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HERALD YEAR IN REVIEW



Glen Cove's Renaissance woman

During his 1961 Inaugural Address, President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." It served as a call for unity — a message to Americans saying that a nation can only provide for its people what they provide for their nation.

The meaning behind JFK's message such as JFK's is certainly one that Carolyn Willson has taken to heart. Over her nearly 50 years living in Glen Cove, she has done more for the city than many other residents could hope to accomplish in five lifetimes. She has been a city clerk, a deputy mayor, a founding member of the Glen Cove emergency medical service, a president of the InterAgency Council, secretary of the North Shore Historical Museum and, most recently, an integral part of the Glen Cove 350th Anniversary Advisory Committee.

Perhaps most telling, though, is that a great deal of the work that Willson has done for her city was as a volunteer. Even though she is only a month shy of 80, she sacrifices what seems to be all of her free time for the sake of the people of Glen Cove. Amy Driscoll, who worked with Willson at the North Shore Historical Museum, said that Willson's commitment to her community makes her an ideal Person of the Year.

"Whatever organization she's a part of, that's her focus," Driscoll said. "Whether she's paid, a volunteer, a helper or in charge, she always gives 100 percent."

Willson's work with the museum comes as a result of her deep love for the history of Glen Cove, which also made her a perfect candidate for the 350th Anniversary Advisory Committee. In her role on the committee, she was responsible for the historical side of its work, a position which was given to her by former Mayor Reggie Spinello. She was responsible for contacting families whose Glen Cove ancestry dated back generations and interviewing them to discover the most personal aspects of the city's storied past.

Even so, Willson refused to give herself too much credit. "We just tried to put together a picture of Glen Cove over the 350 years," she said with her inherently modest demeanor. "It was fun."

Spinello said that he was immediately ready to appoint Willson to the committee when the assignments were handed out. He had worked with her in various capacities in the past, and the interactions he had had with Willson showed him that she was the



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Person OF THE Year

Carolyn Willson

perfect person for the job.

"She was always very nice and very helpful to me," Spinello said. "I always respected her opinion because she's always been someone who cares about Glen Cove and the people who live here."

"When I was councilman and mayor," he later added, "I could always find Carolyn for answers and insight."

If I had to pass the baton onto someone, I'm so glad it's her."

CAROL WALDMAN
2017 Person of the Year

Willson's love for Glen Cove is represented by her desire to stay in the city after spending much of her life traveling. She was born to Dick Deichler and Peggy Henry on Jan. 24, 1939, in Huntington. The oldest of four, Willson had three younger sisters — Kathy, Laurie and Molly. The Deichler family made stops in Pennsylvania, San Antonio, Florida and Washington as their father served in the Army Air Corps.

At the end of World War II, they moved back to Long Island, where they settled in Great Neck before moving to Manhasset. Willson graduated from Manhasset High School, where she met the love of her life,

Tom Willson, whom she married just after college in 1961.

With her husband joining the Air Force, Willson moved around the country as an adult as well, taking up residence in Oklahoma, North Carolina and Florida. Over those six years, she and her husband had three children — Laurie in August of 1962, David in March of 1964 and Stephen in April of 1965. In the decades since, the three have blessed Willson with nine grandchildren, all of whom she loves dearly.

In 1967, Tom completed his commitment and left the service. He went on to fly for a variety of airlines, which enabled the Willsons to move to Glen Cove, where her children spent their entire childhood. However, they were not quite done adding to their family until they adopted a 5-year-old Cree Native American girl named Cheryl from Saskatchewan.

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Lamorte, first woman to be a Harbor Patrol officer.

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WELL WOES were caused by Freon found in two of the city's five wells, shutting them down in 2018.

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Carolyn Willson – 2018 Person of the Year

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Even before they adopted Cheryl, though, the Willsons chose Glen Cove as the place where they wanted to raise their children largely because of its cultural diversity. Willson said that she and her husband were so immersed in the city that they could never think of leaving, even after their children grew up.

“We were so much a part of the community by then,” Willson said. “I’ve been involved in city government, the school district, the hospital. I’ve worked at all those places, so this is home to me now.”

City spokeswoman Lisa Travatello said that she has admired Willson’s wide variety of contributions to the city for years. “Carolyn is a treasured gem in the City of Glen Cove,” Travatello said.

Travatello further explained, “She is embedded in the Glen Cove community and is a respected civic counselor, passionate volunteer and all-around great person. She’s a consummate diplomat. She’s always looking out for the greater good, and she has a genuine passion for doing good things for the city and its residents.”

Even now, Willson continues to solve problems that others cannot. As a board member of the IAC, she coordinated all of the food pantries in Glen Cove at one location this past Thanksgiving, allowing the organization to provide more than 350 meals for those in need.

Kathie Flynn, who works with Willson in the IAC, said that she admires her perseverance and dedication. “When she starts something, she follows through to the end,” Flynn said.

Carol Waldman, executive director of the Glen Cove Senior Center and the Herald Gazette’s Person of the Year for 2017, has worked with Willson in various roles. Waldman gave the Herald Gazette several reasons why Willson is the ideal Person of the Year, including praising her as the ideal standard for how one can grow older in Glen Cove.

“When I imagine the issues older populations have, she is the perfect model of how to grow older because she is still so engaged in her community,” Waldman said. “She sends a very good message for those of us who are concerned about ageism.

On Willson’s Person of the Year recognition, Waldman said, “I’m so proud that it’s her, and I’m so happy for her.”

She later concluded, “If I had to pass the baton onto someone, I’m so glad it’s her.”

Willson’s recognition as the Glen Cove Herald Gazette’s Person of the Year is an honor decades in the making. As people congratulate her, she will certainly try her best to pass on credit to others, but her passion, love and dedication to her community is unrivaled. Willson still actively serves as a member of several community agency boards, and she plans on continuing her service to the City of Glen Cove for as long as she is able.



Photo courtesy of Laurie Huenteo

WILLSON, CENTER, MARCHED in the Memorial Day parade when she was the deputy mayor under Mayor Jimmy Suozi in the 1980s.



Courtesy Willson family

THE WILLSONS WERE quite the adventurous couple. Flying in a hot-air balloon was just one of their many escapades.



Courtesy Willson family

NOT ONLY WAS Tom Willson an expert pilot, but also he loved to drive around on his motorcycle with Carolyn.



Courtesy Willson family

WILLSON HAS ALWAYS loved her family and friends, and they love her too.

JANUARY



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TIM TENKE'S WIFE, family witnessed his swearing in by Judge Jeremy S. Weinstein.

City celebrates big two installations

The City of Glen Cove honored its 100th anniversary with a re-enactment of its first mayoral inauguration at the Glen Cove Historical Society, once the city's old courthouse, on Dec. 30, 2018.

