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## Hope of honoring Parkland victims with a law

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, joined by gun safety activists, called for support for a bill that would institute universal background checks at the federal level. Story, page 12.

# Landlords needed for Section 8

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Fred Moore, Glen Cove's Section 8 program administrator, and Eric Wingate, the executive director of the city's housing authority, stressed the needs of the 275 people in the Section 8 housing program at a presentation at Glen Cove's InterAgency Council meeting on Feb. 13. According to Moore, the program is having a difficult time finding landlords willing to rent their homes to potential tenants.

tion 8 participants because they believe that people in need of the services would be bad tenants and would not take care of their rentals, an idea he refuted. Only 1 to 2 percent of tenants turn out to be problematic, he said.

**W**e need landlords who are willing to give people a chance even though they're poor.

**FRED MOORE**  
 Program administrator,  
 Glen Cove Section 8

"We're fighting through stigmas," Moore said after the meeting. "We're fighting through bad experiences landlords have had, and we're trying to keep the program going by getting landlords to take a chance, because there are very [few] chances for low-income families."

Section 8 provides low-income residents with vouchers for use in finding homes. While the vouchers can help, a resident's ability to rent is ultimately at the discretion of a landlord. According to federal guidelines, Glen Cove can provide a maximum of 340 vouchers, but there is not enough available housing to make use of that many.

In an effort to make prospective landlords more willing to rent to Section 8 users, Moore said that he hoped to give landlords a more realistic picture. Every community, he explained, has low-income families, and many are not in control of their housing situations for a variety of reasons, including issues with medical and mental health. "We need landlords who

Moore said that many landlords are unwilling to accept Sec-

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## 'Hooley' kicks off St. Pat's events Parade's grand marshal and aide are announced

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In the middle of February every year, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Glen Cove Division 8, hosts what it calls a "hooley," a traditional Irish word for an informal house party whose attendees bring food and drink. Roughly 100 people brought out their green to celebrate this year's hooley at the Church of St. Rocco on Feb. 16, enjoying a

huge buffet and traditional Irish music performed by musicians Patrick Shields and Luke Powers.

While the hooley is a time for merriment and celebration of Irish culture, the Hibernians also crown their grand marshal and aide to the grand marshal for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year's honorees are Grand Marshal Patrick "Patsy" Furlong and Aide to the Grand Marshal Marina O'Neil.

About an hour into the celebration, Furlong and O'Neil ceremoniously entered the hall, following a pair of bagpipers. They were then presented their honorary sashes by Lisa Forgione, the St. Patrick's chairwoman, to a round of thunderous applause.

Forgione said that Furlong and O'Neil were easy choices for the honors, which are decided by members of the parade commit-

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# Nassau upset over Amazon pullout

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Courtesy Amazon

Nassau County elected officials expressed disappointment after Amazon announced Feb. 14 that it would drop its plan to open part of its second headquarters in Long Island City, Queens. Richard Kessel, head of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency, said the panel had hired a consultant to see how the county could have taken advantage of Amazon's planned investment in the state.

**AMAZON ANNOUNCED ON** Feb. 14 that it would not open its second headquarters in Long Island City, Queens.

"We were identifying businesses that could do business with Amazon and become part of its supply chain," Kessel said in a Feb. 15 interview. "We were also looking to develop workforce, transit-oriented developments. We were ready to take advantage of the Amazon venture."

New York City and the state.

He called the company's decision to abandon Long Island City, which came after several Queens elected leaders criticized the deal, unfortunate. "I think Amazon would have been a home run for the county," he said.

Kessel, responding to Amazon's critics, said it's sometimes necessary to provide such incentives. "People have to understand that if you want businesses to come here and flourish, you have to incentivize them," he said. He said he did not expect Amazon to abandon the deal, and thought it would work out an agreement with its detractors. "I was very surprised," he said.

Those who opposed the Amazon deal, including freshman U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, said New York City and the state should not have agreed to provide \$3 billion in tax breaks and other incentives to the company, owned by Jeff Bezos, the world's richest man. Amazon would have created 25,000 to 40,000 jobs over 10 years and provided \$27 billion in new revenue for

In a statement, Amazon said, "While polls show that 70 percent of New Yorkers support our plans and investment, a number of state and local politicians have made it clear that they oppose our presence and will not work with us to build the type of relationships that are required to go forward with the project we and many others envisioned in Long Island City."

The company also announced that it

would still build half of its second headquarters in northern Virginia and Nashville, and would not search for an alternative to Long Island City at this time.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, who helped broker the deal with Amazon, expressed anger at Democrats in the State Senate for opposing the deal. State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, a Democrat from Westchester, had appointed State Sen. Michael Gianaris, a Democrat from Queens, to a panel that could have vetoed the Amazon agreement. Gianaris represents Long Island City and vocally opposed Amazon coming there.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran had urged Amazon to reconsider its decision, and at the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's Feb. 13 meeting suggested she would welcome them at the Nassau Hub.

"Two-thirds of Long Islanders supported this move because they knew it would be good for them, their families and their pocketbooks," she said in a Feb. 14 statement. "Long Island was poised to reap enormous benefits from the move, which would have brought a flood of new high-wage jobs, business development and much-needed tax revenue to the entire region."

After the announcement U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, released a statement accusing New York politicians of attacking the financial giant, which he called "one of the biggest players in the new economy."

"When you are from Michigan, you do not attack the automakers; when you are from Iowa, you do not attack the corn industry; and when you are from California, you do not attack Silicon Valley," read the release, "Yet, in New York we are very cavalier and short-sighted in attacking these job creators and state revenue generators."

Suozzi also called the move a "huge loss" for New York as well as Long Island. "We are in a major battle with other states and countries to attract employers who will bring good jobs and good wages, and it will make it harder to attract major employers and jobs here in the future," he said. "We must be more strategic going forward."

*Alyssa Seidman contributed to this story.*

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# Low-income housing a concern in G.C.

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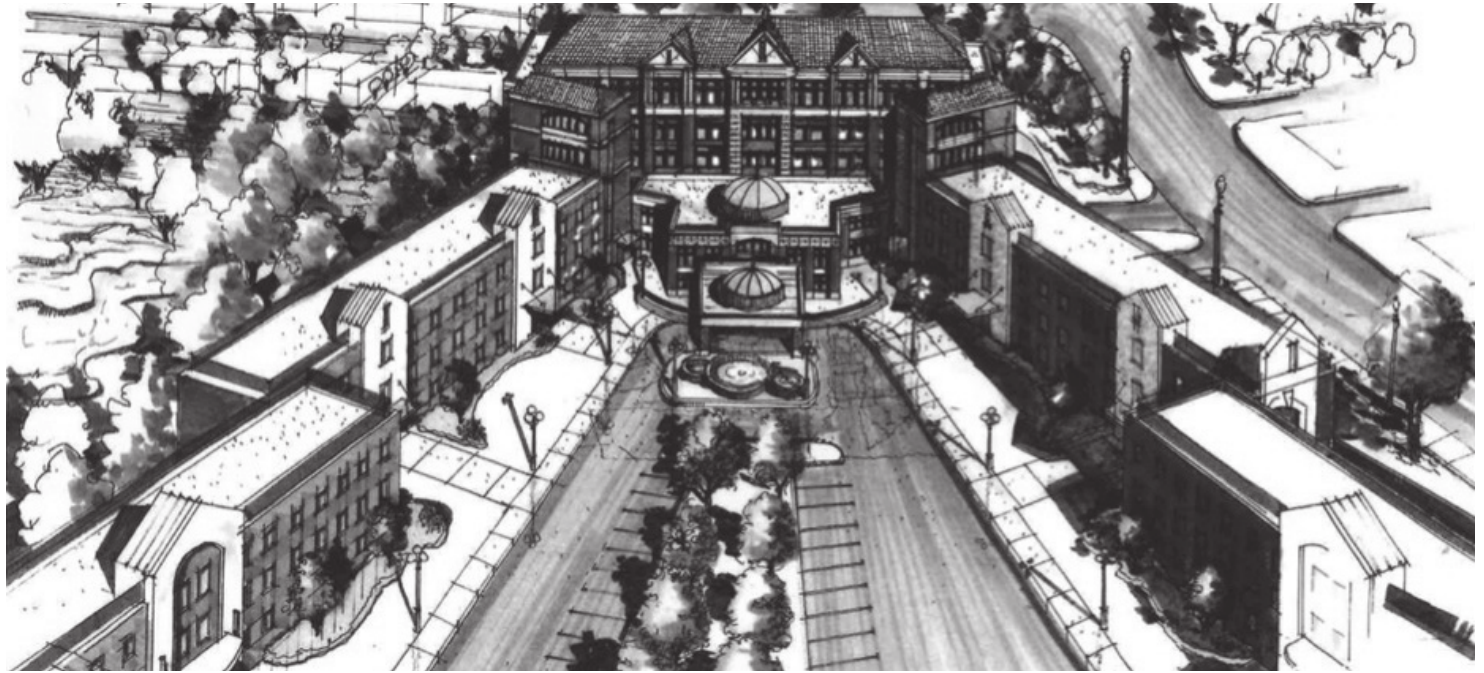
are willing to give people a chance even though they're poor," he said.

