House of Pancakes** (1586 Northern Blvd., Manhasset) Pumpkin Spice Pancakes and Cinn-A-Stack Pancakes are back for the fall. Somehow, they miraculously mated and created a new pancake: Pumpkin and Cinn-A-Stack. These pancakes are made with real pumpkin and layered with cinnamon roll filling. For those who will

always be young at heart, try the Kid's Scary Face Pancake. A buttermilk pancake comes with little sides of mini Oreos, candy corn, whipped topping and a strawberry. Create your own frightening pancake face! Finally, before heading home, stop at:

■ **Edible Arrangements** (64 School St., Glen Cove) The new Halloween baskets are filled with fresh fruit and have a few spooky Halloween treats hiding between the melons and strawberries. I plan to send one to myself on Halloween night. That way, as I give out candy to trick or treaters, I can munch on the pineapples and grapes. Before leaving the store, take out a cup of fresh fruit dipped in rich, thick chocolate. The fruit is dipped right in the shop.

I'll be honest. Even if I munch on all these delicious takeout foods, I'll probably still eat the chocolate eyeballs. But maybe only two . . . or six. See you next month!

OBITUARIES

Edward J. Van Bremmer

Edward J. Van Bremmer, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Oct. 11, 2018. Army veteran and proud member of the American Legion Post 962. Beloved husband of Sofia; devoted father of Irene Katon, Linda Martone and Diane; loving grandfather of Brian, Stephanie, Rachel and Jessica. In lieu of flowers contributions in his name may be made to American Legion Post 962, 28 Forest Ave., Locust Valley N.Y. 11560.

vin (Jerome); cherished grandmother of Jamie, Joseph, Matthew, Kyra, Justine (Albert), Brett, Taylor, Daniel and Ryan; proud great-grandmother of Albert John; devoted sister of the late Charles Vissicchio (Fina). Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home. Funeral mass at St. Boniface Martyr Church, followed by an interment at Locust Valley Cemetary.

Carol Ann Griffin

Carol Ann Griffin, of Sea Cliff, N.Y., died on Oct. 11 2018. Active member of the Sea Cliff community and St. Boniface Martyr Church, and a local photojournalist. Beloved wife of the late Warren; loving mother of Joseph (Jane) Linda Emmerich (Peter), James, Brian and karen Gal-

Dino Pinchiaroli

Dino Pinchiaroli, 57, of Glen Cove, N.Y., died on Oct. 4, 2018. He is survived by his children, Matthew and Amy, his mother, Mary, siblings, Renee Ryan, Jane and Chris, aunt, Joan Foley, uncle and aunt, Mario and Nadine Bottali, and 10 nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his father, Dino. He will be remembered for his YouTube videos and his ability to repair anything.

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Reducing sexual assault in schools is ongoing fight

The recent U.S. Senate hearings to confirm Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh captivated the nation in some of the most contentious weeks of the Trump presidency. We will never know with absolute certainty whether Kavanaugh is guilty or innocent of the sexual assault charges leveled against him. A complaint more than three decades old, without physical evidence, simply could not be proven. In the end, it was a case of one person's word against another's.

The case, though, shined a light on sexual assault of young women, particularly in high school and college settings. With tempers now cooling, we should all take a moment to reflect.

According to a 2017 Association of American Universities survey, 23.1 percent of female college students were victims of sexual misconduct or assault after they were threatened physically, assaulted or incapacitated. And that might very well be an underestimate. We know that many sexual assault cases are never reported.

In a comprehensive review of nationwide statistics, the Associated Press found that U.S. students committed roughly 17,000 sexual assaults from 2011 to 2015. Nearly 5 percent of victims were 5 and 6 years old.

Sexual assault of young women dates back decades — even centuries and millennia. What is new, however, is social media, which enables abusers to disseminate news of their “conquests” quickly and easily to a significantly wider audi-

ence, re-victimizing the already traumatized victims and potentially egging on further attacks by others.

Most men do not sexually abuse young women. Most men are decent, law-abiding people. That holds true even at the often alcohol-fueled festivities that are common on college campuses. We mustn't make all men out to be villains. They aren't. Many are allies of women in the growing #MeToo movement to out the abusers.