At the time of the original celebration, the building also served as the police station and the jail. Standing in for Glen Cove's first mayor, James E. Burns, was Mayor-elect Tenke. He was joined by council members-elect Joseph Capobianco, Nicholas A. DiLeo Jr., Kevin P. Maccarone, Pamela D. Panzenbeck and Michael Zan-

gari. Councilwoman-elect Marsha F. Silverman was unable to attend.

Two days later, Tenke and members of the City Council were sworn in.

In his inaugural address, Tenke spoke of goals for his administration, including "to see just how 'green' we can go," touting more bike and footpaths and the reopening of Crescent Beach. He also spoke of the need for bipartisan cooperation — essential in an election that was decided by such a small margin and in a city where the mayor leads a minority administration.

A Glen Cove mansion destroyed in fire

A 120-year-old mansion on Ridge Road was destroyed in a fire on Jan. 7. The massive blaze, which began in the early morning in the Red Spring Colony area of Glen Cove, quickly consumed the structure, burning for 13 hours before firefighters could extinguish it.

Firefighters had to contend with temperatures near zero, which affected water pressure, and 20 degrees of wind chill.

Glen Cove Fire Department's Engine and Hose Company No. 4 was first on the scene with engines 524 and 528, followed by Pacific Engine and Hose Company No.

1, according to a department spokesman. The Glenwood and Locust Valley fire departments were next on the scene with tower ladders.

Seventeen mutual aid departments assisted in the operation, as well as eight other agencies, including at least four tower ladder companies and eight engine companies, as well as Emergency Medical Services, Office of Emergency Management and Red Cross units.

At the peak of the blaze, more than 100 firefighters, EMS, police and support personnel were battling it.



Courtesy Vincent Martinez Jr.

SEVENTEEN MUTUAL AID departments assisted during the mansion fire in Glen Cove.

FEBRUARY

THE HOUSE AT 1 St.

Andrews Lane has been the subject of controversy as the property's neighbors fought against a proposed group home for women with eating disorders.



Courtesy Zach Gottehrer-Cohen

City Council votes 'no' on group home

The City Council unanimously rejected a proposal by Monte Nido to turn a six-bedroom home at 1 St. Andrews Lane into a community treatment center for women with eating disorders in February.

The proposal was made under the Padavan Law, a state mental hygiene statute designed to make it easier for such facilities to move into municipalities that might not want them.

The city's rejection followed two of the three pathways outlined by the law. It suggested two "more suitable" alternative sites — 145 Dosoris Lane and 12 Walnut Road — and also claimed "the nature and character of the area would be substantially altered" by "such a concentration of

similar community residential facilities."

At a public hearing, several residents claimed that the proposal didn't fall under Padavan, on the grounds that Monte Nido is a for-profit company; that the residents would be in the facility for temporary treatment, and not in a permanent therapeutic living situation; and that eating disorders do not constitute a qualifying disability.

Monte Nido submitted an application to appeal the city's rejection of the plan.

The New York State Office of Mental Health ruled that the city could not prevent the group home on May 15.

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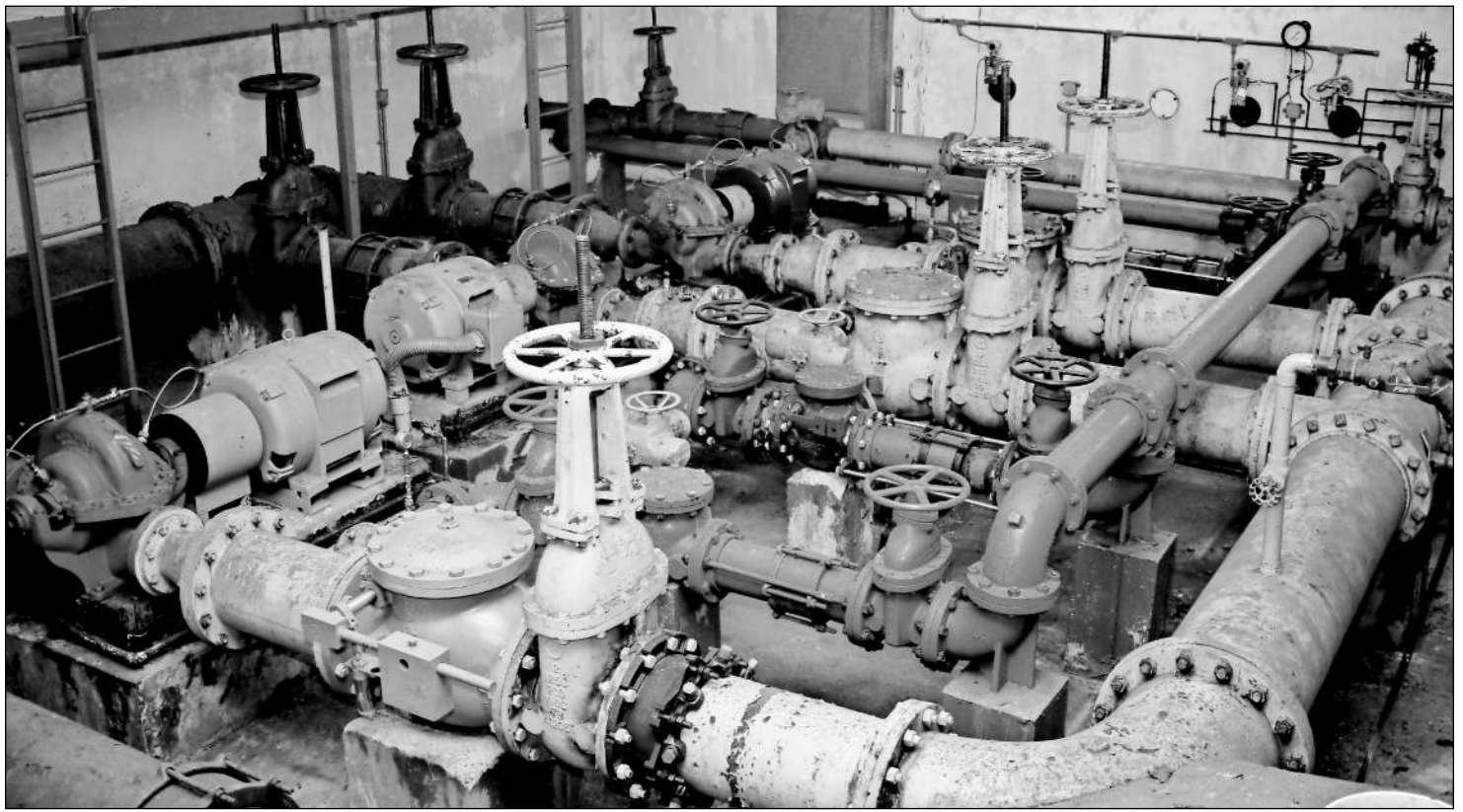
The City of Glen Cove's water undergoes vast changes throughout 2018

Two wells located at the Duck Pond well site were shut down in November 2017 after elevated levels of a refrigerant known as Freon 22 were found to have contaminated the water supplies. As a result, the city was only able to use three of their five wells for most of 2018.