The Glen Cove Housing Authority is working toward privatizing its 212 federally owned units in the city, Wingate said. He explained that most low-income housing in the U.S. is privatized, and eventually becomes gentrified to such an extent that poor residents can no longer live there.

But Wingate said he hoped to take a different approach, using privatization to keep the Glen Cove properties available only to low-income residents. Another demographic that could also benefit, according to Wingate, is seniors, because the housing authority will look to add 30 units for senior housing on Mason Drive.

Carol Waldman, executive director of the Glen Cove Senior Center, spoke of the importance of Section 8 housing to older people. "As the older population begins to struggle more and more on fixed incomes," she said, "where are they going to turn? That's the concern."

Waldman explained that because of their often fragile health, seniors can face a stigma of their own, which can make landlords hesitant to rent to them. "There is the struggle we have with ageism that continues despite our efforts," she said. "It's almost like a double stigma. Maybe they'll fall, maybe they'll sue, maybe they'll wind up in the hospital and can't pay rent" — worries that, she said, are unfair to seniors and not entirely warranted.



Courtesy Glen Cove Housing Authority

**THE GLEN COVE** Housing Authority hopes to privatize property on Mason Drive to build 30 units for senior housing.

When members of the InterAgency Council asked Moore for examples of Section 8 success stories, he mentioned Brenda Lopez. Lopez, the community outreach coordinator for the Glen Cove Child Day Care Center, applied for Section 8 status about 10 years ago. A single mother of two, she said that the program, and its vouchers, were extremely helpful.

After four years in the program, Lopez remarried and was able to move out of it, but she decided to help other people in pre-

carious financial situations. "It's a really great program for people who need it," she said of Section 8, "and it's a shame that not many landlords take it."

Asked why she thought landlords were hesitant, Lopez said, "I think it's just that people assume people on Section 8 aren't good people, not educated, not doing anything with their life and trying to live off the system. Sometimes they've come into a situation where they need help."

Mayor Tim Tenke said that stories like

Lopez's are exactly what the Section 8 program tries to promote. "Section 8 serves as a very vital program for keeping the homeless and families off the street," he said. "The hope of the program is that people move through it."

According to Tenke, an increase in landlord participation in the program would not have any impact on city taxpayers. In fact, he said, with more people able to afford housing, it would benefit the city as a whole, because people would be able to stay.

## Gilligan Realty, a top L.I. real estate firm

By LAURA LANE

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Eileen and Sarah Gilligan, co-owners of Sea Cliff's boutique real estate firm Gilligan Realty, credit their success to two simple rules: the practice of treating people the way they would like to be treated and their commitment to a strong work ethic.

"Our main objectives are to be honest, to never have an unhappy customer and to truly work for our clients," Sarah said. "A lot of agents forget that."

Gilligan is committed to securing the highest value for its clients. "We provide clients with services ranging from having their property professionally appraised by a certified home appraiser to a complimentary home inspection prior to the listing of the home," Eileen said. "This is to ensure that if any repairs are needed it will be rectified to make the sale go smoothly."

The sisters began the complimentary inspections during the recession. "I don't know of anyone else that does this," Sarah said. "Our clients love it."

The Gilligans are from County Sligo on the west coast of Ireland. Sarah was born in Glenwood Landing, but her parents moved back to Ireland when she was six months old. She said she always had an eye for real estate. "Dad and his father



Courtesy Gilligan Realty

**A FEATURED PROPERTY** on Gilligan Realty's website is a waterview home in Sea Cliff.

were always good at buying land," she said.

When Sarah was 16 she came back to the United States. She babysat, waited tables and cleaned houses. "It was scary coming here," she recalled. "The first time I was on the expressway I thought I'd never drive here. Then I got my license." Eventually she took night classes at Catherine Gibbs with her sister. They enrolled in the paralegal program.

"We both thought of becoming lawyers, but a realtor told us about his busi-

ness," Sarah said. "Laffey Real Estate is an Irish company. We were hired on the spot."

They worked for Laffey for five years. "We learned a lot, and what we wanted, which was to bring personal service to our business," Sarah said.

The sisters form relationships with their clients and are known for being confidential. "Our clients are very loyal and all of our business is done on referral," Sarah said.

Sarah and Eileen bought the building

where they opened their business — at 365 Glen Cove Ave. in Sea Cliff — in 2003. Today Gilligan Realty continues to grow, and is considered a top player in Long Island's residential real estate. Eileen attributes much of their success to their entrepreneurial spirit and creativity while utilizing the latest technology available.

Sarah and Eileen, both certified paralegals, are committed to treating all customers the same. "People say they feel like they are in good hands with us," Sarah said. "And when the deal is done they say they miss seeing us. We've gained friendships in the business."

She said that competitors often tell clients what they want to hear. "We tell them the facts," Sarah said. "People get upset when you tell them something that isn't the truth. All of our clients walk away happy."

The sisters have invested in properties too. They like to buy older homes and renovate them.

"Even if you make your money in another field, if you buy real estate, you invariably do very well at it for the rest of your life," Eileen said. "We made a lot of money selling real estate, but we got very wealthy owning real estate. Not bad for two young girls who immigrated to the wonderful United States from a little village in Sligo."



Photos by Brian Stieglitz

**OKOUMOU SCALED THE** Statue of Liberty last July 4 to protest President Donald's Trump zero-tolerance immigration policy. She shared her story on Feb. 10 with members of Prison Abolitionists of Nassau Inciting Change and Nassau County Democratic Socialists of America.

# Liberty protester climbs into ICE debate

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Immigrant rights activists are urging Nassau County Executive Laura Curran to remove U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency officials from the trailer where they are stationed at the Nassau County Correctional Center in East Meadow.

At an event hosted at the Long Island Progressive Coalition in Massapequa on Feb. 10, activists wrote letters to the county executive requesting that the county phase out all cooperation with ICE.

Among the group was Patricia Okoumou, from Staten Island, who scaled the base of the Statue of Liberty last July Fourth to protest President Trump zero-tolerance immigration policy. Hosting her and the event were Prison Abolitionists of Nassau Inciting Change and Nassau County Democratic Socialists of America.

In addition to writing to Curran, participants created Valentine's Day cards to be delivered to migrant children at detention centers in El Paso. The cards are printed with the Latino name for Valentine's Day, "Dia de Amor y Amistad," or "Day of Love and Friendship."

Seventy people also joined Okoumou earlier that day for a rally at the corner of Route 110 and Jericho Turnpike in Huntington Station. The rally called for federal officials to search for the thousands of immigrant children who went missing after being separated from their families at the southern United States border.

Stephen Figurasmith, co-founder of PANIC, said that Curran was losing sight of her moral compass.

"The purpose of the letters to Laura Curran is to remind her that she got elected riding on a wave of anti-Trump sentiment," Figurasmith said. "Now that she is in office, she needs to remain accountable on those values."

On Jan. 15, Curran asked ICE to vacate the premises by Jan. 31, citing a decision

by the Appellate Division of State Supreme Court in November that it was illegal for local police to hold inmates longer than their sentences based on civil immigration detainers.

She announced on Jan. 22 that ICE could relocate to NUMC, but faced backlash from activists and, six days later, agreed to let them stay at the jail, as long as they look for a new location away from the visitor's center, where they are currently housed, she said.