We do, however, need to do a better job of educating young men about what is acceptable behavior around women, particularly at parties at which substances are imbibed. We also need to teach young women how to report abuse when it happens. And colleges and universities must do more to protect potential abuse victims and prosecute cases when warranted. Too often in the past, abuse was covered up in the name of protecting a school's reputation.

Under the Obama administration, colleges were expected to respond quickly and fairly to reports of sexual assault. Guidelines issued in 2011 stated that the federal government would vigorously monitor schools in carrying out that obligation. A number of school officials criticized the Obama-era rules, however, arguing they were too onerous.

Last year, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos rescinded those rules, and this year she unveiled policy proposals to strengthen the rights of students accused of sexual assault and reduce the liability of colleges and universities, while encouraging schools to provide more sup-

port for victims. DeVos tried to claim the high ground, saying the plan would include a public-comment period. There is no doubt, however, that it was a step back in the long fight to reduce and eradicate sexual assaults in schools.

Consider for a moment the recent case of former Michigan State gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar, who sexually assaulted 332 female students from the 1990s to 2016. He was sentenced to 40 years in prison. The case confirms the long-held belief that sexual assault is a terrible and terrifying reality of higher education.

On one recent National Public Radio program, a majority of the boys questioned agreed that verbal consent is necessary before first making physical contact with a girl. The stress should be on *verbal* consent. Without it, signals could get crossed, one boy rightly noted. He described a scene in which a girl and a boy are attracted to each other. She sits down next to him on a bus, covers them with a blanket, and lies down to cuddle and hold hands. The boy said her actions could be seen as signs of consent to go further — but maybe they aren't.

It's always best to communicate intent before you act. Parents, teachers, coaches and everyone responsible for the well-being of young people should drive home that message to the boys and girls, and even the college-age men and women, in their care. With better education, we would expect the number of sexual assaults in school to decrease. The messaging must, however, be unrelenting.

LETTERS

Making the hard decisions

To the Editor:

There has been much talk about Mayor Tim Tenke's budget proposal, especially as it addresses the need to keep the budget within our means. Various financial challenges have developed over the past several years, and the mayor is working to rein in spending rather than increase the burden on taxpayers. Importantly, he is working to do this with a balanced approach, which I applaud. City taxes might go up a bit, but I appreciate that our mayor is thoroughly examining the current situation and making sound decisions.

Just like we make difficult decisions in our family budgets, we must also do the same as a city. While Tenke is suggesting cuts, he is also seeking creative solutions to help fill the gap by proactively reaching out to county and state officials, corporations, city departments and others. We need more of this kind of sound judgment coupled with creative problem solv-



OPINIONS

The president's party doesn't care about the Empire State

By any measure, America is sharply divided over the presidency of Donald Trump. Even in a so-called blue state like New York, I know quite a few people who are avid Trump supporters, but I never let their loyalties interfere with our relationships. The blessing of living in a democracy is that we are free to



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favor or oppose any politician, with no consequences.

My friends who are Trump backers remind me about the booming stock market and improved relations with North Korea. They sing the praises of a man who they say

is unafraid to express his views on any subject. They are true believers, and I respect their First Amendment rights. But as a lifetime New Yorker, I consider the president and the Republican Congress enemies of our state and its residents.

It may be that holders of 401(k) accounts are thrilled with their gains

over the past year, but come next April 15, when we file our taxes, the smiles will disappear. A Republican Congress that hates the coastal states took away our ability to deduct state and local taxes, and most of us will feel the bite very soon.

To add to our misery, Congress has been working overtime to take away health care benefits from every eligible citizen in this region. But for the courage of the late Sen. John McCain, New Yorkers would have lost their rights to coverage for pre-existing conditions. Frustrated by their failed effort to repeal the Affordable Care Act, the majority in Congress, with the support of the president, is constantly seeking new ways to eliminate access to health care.