City officials spent a great deal of this year working toward reopening the wells and determining a means to prevent further Freon 22 contamination. In February, they began plans to implement air strippers to decontaminate the wells. The City Council approved a plan on April 10 to bond almost \$10 million, using some of the funds to pay for upgrades to the city's water infrastructure. Even with the bond, the city was unable to reopen the Duck Pond wells by summer.

On Sept. 24, the council voted 4-3 to increase residents' water rates by 15 percent — the first increase in 14 years — resulting in an additional \$3 to an average quarterly water bill. The funding is being used to pay back debts the city accrued by the bonds and to pay for any future improvements and maintenance to the wells.

The two Duck Pond wells were reopened on Dec. 7 after the city obtained a \$3 million water infrastructure improvement grant from the state. Ann Fangmann, executive director of



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CITY OFFICIALS SPENT the majority of 2018 decontaminating and restoring the wells at Duck Pond, a process completed in December.

the Glen Cove Community Development Agency, had indicated the city needs a total of \$5.15 million in order to fully complete its water purification process.

City officials are also working to bring the Seaman Road well back online, which was shut down in 2010.

As for where the refrigerant is coming

from, the city determined it may be from geothermal wells that building owners dig for heating and cooling their buildings.

MARCH



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CANCER SURVIVOR RIC Wilson, 17, shaved Patrick Costello's head, with the support of Josephine and Nick Pedone, whose 7-year-old son, Nicholas, died of cancer.

Shaving heads to help save lives

John Zozzaro, a local businessman and organizer of the 11th annual St. Baldrick's fundraiser at Downtown Café in Glen Cove, was one of about 50 people who ended St. Patrick's Day with much less hair than he had when the day began. Thanks to his efforts, the St. Baldrick's Foundation ended the day with about \$20,000 to support childhood cancer research. Since Downtown started hosting the Glen Cove event, it has raised over \$300,000 for the foundation.

A cordoned-off section of sidewalk out-

side the café was littered with hair — disembodied cowlicks, thick tufts, short bristles. From time to time a volunteer pulled a broom across the sidewalk, to limited effect, as patrons, drinks in hand, milled in and out. Some of them stopped to watch friends and strangers lose their hair for the cause. In 2018, those who chose to settle at the pub for an afternoon of friendly imbibing saw several celebrity "shavees," including former Mayor Reginald Spinello and U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi.

Students: 'This is just the beginning'

Nearly 1,000 people marched from Finley Middle School through downtown Glen Cove on the morning of March 24 to participate in the Glen Cove March For Our Lives rally, one of more than 700 demonstrations held across the country demanding action to make schools safe places to learn.

The event's participants came from all over the North Shore to voice their collective grievance, in the wake of the school shooting in Parkland, Fla. in February, that when it came to school shoot-

ings, as many of the marchers' signs read, "Enough is enough."

The event, which began as a series of conversations among students at the high school, found its way onto the City Council's agenda in late February. The council unanimously approved the students' request for a march route and for the necessary support from police.

The councilmembers were present at the march as participants, but leadership of the event rested squarely with the students.



Courtesy Zach Gottehrer-Cohen

ELIJAH AND ISIAH James, addressed the marchers at G.C.'s March for Our Lives.

Year in Review

APRIL

G.C. – a place to grow up and grow old – designated ‘Age Friendly’ city



Courtesy Zach Gottehrer-Cohen

THE AGE FRIENDLY committee met in April to discuss how to make the most of the city's new designation.

In anticipation of the population's impending inversion of young and old, Glen Cove applied to be designated an "Age Friendly" city last November, a designation bestowed by AARP in conjunction with the United Nations' World Health Organization.

In February, the application was granted, making Glen Cove the third municipality in Nassau County to earn the accolade.

According to Carol Waldman, executive director of the Glen Cove Senior Center, being an Age Friendly city means making Glen Cove a place to both grow up and grow old.

Designing Glen Cove's downtown

In June 2017, Glen Cove's Business Improvement District Executive Director Francine Koehler retired. She and the BID board initiated a formal candidate search for a replacement. Patricia Holman, then a board member, rose to the top of the list, Koehler said.

"I remember when I moved here nine years ago," recalled Holman, a Glen Cove resident and local business owner. "The first chance I had, I walked downtown."

Holman has a strategy for attracting people to Glen Cove's businesses. She said that there are two types of people she wants to reach: locals who might stay at home instead of going downtown, and people from outside Glen Cove.

For out-of-towners, she added advertisements highlighting local businesses, even previewing the AMC Glen Cove 6 movie theater's offerings.



Courtesy Zach Gottehrer-Cohen

PATRICIA HOLMAN, THE new executive director of the Glen Cove Business Improvement District, has plans for the downtown.

APRIL



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NASSAU COUNTY POLICE Commissioner Patrick Ryder, joined by C.E. Laura Curran

MS-13 gang have a presence in G.C.

Members of the El Salvadoran gang MS-13 threatened Nassau County and Village of Hempstead police officers, said County Police Commissioner Patrick Ryder.

The threats follow a series of gang killings in the Baldwin-Freeport-Merrick area last year, and the April extradition from Maryland of Miguel Angel Corea Diaz, known on the street as "the Reaper," an MS-13 kingpin who is the gang's highest-ranking member on the East Coast.

The gang has had a presence in Glen Cove, according to both the Nassau County

district attorney's office and Detective Lt. John Nagle of the Glen Cove Police Department, although Nagle said that even though some known MS-13 members live in Glen Cove, they don't necessarily engage in illegal activities here.

Arrests were made in connection with the police threats but then police received a second threat. A police informant passed the threat on to officials.

In response to the threats, police moved special-operations and emergency-service officers into the Hempstead area and doubled up cars in the 1st and 5th precincts.

MAY

First female Harbor Patrol officer

When Anne LaMorte applied for a job with Glen Cove's Harbor Patrol almost a year ago, she had two thoughts — she was qualified and has a passion for the water.

After a rigorous vetting process and, finally, an appointment by Mayor Tim Tenke, the 55-year-old La-Morte became the first woman to be an officer in the Harbor Patrol. She learned how to interview and sometimes arrest dangerous boaters, how to bring a speeding vessel to a fast stop and how to jump from one vessel to another at speeds of more than 40 mph.

In learned high-intensity boat maneuvers, techniques for water rescues and recovering bodies from the water. And how to deal with intoxicated, potentially dangerous boaters.

At a City Council meeting Councilwomen Marsha Silverman said the historic appointment echoed some of the reasons she ran for office in the first place. Silverman, like LaMorte, sought a role in a male-dominated area of public service: Of the 21 seats on the City Council and the planning and zoning boards, just four are currently occupied by women.



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NEW HARBOR PATROL officer Anne Lamorte joined Mayor Tenke and Chief John Testa.

MAY



Courtesy Zach Gottehrer-Cohen

PREPARING FOR A performance to honor city's 350th anniversary.