Brian Sullivan, president of the Correction Officers Benevolent Association, said that he doubted ICE's presence at the jail was ever an issue for the immigrant community. "They are not even visible on the visiting area on the jail property," he said.

And Nassau County Police Benevolent Association President James McDermott said, "Her decision jeopardized public safety and hindered the fight against MS-13 and other gangs."

But immigration activists said that ICE is not keeping the communities safe and should not have any presence in Nassau County.

Laura Divito, a Long Beach resident, said that alleging that ICE helps combat MS-13 is a way of evoking fear in communities who think that without ICE, MS-13 will not be combated. "We voted in Laura Curran — we can also vote her out."

In a statement following the protests, Curran said, "I recognize the legitimate concern about this issue in the immigrant community, which I take seriously. I want to make sure that all our residents — including those who are undocumented — don't have to live in fear and can feel safe reporting threats and criminal acts to our police."

Her final decision regarding the matter is still pending. "My first priority remains keeping all of our residents safe, and I'm proud that our community policing model has helped us achieved record low crime levels in Nassau County," she said.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ Male, 32, of Glen Cove, was arrested for third-degree assault and endangering the welfare of a child on Glen Cove Avenue on Feb. 16.

■ Male, 39, of Glen Cove, was arrested for third-degree assault, obstruction of breathing and fourth-degree criminal mischief on Brewster Street on Feb. 16.

■ Male, 30, of Glen Cove, was arrested for DWI, unlawful possession of marijuana and vehicle and traffic law violations on Glen Cove Avenue on Feb. 16.

■ Male, 35, of Birmingham, AL., was arrested for first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and numerous vehicle and traffic law violations on North Lane on Feb. 16.

■ Male, 32, of Jericho, was arrested for third- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and speeding on 4th St. on Feb. 16.

■ Male, 41, of Glen Cove, was arrested for DWI, traffic device violation passed red light and operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver on Walnut Road on Feb. 15.

■ Female, 32, of Glen Cove, was arrested for second-degree criminal contempt on Continental Place on Feb. 15.

■ Male, 41, of Glen Cove, was arrested for third-degree unauthorized use of a vehicle on Danis Avenue on Feb. 13.

■ Male, 22, of Westbury, was arrested for criminal possession of a firearm, second- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on Glen Cove Avenue on Feb. 13.

■ Male, 22, of Hempstead, was arrested for two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal possession of a firearm, second- and fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and equipment tinted windows on Glen Cove Avenue on Feb. 13.

■ Male, 28, of Freeport, was arrested for second- and third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver and equipment on Brewster Street on Feb. 13.

■ Male, 47, of Glen Cove, was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child on Woolsey Avenue on Feb. 11.

■ Male, 20, of Glen Cove, was arrested for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with improper plates and other vehicle and traffic law violations on Burns Avenue on Feb. 10.

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*Nearby things to do this week*

**A Night at the Races**



Enjoy a night of fun at the Sea Cliff Fire Department at A Night at the Race on Feb. 23. With a great deal of fun-filled activities, participants can win prizes, enter a 50/50 raffle and participate in an auction. There will also be plenty of delicious food. Admission is \$25 per person. The gates open at 6 p.m. at 67 Roslyn Ave., Sea Cliff. (516) 759-4565.

**Veterans benefits awareness**

United States military veterans are entitled to benefits after the completion of their service. Representatives of Nassau Veterans Service and Northport Veterans Affairs will be at the American Legion Post 336 on Feb. 27 to share information on the benefits. All questions will be answered at 7 p.m. at 190 Glen Head Road, Glen Head. (516) 676-2437.



**Understanding the Supreme Court**



Adjunct professor of constitutional history at Hofstra University James Coll will be at the Gold Coast Library to examine the evolving role of the U.S. Supreme Court in American history. Learn how the court works and how it deals with controversial issues. The talk kicks off at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27 at 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.

**Journey back in time**

Bring the kids to Garvies Point Museum and Preserve for a session on "Native American games of the Plains," Feb. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Discuss and play Native American games, including the Gusigonogo Dice game, Cheyenne, and Dark Walk. Also enjoy Native American sand art and face painting. Info: (516) 571-8010 or [www.garviespointmuseum.com](http://www.garviespointmuseum.com).



**In tune with Josh Rouse**



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Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**PEOPLE ENJOYED LAST** year's Morgan Park Summer Music Festival.

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**Breast cancer group for Spanish-speaking women**

Cafecito is a support group for Spanish-speaking women facing breast cancer. The group meets twice monthly at a community location in Westbury and is co-facilitated by the Adelphi New York State-

wide Breast Cancer Program's bilingual social workers.

For more information and to register, contact Angela Papalia, LMSW, at (516) 877-4329.

# HERALD SCHOOLS



Laura Lane/Herald Gazette

**STUDENTS AT GLEN** Cove High School may experience an increase in the school day from eight to nine periods during the 2019-20 school year.

## GCHS considering nine-period day

By **MIKE CONN**

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Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna unveiled plans for changing the average school day at Glen Cove High School from eight periods to nine at the Feb. 13 Board of Education meeting. If the change is approved, it will be effective during the 2019-20 school year. The district has used nine-period days in the past but changed high schoolers' schedules to eight periods during the 2011-12 school year.

### Why nine periods?

Rianna advocated that nine-period days would benefit a variety of learners, those that need extra help with a particular subject and the students who wish to

take additional classes.

She offered an example of how and why the extra period would be beneficial. If a student is taking algebra and is having trouble grasping it, she said, they could take a lab that would offer additional help. The hope is that the student would then pass the course without having to hire a tutor or drop out and sign up for a less challenging course.

The labs would alternate, focusing on different subjects on any given day. Rianna did say that the scheduling of lab courses is in the formative stage.

With the additional ninth period, students who wish to add credits or explore a topic which they find interesting would no longer have to forego their lunch period.

This extra period would allow for these students to have a full lunch period.

### What's being considered for a nine-period day

There are a pair of key factors the district will consider when making its decision on the nine-period day — how it will be implemented and student enrollment.

One avenue to fill the extra period would be to have guidance counselors, who traditionally work with students to create their schedules, encourage them to sign up for an extra class.

Although the district has not yet finalized how it would implement the extra period, options are being considered. One possibility would be to take a few minutes out

of each period in order to create space for one more. Or an extra period could be added to the end of the day. With the latter, certain teachers would work periods one through eight, and others, periods two through nine.

The district will have to wait until the 2019-20 school budget is finalized before making a final decision on the nine-period day. Additional coursework will require additional staff, which would equate to the hiring of five or six full-time teachers. According to Rianna, this could result in the need for an extra \$540,000 to \$620,000 for salaries.

The Glen Cove City School District Board of Education will meet next on Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Gribbin Elementary School.

## Attend the community bond forum

Community residents are invited by the Glen Cove City School District to attend a community bond forum on March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Glen Cove High School auditorium.

Residents will have an opportunity to vote on a bond referendum that will fund major repairs and renovations to all six Glen Cove CSD schools that cannot be funded through the district's annual school budget. During the community bond forum, residents will learn more about the proposed

scope of work. Those in attendance will hear presentations detailing the repairs and renovations proposed in all six district schools, learn more about the anticipated cost and funding needed, and will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

The bond referendum would support construction of additions, alterations and improvements to all six district schools as needed to provide new instructional and support space. Interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration to pro-

vide enhanced and/or new instructional space, auditorium, science, music, art, library cafeteria and other spaces will also be discussed.

Improvements would be made to heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems district-wide, fire and security systems, replacement of windows, roofs, doors, floors and ceilings as needed, and repairs and renovations to be in compliance with state and federal laws and with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, curbs, drain-

age improvements, as well as recreational and athletic improvements including the construction of new and enhanced playing fields, tennis courts, tracks and bleachers, and the installation of field lighting are also included in the proposed bond.