At the risk of sounding too liberal, I resent the failure of this Congress to protect the 800,000 “dreamers” who were born in America and who have become solid citizens. Trump dumped the dreamer problem into the hands of Congress, and was happy to let the members battle each other on this very sensitive issue, which has yet to be

resolved.

To this day, I am mystified by our government's treatment of the people of Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rican heritage is strongly woven into the culture of many of our local communities. People of Puerto Rican heritage live in many parts of this region, and every day they make significant contributions to our quality of life. Residents of their home island are American citizens, and are entitled to be protected by our government.

As the father of four daughters, I cringe at the president's remarks on women's issues. Somehow, men are now an endangered species and women are “doing just fine,” according to Trump. Come Nov. 6, the Republican Party will pay a price for its indifference to women and their issues, and the payback is a long time in coming.

The tone of the debate at the national level has descended into the gutter, and the majority party must take most of the blame for that. The Democrats are far from guilt-free, but the members of the majority party sit silently while

their leaders drag us down to new depths.

But it isn't my desire to paint everyone who serves us with a broad brush. Long Island is well represented by members of Congress such as Democrats Tom Suozzi and Kathleen Rice and Republican Peter King. These three fight hard for their districts. Suozzi has become a strong voice for the moderate thinkers in Congress. Rice is finding her way in Washington, and is effective. King is a voice of reason in a group of representatives who are so far right that they consider him a “liberal.”

When it comes to deciding how to vote for candidates, I look at their voting records, their community involvement and what type of people they are. New York state deserves better than what it's been getting from the Republicans in Congress and their leaders. The party of Trump is not my party because it doesn't speak to, or for, New Yorkers.

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LETTERS

ing in city government, not less.

Managing a budget is something we all have to do. In a family, unless it is a dire emergency, you would never take funds from a critical account — an account with important reserve funds — to cover the family's operating expenses. At least, you would avoid this if at all possible. In the case of our city, the reserve that existed in the city's water fund could have been used to cover the exorbitant cost of the air strippers that are being installed to rid our water of Freon. However, in past years, the money in the water fund was used for general operating expenses. When the city was faced with our current Freon issue, there were no funds left. These challenges, plus the unusually large tax breaks for developers, have put us in a difficult spot financially, to say the least. I am not anti-development, and I am not anti-incentive, but there has to be balance. Our mayor is working to bring balance to our city and to its finances. When faced with hard times, you have to make hard decisions.

To face these difficult problems, I hope residents will urge council members to work together with the mayor as he pushes forward to create a responsible budget. It might include a reduction in city-sponsored entertainment options for 2019, but other sources of funding might help offset some of those reductions.

Tenke is also looking at inefficiency in government: How can Glen Cove's governing officials do their job — serving the

people — and do it more efficiently? One of the areas the mayor is addressing is overtime pay. This has been a burden on the city budget. At a recent pre-council meeting, Tenke emphasized that with the exception of emergencies, all overtime pay would need to be cleared through his office.

Now that the Finance Committee is in place, we have a system dedicated to focusing on the city's financial challenges. I was especially impressed with committee member Cynthia Lovecchio's presentation at a recent pre-council meeting. While Rome wasn't built — or rather rebuilt — in a day, Lovecchio clearly identified specific areas for improvement and suggested paths to get there over time.

I know that dedicated employees work hard to make sound fiscal decisions about the city's day-to-day operations. Having the Finance Committee look at the big picture will help us strengthen the current system and move us toward more fiscally sound footing. Change is never easy, but I appreciate that our mayor is taking us down this road.

I appreciate Tenke's efforts to improve our financial situation. I love Glen Cove. My hope is that we can work together to move our city from strength to strength, and that we all urge council members to work with the mayor to make this happen.

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS
Glen Cove

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Having a whale of a time in our northernmost capital — Juneau, Alaska

OPINIONS

Fly away: winging it when on the road

If you're obsessively researching your next vacation, tracking down restaurants in Taiwan, chatting up your tour guide in Belgium or checking out your choice of pillows at the Hilton in Detroit, listen up.

In 1954, after driving for eight hours, my parents, my sister, Grandma Annie and I pulled up to Stony Brook Cottages in New Hampshire. We looked around, and Mom and Dad burst out crying. I thought they'd lost their minds.