Glen Cove marks 350 years

On May 24, 1668, three families — early settlers of Long Island's North Shore — purchased a parcel of land from the Matinecock Chieftaincy. They called the land Musquito Cove, based on the Algonquin word for "place of rushes."

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

Hundreds of people gathered in Morgan Park for evening picnics, live music and a celebration of the oldest families in the city, some of whom — like the Coles — can trace their ancestry back to the original founders. Food trucks lined the path at the top of the hill, and children ran around playing tag or soccer or simply rolling down parts of the slope. The Glen Cove School District's musical groups performed in the amphitheater.

JUNE

Kandel, a former Marine Corps sergeant, remembers her service

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

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

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

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

She went to boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., where the Southern weather only added to the difficulty of the training. After boot camp, she was stationed in the commandant's office in Washington, once again a clerk typist, for about a year and a half — a duty she said she didn't mind, because the office was busy. She was constantly asked to

pose for photos, she said, and promotional materials for the Women's Marine Corps, including an ad displayed in Manhattan's Times Square. A rendering of her also appears on a postage stamp celebrating women in the armed services. At one point, she was even on television, talking about her experience in the service.

Kandel eventually left Washington and headed to San Francisco to work as an aide to a female lieutenant. She moved up the ranks to sergeant, and the pair toured colleges on the West Coast, encouraging students to join the Marines. After a year and a half of recruiting, she left the service to marry. Back then, women could not be married and also be in the Marines. But her marriage was short-lived, so she enrolled in Columbia University on the G.I. Bill, and graduated in 1958 with a degree in psychology. She was the first person in her family to go to college.

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

JUNE

G.C teachers rally amid contract talks

More than 100 G.C. teachers demonstrated outside a Board of Education meeting on June 6 to highlight the fact that they have been working for nearly a year without a contract. Many sported black shirts that read "Contract Now!" while others held signs that read, "Glen Cove Teachers Deserve a Fair Contract."

The teachers began negotiations with the district in spring of 2017. Karen Ferguson, who has headed the Glen Cove Teachers Association for 16 years, said that the anniversary is symbolic for the

teachers, and that they hope to use it to pressure the district.

The teachers have been in this situation before. The replacement for a contract that expired in 2006 was not finalized until 2008. After that agreement expired in 2011, it took over three years for district officials and teachers to finalize a new one, in April 2014.

The Taylor Law mandates heavy sanctions for teacher who strike, who will face fines of as much as two days' pay for every day they spend on a picket line.



Laura Lane/Herald Gazette

TEACHERS RALLIED OUTSIDE a school board meeting at Glen Cove High School in June.



Courtesy Evelyn Kandel/Official Marine Corps Photograph

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

Year in Review

JUNE

Glen Cove High School graduates look forward to a bright future

The sun beat down on Glen Cove High School on June 25 — graduation day — as members of the class of 2018 made their way from the school gym to the football field. Led by black-robed school and district administrators, the seniors, clad in crimson and white, marched through a decorated gateway onto the field.

When they left just hours later, their high school careers had come to a close.

Most attendees crowded onto the bleachers, while some, particularly those with young children, sat in the shade beneath them. Every so often, a firm, humid breeze swept across the field and through the stands, offering temporary relief and drawing audible sighs.

The speakers who stepped up to the lectern offered a mix of memories, advice and encouragement to the graduates. “Be present, be sincere and be resilient,” Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said, adding, “Never compromise your integrity . . . I wish your road to be long and full of adventure, full of choices, and filled with dreams that become a reality.”

Most speakers took note of one particular quality that defined the graduating class: unity. “No matter what, you always supported one another,” Glen Cove High School principal Tony Santana said, mentioning the March for Our Lives that students had organized this spring.

In closing, he implored the class of 2018 to “represent,” adding, “Keep it real.”



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Heald Gazette

THE CLASS OF 2018 marched onto the football field as high school students, but walked off as graduates.

JULY



Courtesy Wikimedia

RESIDENTS FEAR VENTILATION towers, like what was built in N.J. for the Holland Tunnel.

State nixes Cuomo's tunnel plan

Facing mounting public opposition to Gov. Cuomo's plan to build a tunnel across the Long Island Sound, the State Department of Transportation nixed the project before it ever got beyond the concept stage.

In recent months, hundreds of Long Island residents had decried the project, which would have taken up to 15 years to build and connected the North Shore with Westchester County. Opponents said the tunnel could have destroyed the natural beauty of North Shore beaches and

threatened wildlife.

The tunnel design called for an 18-mile-long, multi-level tube with two lanes on each level. The entrances and exits would have been north of the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway and Jericho Turnpike, and south of the New England Thruway and Playland Parkway.

The estimated cost of the project was \$31.5 billion. The DOT made the announcement on June 28, two days after the Glen Cove City Council passed a resolution opposing the tunnel plan.

Beloved GCHS teacher, Ruckert dies

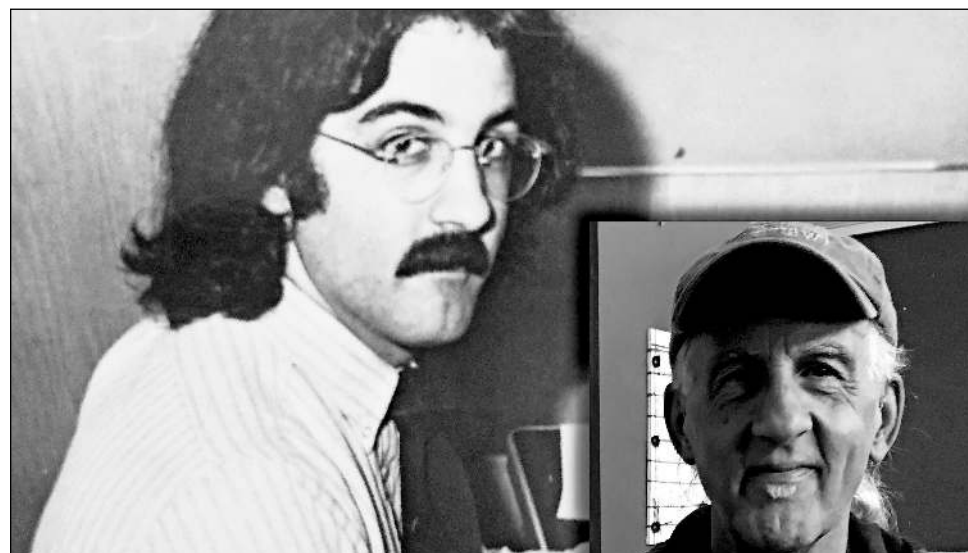
Thom Ruckert was the epitome of cool. Tall and lean, he had long hair and wore round, wire-rimmed glasses. When he came to Glen Cove High School to teach English in 1969, he was 24. Teenage girls fell in love with him, but so did his colleagues and the administration.

Ruckert was 72 when he died unexpectedly on July 18 from an apparent blood clot.