Anyone unable to attend the forum can visit the district's website at [www.glen Cove.k12.ny.us](http://www.glen Cove.k12.ny.us) for detailed information about the proposed bond. Residents can vote on the bond on March 12 at Glen Cove High School and Connolly Elementary School from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Glen Cove track seeks growth

By J.D. FREDA  
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Led by a strong young core, the Glen Cove Big Red track team made strides towards becoming a more well-rounded program during the winter indoor season. The Big Red had two representatives invited to the State Qualifying meet after very successful seasons: junior Jalhiek Dyer and senior E'shone Cofield.

Both Dyer and Cofield were All-County runners in the spring of 2018 and have become leaders for their teams moving forward.

"By far the two standout athletes are Cofield and Dyer," coach Matt Carbone said. "We knew coming in that they would do really well since they were our returning All-County runners from last spring."

Cofield finished 2nd in the 300m and 3rd in the 55m, while Dyer was narrowly edged out by Malverne's Rashad Teachey in the 300m at the Nassau Class B Championships. Both athletes competed at the state qualifying meet due to their performance at the Class B Championships. Cofield finished fourth in Class B and Dyer finished seventh.

Cofield's 2018-19 personal best for the 55m was 7.46 seconds, while her personal best for the 300m was 42.01 seconds. Dyer's personal best for the 300m was 36.82 seconds, while his best time in the 100m was 11.84 seconds.

Juniors Mary Thompson and Ayjah Clarke, as well as sophomore Madeline Starke and freshman Aryana Souter are highly touted prospects that Glen Cove is looking to help grow in their development in the coming years. "These athletes are the ones we look forward to building our program around in the future," Carbone said.

Clarke's best time for the 55m (8.07 seconds) slightly edges out Souter's (8.10 seconds) for the fastest in that bunch. Souter's 300 time (46.03 seconds) is the best time in her promising group by a few meaningful ticks.

"We ask all of our athletes to beat their personal best each and every time they race," Carbone said. "That's what we aim for."

Although this young group proves promising for the future, Carbone acknowledges that there must be some try-



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**GLEN COVE JUNIOR** Jalhiek Dyer was runner-up to Malverne's Rashad Teachey in the 300 meter run at the Nassau Class B championships.

ing times now getting the young runners to catch up with opposing upperclassmen.

"This year for the coaches was tough because we had many underclassmen on the roster," Carbone said. "Getting them to buy into the track program here and give 100 percent of themselves every time is challenging for us."

Conversely, Carbone and his assistant coaches believe the large number of underclassmen will play not only in to their success in the future, but their camaraderie.

"This group is so well rounded and just has so much personality that it made every

single day with them fun," Carbone said. "I am going to miss this group being together, although thankfully there are not many seniors."

Cofield, the uber-athletic senior, will have one more go-around in outdoor Spring track before she hangs the spikes up.

Carbone lauds the the group of athletes not just for their athletic prowess, but their quality as individuals. "As a coach, you not only try to mold your kids into good athletes, but good people," Carbone said. "This whole group, well, they're just that. Good people."

### SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



### DAJOUR GIBSON

Glen Cove Senior Basketball

**ALTHOUGH THE BIG** Red failed in its bid to reach the Nassau Class A playoffs, Gibson enjoyed a strong season running the offense. He averaged 12 points per game and led the team in assists. Some of his best efforts came during the playoff push, including 20 points Jan. 25 versus Plainedge.

### BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

#### Friday, Feb. 22 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Girls Basketball: Nassau Class B championship..... 5 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: Nassau Class B championship..... 7 p.m.

#### Monday, Feb. 25 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Girls Basketball: Nassau Class AA semifinals..... 5 & 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 26 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Boys Basketball: Nassau Class AA semifinals..... 5 & 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 27 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Boys Basketball: Nassau Class A semifinals..... 5 & 7 p.m.

#### Thursday, Feb. 28 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Girls Basketball: Nassau Class A semifinals..... 5 & 7 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 3 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Girls Basketball: Nassau Class A championship..... 11 a.m.  
Girls Basketball: Nassau Class AA championship..... 1 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: Nassau Class A championship..... 3 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: Nassau Class AA championship..... 5 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 6 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Girls Basketball: Long Island Class B championship..... 5 p.m.  
Boys Basketball: Long Island Class B championship..... 7 p.m.

#### Saturday, March 9 (SUNY Farmingdale)

Girls Basketball: Long Island Class A championship..... 12 p.m.  
Girls Basketball: Long Island Class AA championship..... 2 p.m.

#### Sunday, March 10 (Nassau Coliseum)

Boys Basketball: Long Island Class A championship.....TBA  
Boys Basketball: Long Island Class AA championship.....TBA

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY** Committee chairwoman Lisa Forgione, left, presented Marina O'Neil, aide to the grand marshal, and Grand Marshal Patrick "Patsy" Furlong with their honorary sashes at the annual hooley.

## Last year's leprechaun becomes grand marshal

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tee. "[Furlong] is such a great member of the Hibernians of Glen Cove," Forgione said. "He's always there for the parades and everything, so he was an easy choice."

"And then Marina — the day she joined the Hibernians [in 2009], she became an officer, and she's been ever since," Forgione continued. "They were very easy picks because they do so many wonderful things for the community."

Furlong and O'Neil said they were excited and honored to be chosen. "[It's] overwhelming. I'm humbled by it," O'Neil said. "I just want to continue doing what I'm doing, volunteering and helping the [Hibernians] in any way I can."

Asked about his reaction when he heard that he would be grand marshal, Furlong said, "I was dumbfounded, really, shocked, because I never thought that I'd be grand marshal one day, but now I'm really thrilled and honored."

He jokingly expressed his disappointment that he would be unable to march this year

as the parade's leprechaun, because he will be wearing the sash instead of the green suit and beard he has worn every year since the mid-2000s.

The hooley serves as the opening of the St. Patrick's Day celebration for the Hibernians as well as its first fundraising opportunity for the parade. The event is funded entirely by the group, and they rely primarily on donations from individuals and businesses. The organization also receives funding from a yearly journal it publishes, which includes advertisements for its benefactors along with everything readers need to know about the parade. For more information on the journal, go to [glencove-irish.org](http://glencove-irish.org).

This year's parade, Glen Cove's 31st, will kick off at 1 p.m. on March 17. It will start at the intersection of Forest Avenue and Dosoris Lane, then make its way down School Street and on to Glen Street, ending at St. Patrick's Church at 235 Glen St. A post-parade party will follow in the church hall.



**MUSICIANS PATRICK SHIELDS**, above left, and Luke Powers played traditional Irish music on a variety of instruments, including bagpipes, fiddles, guitars and drums.

**NEWLY NAMED GRAND Marshal Patsy Furlong**, in sash above left, celebrated with his wife, Nancy, and their cousins Alex and Brenda Rizea.

**MARINA O'NEIL'S FAMILY** was proud of her appointment as aide to the grand marshal.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, Feb. 21

### Oreo taste test

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Children from kindergarten through fifth-grade can test their knowledge of Oreos through this blind taste test. (516) 676-2130.

### Lung club

Glen Cove Hospital, 101 St Andrews Lane, Glen Cove, 2 p.m. A support group for people dealing with lung ailments will be held in the hospital's Maxwell board room. (516) 674-7745.

### STEAM: All about magnets

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Children from kindergarten through second-grade will visit different stations on a rotational basis and get to build with Magna-tiles, create paintings using magnets and decorate a magnetic sea creature, which they will also have to catch using magnetic fishing rods. (516) 759-8300.

### Starry Night painting

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 6 p.m. Participants will recreate Vincent van Gogh's famous Starry Night painting with their own unique twist. (516) 676-2130.

### Chocolate workshop

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 6:30 p.m. Mold and decorate chocolate pops, compete in a fun chocolate competition and win prizes by answering chocolate trivia. Open for teens grades 6 to 12. Admission is \$5 and registration is in person. (516) 628-2765.

### Harlem Hellfighters lecture at NSHM

North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. The "Harlem Hellfighters" were an infantry regiment during World War I entirely made up of African-American soldiers. Over 40 of these brave men were from the Glen Cove area, and the museum will be celebrating their legacy and educating the public during this lecture. (516) 801-1191.

## Friday, Feb. 22

### The History of the Amos and Andy Show

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Sal St. George will discuss the Amos and Andy show, one of the most popular yet controversial programs to ever hit television. Learn about the men who portrayed the characters, the racial stereotyping of those characters and the program's ultimate demise. (516) 676-2130.