Imagine it. We had driven all day. I was 7, and had been looking forward to this trip since I was 5 and my parents began dreaming of Stony Brook Cottages.

This was a special gift for Granny Annie. Stony Brook Cottages were in an unkempt field, seemingly visited by lots of cows, in the very armpit of New Hampshire. The "units" looked like rows of chicken coops. The scent of cow flop was in the air. It was a dump, and the truly frightening thing was that meals were included.

Dad put away his wet hankie, got a grip and floored it. And thus began two of the best weeks of my childhood. We went on a driving tour of New Hampshire and northern New York state, rambling along at our own pace, stopping at Ausable Chasm; Frontier Town, where Indians chased Grandma

Annie's stage coach; and the stunning White Mountains.

The high point of the trip was when we stopped by the road to dig up (that is, steal) a small pine tree for our front lawn at home. Then, two miles farther, oh no, red lights and a police roadblock. Ah, the guilt of Jews on the road in New England in 1954. My dad told Grandma Annie to stick the pine tree under her dress, and she did. Somehow — a miracle — it turned out the police weren't searching for Grandma after all. Today that stolen tree stands tall and proud on the front lawn of our old house in Queens.

I remember many glorious moments on vacations through the years, but the moments that are etched most deeply are the surprises and near-tragedies, the serendipitous sidetracks that we never planned. We were chased by Komodo drag-

ons in Indonesia and nearly fell into a steaming caldron at the crumbling edge of a lava field on Mt. Etna in Italy. You can dine out on such stories for a lifetime.

But not for much longer. In recent years, we travelers have virtually eliminated the joy of the unexpected by researching our trips to death. It makes traveling less fun. Technology pre-empts the possibility of discovery and adventure. Do I really need to see the room I'll be staying in from multiple angles, with sample room service menus and photos of the staff? Our most memorable hotel experiences have been finds we made on our own — a former synagogue on Judenstrasse in Salzburg, and a refurbished convent in Sicily.

There was a child with a python draped around her neck in a Cambodian village, and an unforgettable elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka. We got really lost walking through the hutongs in Beijing. None of it was on our itinerary.

On our devices we can plan every single hour of a journey, from the best spots for breakfast to the must-see museums to the only place to buy beignets. It just sucks the initiative out of us. Why bother exploring

the shady lane with the fig trees and pastel cottages when the guidebook says we must go to the craft festival on Day 3 in Madrid?

It isn't just the sights and events that make the trip. It's the people you run into along the way, if you make time to talk to them.

I know it's safer to have a phone in hand when exploring some foreign cities. And it feels comfortable to have a detailed, chronological plan for the day. But oh, the places you won't go.

There was a real cobra in a basket in Madras, and an icy lake in a high valley near Bozeman where we found shimmering, gold-flecked rocks so beautiful we carried some home. There was a guitarist in a café in Lyon who led us to a vegetarian restaurant where you could get more than three string beans and a carrot.

When we travel these days, I use the internet to book some hotels, but not all stops along the way. And I leave food to decisions made in the moment. Who knows if we'll feel like dumplings in Shanghai in six months?

The best and worst things in life usually blind-side us. Planning every detail of a vacation won't allow time for the unexpected best, and can't prevent the worst.

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Marines launch island-wide Toys for Tots campaign

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Christmas came early for some good boys and girls on Oct. 12. The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve launched its annual Toys for Tots campaign at the Coral House in Baldwin, giving away toys to children in attendance.

Toys for Tots, founded in 1947, is the nation's largest holiday gift program and benefits hundreds of thousands of needy children every year. Toys can be dropped off at Garden City Dance Studio, at 269 Nassau Blvd., Monday to Friday. Call (516) 292-9453 for hours of operation.

Businesses can also sign up to become a toy drop site by visiting <https://bit.ly/2OrdFMo>.



ANN DEMICHAEL, FROM the Town of Hempstead, drops off toys into the donation boxes.



JENNIFER SKELLY, LEFT, and students from the Freeport school district.

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