During his 32 years at GCHS, Ruckert was able to help students that other teachers had given up on. He persuaded many

not to drop out of school. In 1978, he created GCTV, a student-run television station, and made working there an elective English class. He saw it as a way to reach students who had become discouraged with conventional teaching methods. The experiences they had at GCTV led some of Ruckert's students to go on to pursue careers in the entertainment industry.

“We still loved each other and liked each other and counted on each other,” said his wife, Valerie. “He was a solid guy — trustworthy, honest and caring.”



Courtesy Lissa Harris

THOM RUCKERT BEGAN teaching at Glen Cove High School when he was 24.

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AUGUST

Developments at the Orchard neighborhood concern Glen Cove residents

At a pre-council meeting on Aug. 21, urban planners working with the Glen Cove Community Development Agency presented a draft implementation plan for revitalizing a deteriorating area of the city, and told council members that they had until next July to approve the plan and begin implementing its zoning recommendations.

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

Kathy Eiseman, a partner at the environmental planning consultancy firm Nelson, Pope and Voorhis, led the presentation providing council members with a print-out of the details of the draft plan. The most heavily residential section of the area is the Orchard, measuring less than one square mile, where rentals outnumber ownership by approximately two to one.

The plan recommended mixed-use transit oriented development near the Glen Street train station and a retail regional commercial center. A light industrial space along the Sea Cliff Avenue corridor is being considered as well, pending remediation of the three contaminated superfund sites there.



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GERSON SERMENO, LEFT, and Mirian Campos are among the Glen Cove residents who are concerned about developments in the Orchard.

Once the plan is approved a series of other benchmarks, particularly zoning adjustments, must be made before a state-defined July 2019 deadline. The consequences of missing the deadline are unclear.

Residents living in the Orchard are fearful of losing their homes to the develop-

ments.

In response to these concerns, as well as to provide a more comprehensive discussion on what the developments coming to the Orchard could look like, City Hall conducted an open house on Dec. 6. Seven stations were set up, each representing a different development manned by agency rep-

resentatives.

One of the key concentrations of the Orchard's developments is to improve pedestrian traffic to open up opportunities for retailers to develop stores within the area. Gedeon GRC Consulting, an engineering consultancy firm, sent representatives out into the field to determine specifically what they can do to improve the area for pedestrians. They concluded that no major overhauls would need to be made, and that they plan on implementing a switchback – a footpath with a sharp ascent – from the end of Hazel St. behind Retro Fitness to allow pedestrians access to the LIRR station at Glen St.

NP&V representatives said that they hope to make the streets of the Orchard more eco-friendly, suggesting "green infrastructure," which manages and removes pollutants from storm water runoff.

The Orchard community was represented by a variety of residents and former residents, all of whom had differing reactions to what they had learned. Nelson Melgar, president of the North Shore Hispanic Civic Association and Orchard resident, said that he was assured by city officials that nobody would be displaced.

However, there were other NSHCA members and Orchard residents who said they were still greatly concerned about the changes coming to their neighborhood.

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Year in Review

AUGUST



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THE CITY COUNCIL voted not to renew the Charter Review Commission.

No public vote on charter changes

After three years of studying the structures of other municipalities, deliberating and debating the merits of important changes to city government — whether to implement term limits, or lengthen terms to three or four years, or stagger terms to avoid a complete turnover of the mayor and council in a single election — the commission was prepared to put these charter amendments up to a public vote, and let the people decide whether to change the structure of their government or keep it the way it is.

The Herald Gazette has reported extensively on the work of the commission, and has sought experts to weigh in on its proposals. But some residents insisted that the commission's findings should have

been presented to the public in a formal report.

The City Council voted 5-2 against renewing the commission, with Tenke and Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck voting in the minority.

The vote came amid calls from another group, Reboot Glen Cove, for more than 20 charter amendments that include, but go well beyond, the amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission, including the transfer of important mayoral powers to a council-appointed city manager; the geographic division of the city into council districts that would each elect their own representatives, and the restriction or abolition of the Glen Cove Industrial and Community Development agencies.

Happy New Year!



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MAYOR TENKE AND Michelle Puckett-Formolo, daughter of one of the four 9/11 victims.

Enshrining the legacy of 9/11 in G.C.

A ceremony at the Heritage Garden honored those who died on Sept. 11, 2001. Mayor Tim Tenke introduced what he hoped would become a new city tradition: the Daffodil Project, wherein each Sept. 11, residents plant daffodil bulbs in Glen Cove's Heritage Garden.

The memorial ceremony focused on the four Glen Covers who died in the attack: Edward Lehman, Matthew McDermott, John Puckett and Joseph Zuccala. Their names were enshrined on paving stones that line the city's Heritage Garden "so that generations to come will not for-

get them," Tenke said.

Before the ceremony, roses had been placed on the stones bearing the names, and they remained there, undisturbed, even as an honor guard — including members of the Glen Cove police and fire departments, EMS and harbor patrol — marched carefully over them to the city's 9/11 memorial.

There, Tenke, with the assistance of Puckett's daughter, Michelle Puckett-Formolo, laid a wreath in honor of all those who died in the World Trade Center attacks.



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

TWO TEENAGE SIKH martial artists showed off their gatka skills.

Turban fest for guests of all faiths

When a truck bound for the 14th annual Sikh Festival in Glen Cove, carrying food and other supplies, stopped at a checkpoint in South Carolina, the drivers were asked to give a number of evacuees seeking refuge from Hurricane Florence a ride to Virginia, where they could wait out the storm. The drivers, true to their Sikh faith, which demands acts of seva, or selfless service, happily complied.

The Sikh Festival is held every year at the Sikh temple in Glen Cove, one of three such temples in Nassau County. Manmeet Lamba, a Glen Cove gurdwara member, conceived of the event 14 years

ago, as a way to bring her children — the only Sikhs in their elementary school classes at the time — together with others who, like them, were bound by their Sikh faith to wear turbans.

This year, the event was billed as a Turban Festival. Manmeet and other gurdwara members said they hoped to attract people of all cultures, to help them understand what the turban means.

Many Sikh traditions focus on helping outsiders. During Langar visitors are invited to join Sikhs for a meal, regardless of their religion. The festival itself was essentially a large langar.

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OCTOBER

TWO IMAGES

TAKEN by the Bond Committee during their walk-throughs of school district buildings, top, show a makeshift vent system at Connoly Elementary and a rotting steel beam at Deasy School. The bottom, a rendering of changes to the library.



Courtesy Glen Cove School District

Essential school safety fixes proposed

While working on a social studies essay about Supreme Court rulings on Sept. 25, Glen Cove High School senior president Aamayyah Vaughan and her classmates were evacuated from the high school library after a piece of the ceiling dislodged and fell. Vaughan said, that ceiling tiles in the high school fall “all the time . . . and not just in the library.” In many classrooms, the guts of the building — wires and plumbing — were visible through the holes left by tiles that had fallen or had been removed and not replaced.