## Saturday, Feb. 23

### Indoor winter market

Creative Arts Studio, 256 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 12 to 4 p.m. Shop fresh produce, baked goods, pickles, juices, healthy snacks and other locally crafted goodies. Ongoing Saturdays through March.

### Learn how to draw Pokemon

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 2 p.m. Join McKel Supreme



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## "Stay Strong and Be Your Best" at Gold Coast Library

Doctoral students in the NYIT physical therapy program will present a talk at the Gold Coast Library which will include tips on everyday activities that will enable participants to sustain good health in terms of strength and stamina. Some exercises will be demonstrated. All participants will be invited to a fitness screen afterwards. The students will also be available to answer questions about any issues participants may have related to fitness. Balance screens will be available as well. The talk starts at 11 a.m. on Feb. 26 and all are invited to attend. 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.

of Night and Day Anime Studios as he gives step-by-step instructions and walkthroughs on how to draw tons of Pokemon. Materials are provided and registration is required. (516) 671-1837.

### Katie Pearlman Band at Still Partners

Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 8 p.m. Join multi-instrumental musician Katie Pearlman for an evening of melodic and soulful tunes. (516) 200-9229.

## Monday, Feb. 25

### Wang art hanging

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 11:15 a.m. Artist Yunli Wang will be hanging her artwork, which consists of portraits, scenery and still life. The exhibit will be open through March 28. (516) 671-1837.

## Tuesday, Feb. 26

### Glen Cove City Council meeting

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Join the Glen Cove City Council at City Hall as they discuss the city's most pressing matters and answer questions from the public. (516) 676-2000.

## Wednesday, Feb. 27

### Bus trip to "Beautiful"

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Take a bus trip to see

"Beautiful," a musical about Carole King's story of going from a teenage songwriter to a members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Tickets are \$101 and include

orchestra seats and transportation to the Stephen Sondheim Theatre in Manhattan. Register at the library's information desk. (516) 676-2130.



## Women's self-defense class

Join Grand Master Gene Percival in a safety and self-defense course designed for women to prevent sexual assault at the Locust Valley Library. A teacher with 57 years of experience, Percival will cover traditional martial arts techniques while advocating for respect, inspiration, harmony and calmness of mind. All are welcome to attend this free event on Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley. (516) 671-1837.

### Brain injury support group

Glen Cove Hospital, 101 St Andrews Lane, Glen Cove, 4 p.m. A support group for people dealing with brain injuries which will concentrate on physical therapy. (516) 674-1739.

### Heart-healthy meal solutions

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 7 p.m. Join Dr. Bani M. Azari in learning how to make heart-healthy meals that are inexpensive, quick and easy to do on a busy weekday night. (516) 922-1212.

## Thursday, Feb. 28

### Arthritis education and exercise class

Glen Cove Hospital, 101 St Andrews Lane, Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. The hospital is hosting an exercise and education class for people with arthritis in the 1 South dining room. For more information, contact Laura Marrone at (516) 674-7696.

## Friday, March 1

### Happy birthday, Dr. Suess!

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers can celebrate the 115th birthday of one of the most beloved storytellers of all time. Read stories, make crafts and have all sorts of Suess-themed fun. (516) 676-2130.

## Saturday, March 2

### Engineer Lego creations

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Students in kindergarten and up can make huge Lego structures, design mazes, create games and anything else that comes to mind. (516) 676-2130.

## Sunday, March 3

### Reed Farrel Coleman book signing

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 p.m. Author Reed Farrel Coleman will discuss his life as a writer, as well as sign copies of his newest book, "Colorblind," the latest addition to the Detective Jesse Stone Series. (516) 759-8300.

### Buddy Merriam and Backroads

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 2 p.m. Join Buddy Merriam and Backroads as they perform a traditional bluegrass with the soul of yesteryear and technical skill that is hard to equal. The performance will include Merriam's mandolin compositions along with bluegrass vocals. (516) 671-1837.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

**MAYOR TIM TENKE**, front left, welcomed Andres H. Salcedo and Kathleen Grazioso into the Glen Cove Auxiliary Police Dept. alongside Michael DiLeo, auxiliary police chief, as the City Council looked on.

### New auxiliary police officers appointed

Mayor Tim Tenke and the City Council appointed two new members to Glen Cove's Auxiliary Police Department. New members Andres H. Salcedo, a former marine, and Kathleen Grazioso were joined by Auxiliary Police Chief Michael DiLeo as Mayor Tenke swore in and welcomed the new crossing guards.

The Auxiliary Police Department is an

active part of the Glen Cove community and they can be seen helping to regulate school and church-related traffic, patrolling the beach during the summer and providing security for large city events. Residents interested in applying for a position within the Auxiliary Police Department can contact the city's personnel department at (516) 676-4814.

### Narcan key in fewer opioid deaths

Addressing an audience of 60 residents at Congregation Tifereth Israel in Glen Cove on Feb. 4, Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said, "I cannot stress enough how important this session is." She was hosting a Narcan education and training session co-sponsored by SAFE of Glen Cove.

People who attended the Narcan education and training session were surprised by how many Narcan sessions DeRiggi-Whitton sponsors each year in her district.

Out of the more than 500,000 people who died from opioid overdoses between 2000 and 2015, 60 percent were due to opiates in pill form. "To understand how and why so many people in our country are

becoming heroin addicts," she said, "it often starts by taking a prescription a trusted doctor as prescribed."

Opioids cause receptors in the brain to open, and once opened, those receptors never close. This is the reason it is so hard to kick an opioid habit and stay clean. When a prescription runs out and doctors cannot write refills, some people become desperate and turn to heroin, which is relatively easy to find and can cost less than a pack of cigarettes.

People that attended the training in Glen Cove left with a great deal of knowledge and a Narcan overdose reversal kit.

*Compiled by Alyssa Seidman*



Courtesy Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton

**NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR** Delia DeRiggi-Whitton hosted a Narcan education and training session co-sponsored by SAFE of Glen Cove.

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- 5 Young fellow
- 8 In the thick of
- 12 Pastoral poem
- 13 Hockey surface
- 14 Start over
- 15 Tear
- 16 Some inoculations
- 18 Left the premises
- 20 Grown-up nit
- 21 Petrol
- 22 Jan. and Feb.
- 23 Building wing
- 26 Battery brand
- 30 Golf prop
- 31 Whammy
- 32 Equal (Pref.)
- 33 Combat-zone helicopter
- 36 Connection
- 38 Express
- 39 Peruke
- 40 Accumulate
- 43 Empty spaces
- 47 Time away from work
- 49 Largest of the seven
- 50 TV trophy
- 51 Conk out
- 52 Trawler equipment
- 53 Actor Roger
- 54 Peculiar

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- 2 Concept
- 3 Harmonization
- 4 Senescence
- 5 A cat has nine —
- 6 Mil. sch.
- 7 Nov. follower
- 8 Melodious
- 9 List of options
- 10 Mid-March date
- 11 Medicinal amount
- 17 Satiating
- 19 Levy
- 22 Baer or Schmeling of boxing
- 23 \$ dispenser
- 24 Born
- 25 Homer's neighbor
- 26 Fun 'n' games
- 27 Compete
- 28 "— was saying, ..."
- 29 Anti
- 31 Dinner for Dobbin
- 34 English compositions
- 35 Expansive
- 36 Twitch
- 37 Galapagos lizard
- 39 Subsidized
- 40 State
- 41 Jerry Herman heroine
- 42 Pinnacle
- 43 Null and —
- 44 Secondhand
- 45 Teeny bit
- 46 Back talk
- 48 Altar affirmative

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**U.S. REP. SUOZZI** was joined by constituents who have been affected by gun violence, including Linda Beigel Schulman, whose son, Scott Beigel, was killed in the Parkland, Fla., school shooting last February.

# Parkland activists call for federal background checks

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The U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote next week on legislation that would strengthen federal background checks on all firearms sales nationwide. U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, was joined by activists from Moms Demand Action and New Yorkers Against Gun Violence at his district office in Huntington on Tuesday to urge swift passage of H.R. 8, also known as the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019.

Among the activists who appeared with Suozzi was Linda Beigel Schulman, of Dix Hills. Her son, Scott Beigel, was one of 17 people killed in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., a year ago. He was 35.

"While the state of New York recently passed reasonable gun-control legislation, Congress has not done so in over 10

years," Beigel Schulman said. "H.R. 8 is truly a bipartisan attempt to pass common-sense gun control legislation." The bill recently passed the House Judiciary Committee and has 231 co-sponsors, including Suozzi. Five of those co-sponsors, including U.S. Rep. Peter King, of Seaford, are Republican.

"There is no single law that can put an end to mass shootings or gun violence, but . . . when background checks are used they keep guns out of the hands of people we all agree shouldn't have guns," King said in a statement. "As government officials it is our responsibility to protect our citizens, and when it comes to gun violence we must do more."

"Safety from gun violence is not a partisan issue," Beigel Schulman added.

The legislation would require background checks for every gun sale or transfer conducted in the U.S., with exceptions for hunting, target shooting or self-

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- April 18 – Maudy Thursday – Foot Washing – 6:30pm – 8:30pm
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- April 21 – Easter Sunday Service

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## Loopholes in federal law

Under current federal law, unlicensed sellers can sell firearms at gun shows, online and face to face without conducting any background check on purchasers. This loophole can have dangerous consequences, because up to 80 percent of firearms used for criminal purposes are obtained without background checks.

Twenty states, including New York, have already either fully or partially closed the background check loophole. H.R. 8 mirrors the most comprehensive and up-to-date versions of those state laws with penalties of a fine and/or jail time for noncompliance. The bill would:

- Reduce firearms trafficking by prohibiting unlicensed transfers through unregulated secondary sales.
- Aid law enforcement's ability to trace guns used in crimes, which depends on licensed gun dealers' sales records.
- Contain reasonable and explicit exceptions to allow a person to responsibly loan a gun for hunting or target shooting, to give a gun as a gift to a close family member, or to provide a gun in the moment for self-defense.

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# Suozzi calls for action on bipartisan legislation

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defense. Although federal law requires licensed gun dealers to conduct background checks through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, it does not regulate unlicensed gun sellers. H.R. 8 would require them to use the same system, and sell or transfer firearms through licensed dealers (see box below).

Suozzi said the bill would also close the “gun show loophole.” “Some folks go to gun shows, and they have private sales that are not with federally registered dealers, and they can sell guns to each other without going through the background

check process,” he explained. “This also goes for guns that are purchased online” (see box at right).

Last month, New York state lawmakers passed a law requiring gun dealers to wait 30 days after initiating a background check before selling a gun to a buyer. Previously, if no response came back within three days, the gun had to be sold.

Suozzi said he was confident that the bill would pass the House, but he acknowledged that it would face a challenge in the Senate. “It’s going to require exactly what the folks here have been doing for a long time, which is to go out and talk to individual members of the Senate as to why this bill is so important,”

he said.

Activist Mary Beth Baxter, of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, acknowledged the state’s progress in strengthening gun-safety measures, but did not discount the necessity for sweeping back-

ground-check legislation nationwide.

“[In] 70 percent of the gun crimes committed in New York state, those guns are originating from outside of New York state,” Baxter said. “Universal background checks are paramount to safety.”

## How background checks work

Federal law prohibits certain people from obtaining or possessing firearms. This law is enforced primarily through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, which licensed gun dealers are required to contact before selling or transferring a firearm. Since its implementation in the 1990s, NICS has stopped over three million gun sales or transfers from licensed dealers. H.R. 8 would:

- Require all firearm purchases to undergo NICS background checks.
- Reduce the risk that a gun buyer might avoid a background check by claiming to be borrowing the gun for an open-ended amount of time.
- Help prevent dangerous people from circumventing laws on the books and obtaining deadly weapons.

via Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

**A TODDLER TOOK** part in a gun-control rally in Huntington in August, in honor of her uncle, Scott Beigel, who was one of 17 people killed in a school shooting in Parkland, Fla., in February.

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# VIEWFINDER

By MAUREEN LENNON

## THE QUESTION:

### What song best describes your life?



The song that reminds me of my life is by the Judds, "Love can build a bridge," it is a beautiful love song, perfect for Valentine's Day. I've been blessed with much love in my life.

**Helene Berberich**  
Recruiter



My favorite song that describes life is Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen. The song questions life and fantasy. It's a rock classic.

**Seamus Lennon**  
College student



The song that reminds me of me is "Wild Child" by Kenny Chesney. This song is about being a free spirit.

**Kera Eltschlager**  
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The song that reminds me of me is from Garth Brooks, "I Got Friends in Low Places," I just love country music.

**Greg Parker**  
Retired



"People are Crazy" by Billy Currington. This song reminds me of me to always have faith, to enjoy yourself and that no one is perfect.

**Jesse Eckels**  
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"Isn't She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder- one of favorite songs, it reminds me of my life. It's such a feel good song.

**Ariella Mancebo**  
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# Teens wanted for Glen Cove summer youth employment

For over 30 years, the City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau has provided summer employment opportunities for Glen Cove residents between 14 and 22-years-old. Over that time, the youth bureau has expanded their Summer Youth Employee Program into a dynamic three-tier job readiness and skills development initiative. The three tiers include the Green Team for teens ages 14 and 15, a Summer Internship program for 16 to 18-year-olds and an Assistant and Supervisor program for program alumni up to 22 years of age.

The SYEP is designed to provide high school students ages 16 to 18-years-old with transferable skills through workshops and leadership activities that focus on time management, goal setting, resume

writing, interview preparation and business etiquette. Training workshops are held one evening each week during the months of March, April and May. Eligible candidates can then apply for summer internship positions with local business partners in June. Only 10 internship positions will be available and up to 20 trainees will be accepted.

To learn more about the internship program, students are invited to attend the SYEP Internship kick-off meeting on March 4 at 7 p.m. at the Glen Cove Youth Center, 128B Glen St. Teens must sign up to attend the meeting by March 1 by emailing program coordinator Jacki Yonick at [jyonick@cityofglencoveny.org](mailto:jyonick@cityofglencoveny.org) or by calling the youth bureau at (516) 671-4600.

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## Mardi Gras Party Dirty Dozen Brass & ChaWa Saturday, Feb 23



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# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Time for Oscar to shine...

## Host an award-worthy party with red carpet appeal

As the Oscars seek to maintain their relevancy in the complex 21st century landscape, many movie buffs still enjoy the glitzy, glamorous scene. So gather round the TV on Sunday, Feb. 24, and settle in for some celebrity watching during that spectacle known as the 91st Academy Awards.

Be part of the festivities with an A-list Oscar night bash that will keep everyone entertained all evening long.

The envelope, please. Everyone loves to try and guess who will be Oscar night's big winners. Download free printable Oscars ballots (widely available from many sites). Distribute them to your guests to fill out and seal before the ceremony begins. At the end of the night, tally up the totals and give out your own awards for highest and lowest scores.

When there's a break in the action, use those moments for mingling and party fun — such as movie trivia, movie quotes, or favorite Oscar night moments.

Delicious bites. Plan a menu of glamorous, delectable finger foods. And don't forget that staple of movie treats — popcorn.

Try these recipes to get you inspired.



### Chocolate Popcorn

- 2 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 cup peanuts (optional)
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1/4 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

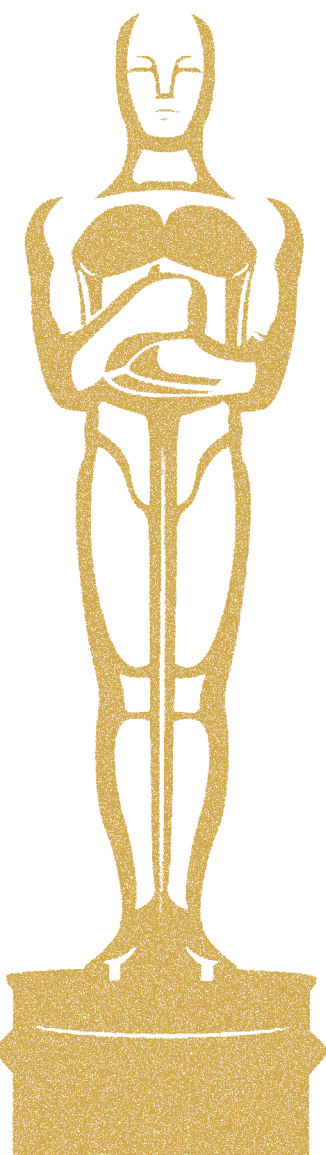
Preheat oven to 250° F. Oil a 10x15 inch baking pan with sides.