The incident in the library occurred the

day before the school board heard a report from members of the Bond Committee, who presented a list of suggested building improvements. They ranged from window and door replacements to ceiling and floor renovations, security upgrades, improvements in district buildings’ heating and cooling and the construction of two-story additions to several buildings that would include extra classrooms, elevators and multi-use instructional spaces.

The committee presented the board with \$91.3 million worth of building improvement suggestions.

NOVEMBER



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RABBIS ERWIN GUBERMAN and Janet Liss led those in attendance in a song of healing.

After Pgh., ‘We are not alone in this’

Hundreds of attendees of various faiths and denominations gathered at a Glen Cove temple for an interfaith memorial service prompted by the Shabbat-morning massacre of 11 members of the Tree of Life Congregation synagogue in Pittsburgh. And while the service centered on the shooting, those who led it did not hesitate to attribute the tragedy in part to the country’s increasingly virulent political rhetoric.

Responding to Trump’s claim in the aftermath of the Pittsburgh shooting that it might have been prevented if the syna-

gogue had had an armed guard, North Country Reform Temple Rabbi Janet Liss said, “I will not accept the premise that every church and every synagogue should have armed guards to protect our right to worship as we please.”

Toward the end of the service, those assembled in the sanctuary read aloud a version of the Kaddish — a solemn Hebrew prayer reserved for times of mourning — adapted by Rabbi Paul Kipnes for the increasingly common instances of mass killings.

\$20M waterside sports complex

Members of the Glen Cove Recreation Commission met in late September with a consulting firm, Sports Facilities Advisory, with which the city is hoping to finalize a \$20 million plan to add 8.8 acres to its Maccarone Memorial Stadium, or City Stadium, sports complex.

The plan, still in its exploratory stage, includes, among other improvements, the addition of a multi-use, artificial-turf field on what is now a decommissioned compost yard.

Phase 1 of the project includes the

field, a playground for athletes’ younger family members, new restrooms and a concession stand. Darcy Belyea, who heads the city’s Parks and Recreation department, said that Phase 2 could include a second multi-use field suitable for football, soccer or lacrosse.

Ann Fangmann, executive director of the Glen Cove Community Development Agency, said the goal is to put the project out for bid by late spring 2019. Belyea said that the project has a “drop-dead date” of August 2020.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

A SCHEMATIC RENDERING of plans to renovate Glen Cove’s waterside sports complex.

Big Democratic win on North Shore

By electing Democrat James Gaughran, of Northport, to the State Senate’s 5th District seat, North Shore voters played a major role in stripping Republicans of their Senate majority and handing control to the Democrats for the first time in nearly a decade. By a margin of over 10 percentage points, Gaughran ousted 23-year Republican incumbent Carl Marcellino, of Syosset.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, 56, won reelection handily against Republican challenger Dan DeBono, a former U.S.

Navy SEAL and first-time candidate.

Democratic State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, 71, of Glen Cove, defeated Republican Andrew Monteleone by a large margin.

The election took place amid increasingly high political tension at the local, state and national levels.

In 2014, between 10 and 20 percent of the North Shore population cast ballots in the area’s various races. This time around, the turnout was about 35 percent.



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DEMOCRAT JAMES GAUGHRAN, center, won in the 5th State Senate District.

NOVEMBER

Honoring 'the Greatest Generation'

Some came with canes and walkers. Others held onto the arms of their sons or daughters as they slowly lowered themselves into lawn chairs. More than 120 people gathered in Glen Cove's Morgan Memorial Park last on Nov. 11 for the unveiling of a monument honoring the 335 World War II veterans from the Landing, a one-square-mile neighborhood that borders the park.

Made from black granite and bearing the names of residents who fought in World War II, the new monument replaces an old wooden one that was taken down in the 1960s. The project was six years in the making, cost \$32,000 and was funded by a state grant made possible by former State Sen. Carl Marcellino.

A monument committee comprised many volunteers, including two World War II veterans who have since died, Mayor Tim Tenke and two of his predecessors. The city's Parks and Recreation Department provided landscaping and logistical support.

No fewer than five of the veterans whose names are on the monument attended the ceremony. Now, with their names etched in granite, the World War II veterans of the Landing will always be remembered. Several veterans attended the unveiling, including Vietnam Veteran Tony Jimenez, who also serves as the director of the city's veterans' affairs.



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VIETNAM VETERAN TONY Jimenez, was proud to attend the ceremony honoring the Landing's World War II veterans.



Christina Daly/Herald Gazette

MEMBERS OF FIRE departments across the county, can get college assistance.

Tuition aid restored for fire volunteers

Legislators unanimously approved an emergency resolution to allocate funding for a lost Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that provides college scholarships for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service workers countywide on Nov. 19. County Executive Laura Curran signed the measure on Dec. 3.

The county's Office of Emergency Management normally administers the FEMA funding, known as the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response, or SAFER, grant. The program is intend-

ed to encourage recruitment of new fire volunteers.

Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who co-sponsored the bill to restore the funding, said first heard that the funding had been lost from her constituents.

The funding provides firefighters with scholarships good for one to 80 credits at Nassau Community College, provided that they have matriculated and maintain at least a 2.0 GPA, according to a 2016 OEM report. There are now 173 students enrolled in the program.

DECEMBER



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

COUNCILWOMAN DONNA MCNAUGHTON is no stranger to the Glen Cove community.

McNaughton chosen for vacant seat

Donna McNaughton, 72, was chosen to serve as a city councilwoman on Dec. 4 at a pre-council meeting. Members voted to approve the appointment on Dec. 11.

McNaughton's tenure began Dec. 12, succeeding Michael Zangari, who resigned on Nov. 20 because of an illness.

An eighth-generation city resident, McNaughton is a lawyer, and has her own practice in Locust Valley, concentrating in real estate, elder law and estate planning. She is a member of the board and was counsel to the Glen Cove Sage Foundation, and is a former chairwoman of the board

of managers for the city's YMCA.

For the past two and a half years, she has sat on the city's Board of Zoning Appeals, and was appointed its chairwoman when Tenke took office. She said that her experience in the role has prepared her well for a seat on the council.

An eighth-generation Glen Cover, McNaughton said that she planned to spend a great deal of December with Mayor Tim Tenke to gain a full understanding of the challenges the administration faces.

Senior center may lose parking

The parking lot at 115 Glen St. in Glen Cove isn't just a place for downtown shoppers to leave their cars as they go about their day. Rather, it helps keep one of the city's most vital services alive — the Glen Cove Senior Center.

Because the lot is directly across the street from the center, it enables seniors who take part in the center's programs to maintain their independence. For many, parking far away would make it impossible to use the facility. The city has leased the lot for years, allowing seniors to park

there, but the owner of the lot, Car Care Co., is considering terminating the lease, which would put an end to the arrangement.

At a meeting on Dec. 11, City Council members said they were considering purchasing the lot to make it a permanent parking area for seniors.

According to Carol Waldman, executive director of the center, the loss of the parking lot could drastically reduce attendance at the center, and, in turn, its state and county funding.



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FEBRUARY



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G.C. SOPHOMORE ISIAH Jackson, top, captured the 99-pound title at the county qualifying tournament hosted by Hewlett.

Big Red thrives at qualifier

With seven wrestlers placing within the top four for their weight class at the county qualifier Feb. 3, and three finishing fifth, Glen Cove sent seven contenders to the county championships with three alternates all receiving All-Conference honors.

Isaiah Jackson (99 pounds), and Sal Guastella (160) won qualifier titles. Jackson recorded three pins and a 13-8 victory in the 99-pound finals. Impressive enough to take home the No. 5 seed for his division going into Hofstra, "He's very big and physically strong for his weight class and usually when he makes the match a physical test of strength and will, he does well," MacDonald

said.

Guastella had a similar day on the mats, as he pinned two on his way to winning his meet and becoming the No. 5-ranked 160-pounder going into the county championships. Glen Cove did have a brief, and scary, moment in the finals where Guastella seemed to be unceremoniously injured by a rogue slam. Yet he was cleared by doctors who immediately followed up with an evaluation.

The Big Red's Liam Young (145) and Eder Leiva (170) both finished second. Leiva, en route to the finals, took home a very impressive point victory in the semifinals.

Big Red wins on senior night

A year removed from losing it's "Big 4" that propelled this team to a 17-win season, Glen Cove boys' basketball has found a new offensive spark in Michael Vaughan, who dropped 29 points en route to a 54-36 Big Red senior night victory at home against Plainedge on Feb. 7.

Vaughan, after struggling early and failing to score in the first quarter, was a whirlwind defensively creating turnovers and transition opportunities for both his teammates and himself.

"Vaughan was able to get a couple of steals and get out in transition that led to easy baskets," head coach Peter Falen said. "You could tell that kind of took the weight off of the rest of the team and they were all able to play their game then."

Glen Cove's Nick Watson poured in 15 points, including a trio of three-pointers and a pair of free throws. Elijah English added six, while Devon Christopher and Dajoar Gibson both added a bucket.

Plainedge started the game with a torrid defensive pace, creating havoc and confusion for the Big Red and edging out to an early 15-6 lead at the conclusion of the first quarter.

"Truth be told they started out playing good defense," Falen said. "They got their hands in the passing lane and that made a



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NICK WATSON SCORED 15 points on Feb. 7 for the Big Red as it pulled away late to beat Plainedge, 54-36, for its first Conference AA-II victory of the season.

big difference as they were able to get some easy layups, and they were hitting their free throws."

MAY

Glen Cove shows progress

After losing its finale to Wheatley on May 4, the Glen Cove softball team missed out on winning its conference by just a game and finished third in Nassau ABC-IV. The Lady Big Red completed its campaign at 7-9 with some progress and steps towards a potential league title next year and a conference promotion.

"That is our goal for next year of course... We want to finish in first in our league and move up a conference," Glen Cove head coach Angela Zupa said. "We were only kept out of first by one game this year."

Zupa's squad was comprised of three award-winning juniors that have made their impact on this team throughout their softball careers.

Junior dynamo shortstop Jaynise Espinal received All-County honors thanks to her consistent bat and impressive defensive abilities.

Junior catcher Micaela Costello received an All-County honorable mention as her quick, slashing bat, blazing foot speed, and improving catching capabilities have caught the eye of the All-County Committee.

Outfielder/third base Angela McCarthy finished with All-Conference honors and was a big power threat in the heart of this Lady Big Red lineup. Each three of these juniors will return to this talented team next year, along with juniors Alyssa Schmidt and Brianna Malvino.



Donovan Berthoud/Herald Gazette

NAFEESAH ALI WAS a workhorse in the pitching circle for the Big Red, which finished a respectable 7-9.

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Making strides against breast cancer on L.I.

Walk set for Oct. 21

Long Islanders are battling breast cancer by taking part in events to raise awareness about early detection and to raise funds for research. Tens of thousands of people will participate in the American Cancer Society's Making Strides of Long Island Walk on Oct. 21 at Jones Beach, and there will be many other events across the South Shore this month. For more on the walk, go to bit.ly/2Nr001v.

advancements are being made in the science of diagnosis. In July 2017, Mercy Medical Center, in Rockville Centre, became the first hospital in the state to install a molecular breast imaging system, called the LumaGEM MBI. With near 100 percent accuracy, the machine detects breast cancer in women who have dense breast tissue and those who have a higher risk for the disease. About 50 percent of women have dense breast tissue, which makes finding cancer through mammography alone more difficult, according to the Komen Foundation.

Elected officials have joined the fight, too. In June 2016, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a law called Get Screened, No Excuses, which gives public employees four hours of paid leave per year for breast cancer screening and eliminates such obstacles as copayments and annual deductibles. The law also requires 210 hospitals and clinics to offer extended hours for screenings to help women who have difficulty scheduling mammograms during the typical 9-to-5 workday.

Reminders of breast cancer are found in many places in October: Pink is usually prominent on NFL players' uniforms as part of the league's Crucial Catch initiative, in the hope that Americans glued to their TVs and phones during football games will also think about the millions of lives that breast cancer and other forms of the disease have affected.

When October ends and the pink-tinged days are over, though, the fight against the disease must carry on. When the pink apparel is put away for another year, it's important to remember the importance of getting tested to ensure that the number of fatalities continues to decline.

women will be diagnosed with the illness in their lifetime.

Men can develop breast cancer as well, though their risk is far smaller; about 1 in 1,000. Less than 1 percent of all breast cancer cases occur in men, but according to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, there will be about 2,550 new cases among men in the U.S. this year; and roughly 480 deaths.

Despite the numbers of women diagnosed with breast cancer, the foundation also has reasons to be optimistic. Thanks to technological advancements and early detection, more lives are being saved. Breast cancer mortality rates in the U.S. increased slowly each year from 1975 through most of the 1980s, but from 1989 to 2015, mortality dropped by 39 percent, which saved more than 320,000 lives.

Many local hospitals are also dedicating more hours to providing mammograms to help diagnose the disease. In addition,

There is perhaps no disease that strikes greater fear in the hearts of women than breast cancer. It is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths, behind lung cancer, and the second-most-common form of cancer among women, behind skin cancer.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor the many who have died while remembering that early detection is key to preventing deaths. October is an excellent time to have a mammogram or make an appointment to get one.

Breast cancer occurs when cells grow beyond their normal bounds. The cancer can then metastasize — that is, spread through the blood or lymph systems to other parts of the body.

The average age of diagnosis for breast cancer is 62, though experts recommend that women begin having annual mammograms at age 45, and as early as 40 for women with histories of breast cancer in their families.