Place popcorn and peanuts into a large, metal bowl, and set aside. Stir

together the sugar, corn syrup, cocoa powder, and butter in a saucepan over medium-high heat until it comes to a boil. Boil for 2 minutes. Stir in the vanilla, then pour over the popcorn. Stir until the popcorn is well coated. Spread the popcorn into the prepared pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 30 minutes, stirring several times.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature. Break into small clumps, and store in an airtight container.



### Hot Crab Dip

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
- 1 pound lump crabmeat
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F. Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise, Old Bay seasoning and ground mustard in medium bowl until well blended. Add crabmeat; toss gently.

Spread in shallow 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese and additional Old Bay Seasoning, if desired.

Bake 30 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve with assorted crackers or sliced French bread.



### Hoisin Meatballs

- 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce
- 1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy sauce

- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons chopped green onions
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot
- 1-1/2 pounds lean ground beef

### Sauce:

- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1/4 cup hoisin sauce
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 2 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh gingerroot

In a large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well.

Shape into scant 1-inch balls. Place in a 13x9-inch baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake, uncovered, at 350° until meat is no longer pink, 20-25 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, combine the sauce ingredients; heat through. Serve with meatballs.



### Mini Cheesecakes

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 12 Oreo cookies
- 1 kiwi
- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries
- 1/3 cup fresh raspberries

Heat oven to 350° F.

Beat cream cheese, sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended. Add eggs; mix just until blended.

Place 1 cookie in each of 12 paper-lined muffin cups; top with cream cheese mixture.

Bake 20 minutes or until centers are almost set. Cool. Refrigerate 3 hours. Peel kiwi; cut into 6 slices, then cut each slice in half. Place 1 kiwi piece on each cheesecake. Top with berries.

— Karen Bloom  
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### ON STAGE

## Rain – A Tribute to The Beatles

The dynamic tribute band take everyone back to a time when all you needed was love, and a little help from your friends in its lively celebration of the iconic "Abbey Road" album. Rain is renowned for delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that critics and audiences proclaim as the next best thing to seeing the Beatles live. The band updates the concert experience with full costumes, state-of-the-art LED and multimedia content. Together

## WEEKEND

### Out and About

longer than the Fab Four, Rain has mastered every song, gesture and nuance of the legendary foursome, resulting in a show that thoroughly captures the essential essence of Beatlemania.

Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. \$93, \$53, \$43. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).

### IN CONCERT

## Dirty Dozen Brass Band

Party on New Orleans-style as that Mardi Gras spirit makes its way north. Boogie on with the down-home rhythms of two classic NoLa bands when the Dirty Dozen Brass Band is joined by Cha Wa for a feel-good celebration. For over 40 years, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band has taken the traditional foundation of brass band music and incorporated it into a blend of genres including bebop jazz, funk and R&B/



soul. Their unique sound, described by the band as a 'musical gumbo,' is beloved by audiences who enthusiastically respond to their genre-bending, high-octane romps. Joining in on the festivities, New Orleans brass band-meets-Mardi Gras Indian band Cha Wa radiates the fiery energy of the best features of the city's street culture. From the funk-laced beats and bass-heavy sousaphone blasts that kick off their album "Spyboy" to the gritty warmth of singer J'Wan Boudreaux's voice, Cha Wa digs deep into the New Orleans sound and gives it a modern twist. As they say in New Orleans, "Laissez les bon temps rouler!"

Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. \$46, \$38, \$28. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

### Performances/ On Stage



#### Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story

The musical biography of the early rock 'n' roller, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 21-22, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 23, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 24, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 27, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Bryan Gallo and Anne O'Rourke

The Long Island-based singer-songwriters in concert, Thursday, Feb. 21, 8:30 p.m. (7:30 p.m. open mic.) Cinema Arts Center, Sky Room Cafe, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or [www.cinemaartscentre.org](http://www.cinemaartscentre.org) or [www.fmsh.org](http://www.fmsh.org).

#### Danke Baby

The rock-funk-soul band in concert, Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or [www.stillpartners.com](http://www.stillpartners.com).

#### Dina Hashem

The comic performs, Friday, Feb. 22, 9:30 p.m. Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or [www.cinemaartscentre.org](http://www.cinemaartscentre.org).

#### London African Gospel Choir

The acclaimed choir in concert, performing their version of Paul Simon's classic "Graceland," Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Disney's DCappella

The a cappella ensemble in concert, performing modern versions of classic Disney hit tunes, Saturday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Josh Rouse

The folk/roots pop singer-songwriter in concert, Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).



#### Yale Whiffenpoofs

The acclaimed collegiate a cappella group in concert, Saturday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org).



### Shanghai Quartet

The acclaimed chamber ensemble visits Tilles Center, on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m.

The incomparable quartet — featuring violinists Weigang Li and Yi-Wen Jiang, violist Hong-gang Li, and cellist Nicholas Tzavaras — is renowned for its passionate musicality, impressive technique and multicultural innovations. Their elegant style melds the delicacy of Eastern music with the emotional breadth of Western repertoire, allowing it to traverse musical genres including traditional Chinese folk music, masterpieces of Western music and cutting-edge contemporary works.

The afternoon's program includes Beethoven's Quartet in F, Opus 18; ChinaSong, a selection of Chinese folk songs; and Schubert's Cello Quintet in C.

Tickets are \$56; available at (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org). Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

#### Switchfoot

The alt rock band in concert, Saturday, Feb. 23, 7:15 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### Us and Floyd

The Pink Floyd tribute band in concert, Saturday, Feb. 23, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### Chazz Palminteri

The actor performs his one-man version of "A Bronx Tale," Sunday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### Flogging Molly

The Celtic punk band in concert, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 8 p.m. With special guests Lucero & The Huntress and Holder of Hands. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

#### 'The Office' Trivia Night

Trivia event devoted to the popular TV series, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### High Kings

The Irish folk group in concert, Thursday, Feb. 28 7:30 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater at Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Kate Usher and the Study Souls

The alternative soul-pop-rock band in concert, Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Still Partners,

225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or [www.stillpartners.com](http://www.stillpartners.com).

#### Procol Harum

The iconic rocker in concert, Thursday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

### For the Kids

#### Picture Book Films

Watch short films based on favorite children's books, Friday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. For ages 2-5. Registration required. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Movie Fun

See "The House With a Clock in Its Walls," the fantasy film about a boy who goes to live with his oddball uncle in a creaky old house that contains a mysterious "tick tock" noise, Saturday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130 or [www.glencovelibrary.org](http://www.glencovelibrary.org).

#### Seussical the Musical

A musical extravaganza narrated by the Cat in the Hat, Saturday, Feb. 23, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Feb. 24 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Studio Saturday

Drop into Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Center for hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibition, Saturday, Feb. 23, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m.; also

Friday, March 1, 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](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).

#### American Girl Live

A new musical, featuring iconic American Girl character, Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.; Friday, March 1, 1 and 5 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

### Museums/Galleries and more...

#### 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](http://www.nshmgc.org).



#### Film Screening

See "Drawn From Nature," the PBS American Masters' series film that tells the dramatic life story of naturalist John James Audubon, the adventurer and self-taught artist who saw more of the North American continent than virtually anyone of his time (1785-1851), Tuesday through Sunday, Feb. 24-March 3, 12 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Artist Choice 2019

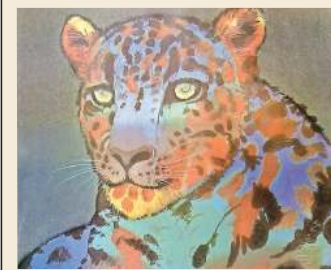
Local artists display their works. Through Feb. 24. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106 or [www.bjspokegallery.org](http://www.bjspokegallery.org).