Though the symptoms can be different for everyone, some of the most common include:

- A lump, knot or thickening under the breast or in the underarm area.
- Swelling, redness or darkening of the breast.
- Change in a breast's size or shape.
- An itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple.
- A pulling-in or retraction of the nipple or other parts of the breast.

The American Cancer Society estimates that about 41,000 American women will die of breast cancer in 2018. Roughly 1 in 8

LETTERS

Pass the Child Victims Act

To the Editor:

Last month, as New York state's attorney general, Barbara Underwood, issued subpoenas to all eight Catholic dioceses in response to the allegations of possible cover-ups of abuse of children, I thought that we, as a state, were missing the point. However, just last week state senators renewed the call: It's time to pass the Child Victims Act.

The bill, if passed, would allow for an extension of the statute of limitations for civil cases or criminal cases from 20 to 23 to 50 and from 23 to 28, respectively. Moreover, it would create a one-year window for victims to file civil lawsuits that are currently barred by the statute of limitations.

While the bill has made it out of the State Assembly yet again, it has thus far been unable to pass the Senate. If you're wondering what is stopping Senate Republicans from passing the law, it's the Catholic Church.

I find it painful that our elected officials lis-

Editorial comment

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OPINIONS

An attorney's scribblings became a national anthem

I had no idea. The "Star-Spangled Banner" was first written as poetry and then, soon after, set to music — an English drinking song, to be precise. Yes, the tune behind our national anthem, before Francis Scott Key applied his poem "The Defence of Fort McHenry" to it in 1814, was popular in English pubs.

It's a quirky historical fact that I never would have imagined, especially given the seeming majesty of the song. I learned of its origin during a three-day business trip last week to Baltimore, where I finally visited Fort McHenry, on the Patapsco River, which I had longed to see since I learned the story behind "The Star-Spangled Banner" as a child. Key put his poem's first three verses to paper while he was detained by the British four miles downriver from the fort, after the redcoats had pounded the hell out of it with cannon fire but failed to take control of it.

I had three hours to spare Thursday morning, so I squeezed in a visit to the hastily constructed fort (much of it was — and still is — made of big dirt mounds). The history of the outpost, at the head of Baltimore Harbor, was fascinating. Every American should visit this national shrine

at least once, if only to gain a little perspective before joining in all the hoopla over America's anthem. Standing on the fort's massive red-brick ramparts, gazing southeast down the Patapsco, I imagined for a moment the fear, if not terror, that American soldiers must have felt as they stared at 19 mighty British warships lined up, ready to attack Baltimore. The British outnumbered the Americans five to one. At the time, the United States didn't have a navy to speak of. It was September 1814, two years into the War of 1812, which erupted because the British navy kept plundering American cargo ships, impressing (kidnapping) their crews and confiscating (stealing) their goods. The war was exactly what the British had wanted — a reason to invade what the empire still considered the colonies, but which was now a sovereign nation struggling to secure its place on the world stage.

The battle for Baltimore Harbor was a decisive victory for America — and among the most important of the war: Only three weeks earlier, the British had burned the nation's capital, including the President's House (not yet called the White House). Before Baltimore, the U.S. was in a very precarious place.

Fort McHenry withstood a full frontal assault by the British that lasted 27 hours. In all, the British launched 1,500 cannonballs and rockets at the fort. They fell at a pace of one per minute. Yet McHenry stood. Eventually, the British gave up and moved on.

Key, who opposed the war because he preferred diplomacy to battle, witnessed the melee by chance. He was a prominent attorney representing a prominent American doctor, William Beanes, who had been arrested by the British, despite having tended to enemy combatants wounded in battle. Why? Beanes had resisted when the British plundered his Maryland home.

Key made his way to the HMS Tonnant, flagship of the British fleet, to negotiate Beanes's release, explaining that the doctor had aided British soldiers, whose officers wrote letters testifying to Beanes's kindness, according to Smithsonian magazine. Thus Key was able to secure the doctor's release — but only after, Key was told, the fleet blew Fort McHenry to smithereens.

So Key sat watching from the Tonnant as the fort was attacked, powerless to aid in its defense. Thick clouds of cannon smoke hung over the Patapsco. When the air finally cleared and Key first glimpsed the battered but unbroken fort, with the American flag flying high, he was so inspired that he started scribbling poetry. Thanks to Key, the battle for Baltimore Harbor will surely still be spoken about hundreds of years from now as the critical moment when the U.S. defended its very existence against the planet's most formidable foe.

When Key finished his poem, he brought it to a publisher in Baltimore, who had the brilliant idea to set it to music. Many Americans were illiterate then. If it was to become a hit, so to speak, it had to be a song that people could sing, set to familiar music. Enter the English drinking song, "To Anacreon in Heaven."

Within weeks of its publication, "The Star-Spangled Banner," describing the end of the battle for Fort McHenry, had spread up and down the Eastern Seaboard, stoking patriotic fervor and emboldening fearful Americans. Suddenly, it seemed, the U.S. might win the war. Most everyone wanted a flag. Key's poem had gone viral. America prevailed four months later, in January 1815.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" did not officially become the national anthem until 1931, so declared by President Herbert Hoover after a lobbying campaign by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The next time you hear it, take a moment to reflect on its meaning. It's about unity behind a single flag. You kneel or stand while it's played. It makes no difference.

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LETTERS

ten to the very organizations that covered up these horrible crimes against children. We cannot continue to let people in power ignore the most vulnerable members of our population, while being pushed by the very people taking advantage of them and then allegedly covering it up.

It's time to take a stand and tell our senators in Albany that protecting our children must come first, not special-interest groups. Pass the Child Victims Act.

GAVI HOFFMAN
 West Hempstead

LIRR electrification a 'great idea'

To the Editor:

Long Island Rail Road President Philip Eng announced at a recent Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board meeting that he would seek funding in the MTA 2020-2024 Capital Program to pay for both extending electrification on the Central Branch and looking into the feasibility of doing the same on the Port Jefferson branch. These are both great ideas worthy of consideration.

The estimated cost of electrification is \$18 million per mile. Electrification of the seven-mile Central Branch, which runs

east of Hicksville on the Ronkonkoma line to Babylon, would provide additional options for thousands of riders from Babylon. They could travel from the Central Branch to Jamaica via the \$2.6 billion Main Line Third Track and on to either Penn Station or the future Grand Central Terminal by 2023. Electrification of the Central Branch could also facilitate the creation of a new north/south scoot service, running from Huntington via Hicksville and to Babylon.

Electrification of the Port Jefferson branch beyond Huntington has been proposed on and off for more than 50 years. In the 1980s, MTA and LIRR management decided to go forward with electrification of the Ronkonkoma line rather than the Port Jefferson branch. Completion of the proposed \$12 million Port Jefferson branch feasibility study by the end of 2019 would be a great first step. Eng, MTA senior management, MTA board members and many others might not be aware

LARRY PENNER
 Garden City

Penner is a transportation historian, advocate and writer who worked for the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration for 31 years.

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Amid the crowd on Bengali beach — the Algarve, Portugal

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