#### Heckscher Collects: Recent Acquisitions

An exhibition of two dozen 20th century and contemporary works that have been acquired by the museum over the past five years. With a selection of prints produced by more traditional and diverse experimental processes; experimental photography by Bill Armstrong, Ellen Carey, and Joe Constantino; New York City street scenes by N. Jay Jaffee; and images of Cuba by Bastienne Schmidt; along with abstract and representational paintings. Through May 12. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Rivera and Beyond: Latin American Art

An exhibit of 20th century and contemporary artists from across Central and South America, from the collection of Joan and Milton Bagley. Masterworks by Fernando Botero, Elena Climent, Ana Mercedes Hoyos, Wifredo Lam, Julio Larraz, Roberto Matta, Carlos Mérida, Diego Rivera, and others are on view. Through March 31. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).



#### Wild Kingdom: Hunt Slonem and a Hundred Years of Animal Art

An exhibition that showcases artists whose paintings, drawings, and sculpture have immortalized the wild kingdom. On view are works by Pablo Picasso, Marc Chagall, John James Audubon and Jeff Koons among others. With an installation by artist-designer Hunt Slonem who creates a dream-like sanctuary for parrots, rabbits and butterflies; his signature motifs. Through March 3. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Theodore Roosevelt:

#### A Man for the Modern World

An exhibition that celebrates the presidency and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, who is often considered the first modern president. On view are a collection of historic documents, photographs, and many never before seen artifacts that celebrate TR's major achievements and underscore his legacy. Highlighted objects include family sporting equipment and the license plate from the Roosevelts' automobile, shown alongside presidential gifts such as a book inscribed by Booker T. Washington and a coal scuttle given after the resolution of the Anthracite Coal Strike of 1902. Some familiar artifacts from the Roosevelt home are also on display. Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay. 922-4788 or [nps.gov/sagamorehill](http://nps.gov/sagamorehill).

#### Movie Matinee

See "Some Like it Hot," the classic 1959 romantic comedy, starring Jack Lemmon, Marilyn Monroe and Tony Curtis, Friday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.; also "The Old Man and the Gun," the biopic based on based on Forrest Tucker's audacious escape from San Quentin at age 70, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Sketching in the Galleries

All ages can express their creativity and sketch in the museum's gallery space, Sunday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Help yourself to a variety of drawing supplies, grab a seat and create. Free with admission. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).



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## ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

### New soups and salads to go

The erratic weather during the past few weeks has been takeout torture! When it's frigid outside, I crave soup. When it's 60 degrees, I crave salads. Since I'm not wired to cook, I've solved the problem by ordering soups and salads every day. I'm excited to tell you there are lots of new ones in our neighborhood. To begin, for an elegant, artistic, flavorful and healthful meal, go to:

■ **Tigra** (43A Main St., Port Washington) If you have fond memories of the Sea Cliff Sushi Company and Sea Cliff's Musu, I'm thrilled to blurt out the best news ever. I located the chef. Roy Kurniawan, the brilliant creator of Japanese, sushi inspired foods with global influence just opened this Port Washington café! Everything on the former Musu menu is offered (chili scallops, sugar mountain, foxy lady, etc.), plus new dishes. Roy especially recommends the cold smoked tuna tartare. I enjoyed the Spicy Dumpling soup — a fresh, light, spicy broth with dumplings as smooth as silk. Alongside it, my Red Quinoa Salad (with spaghetti squash, mango, kale, roasted tomato, red quinoa and olive oil crumbles) was almost too pretty to eat. The innovative ingredients come together for a mouthwatering party. Coincidentally, in the cafe, I was seated beside two Sea Cliffers. Though the restaurant just opened, they have been there six times.

■ **Small Batch** (630 Old Country Rd., Garden City) This new café at the Roosevelt Field mall offers more delicious, surprising combinations of flavors. I devoured the Italian wedding soup, a very light broth with hints of fresh vegetables, filled with homemade mini chicken meatballs that taste like the ones my grandmother used to make. I

paired that with a salad of shaved brussel sprouts, pecorino, walnuts and anchovy dressing. Those few ingredients worked together so beautifully, every bite was entertaining. Other creative dishes include shrimp and grits, and grilled Spanish octopus with chorizo, Fresno chiles and cranberry beans. However, if you're on the go and crave something quick and a bit less quirky, head over to:



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■ **Panera Bread** (1 Village Square, Glen Cove) The latest and greatest Ten Vegetable Soup is light, and a slice of lemon in each bowl adds a refreshing accent. Along with the new spinach, bacon and poppyseed salad, the flavors in the soup and salad complement each other and make a lovely couple. On the other hand, if you're in

the mood for a sweet soup, drive over to:

■ **La Bottega** (1424 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn) The new butternut squash soup with apples, carrots and cinnamon is creamy and perfectly sweet. I enjoyed it with a salad of mixed greens, pears, gorgonzola and toasted pecans. Of course, if you're craving a sweet and sour soup, you'll find it at:

■ **Grassroots** (671 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head) The sweet and spicy lentil soup is new and delicious. To go with it, chopped salads are now on the menu with some unique salad toppings — such as turkey bacon and other vegan bacon alternatives. Also try the new Asian dishes (vegetable dumplings), Italian dishes, and paninis.

So, there you have it, with one more tip. In case there's a snowstorm, all takeout artists should know Youngs Farm (91 Hegeman's Lane, Glen Head) is back from hiatus. Stock up on all the homemade soups before the snowflakes fall. See you next month.

## THE GREAT BOOK GURU

### Giving voice

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
With so many families away for Presidents Week, Sea Cliff was rather quiet but there was a rousing celebration at my friends' home with great food and lively conversation. One of the guests mentioned a recent novel about the horrors of war from a feminist perspective; many of us were interested in reading it for our book club. Any thoughts?

—Presidential Supper Scholar

Dear Presidential Supper Scholar,

Great idea! Pat Barker's "The Silence of the Girls" is a perfect choice for a book group. This retelling of the story of "The Iliad" focuses on a briefly mentioned character — Briseis — a young Trojan princess, whose brothers and husband have been killed by Achilles and his men. She is

taken as a trophy of war as are the other women and girls of Troy. In "The Iliad" we hear little to nothing of their stories, but Barker breaks their silence. With an astonishing voice, Briseis destroys the tales of war's glory and men's valor. Instead, we hear of women's pain, terror, and subjugation. Told through the ages of the "glorious Achilles, godlike Achilles, brilliant Achilles," we hear instead Briseis call him "the butcher." Barker, who has written the award-winning "Regeneration" trilogy about the horrors of World War I, attempts to correct ancient wrongs, which are found throughout literature and life. She has given these women voices, but many silences still abound. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at [annmdipietro@gmail.com](mailto:annmdipietro@gmail.com).

## CRIME WATCH

### Two arrested for drugs and guns

Glen Cove Police Officer Kristen DeMetropolis pulled a vehicle over in Glen Cove for an equipment violation on Feb. 13 at 3:20 p.m. He detected a strong odor of marijuana inside the vehicle and when the vehicle was searched, drugs, drug paraphernalia and a loaded 45 caliber handgun were found. Additional drugs and U.S. currency were found secreted in the clothing of the two defendants.

DeMetropolis was assisted in the arrest by additional Glen Cove units, as well as three Nassau County Marine Bureau Officers who were driving by at the time and stopped to assist.



Christian Hamilton



Naquan Webb

The driver of the car, 22-year-old Christian Hamilton, of Hempstead, was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, criminal possession of a firearm, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon and two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance with the intent to sell.

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## THE WELL-APPOINTED HOME

# Top five reasons to hire an interior designer

By REBECCA GOODMAN

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over, perhaps you're feeling inspired to make some changes in

your home.

Before you jump headfirst into a home project, why not consult a professional? Hiring an interior designer is not just for the rich and famous. You deserve to live in

a space that makes you happy and relaxed. In addition to this being your largest investment, your home is also your sanctuary; it should reflect your personality and style. Hiring an interior designer can help you create the home of your dreams. Here are our top reasons for hiring a design professional.

### Budgeting and planning

One of the first things a designer does is sit with the client to determine how they currently use their space, how they would like to use it, what their design style is and their budget. Once these parameters have been established we can then maximize your budget by selecting items that are a mix of inexpensive and expensive. For example, if you are a family with young children and a dog, a designer might suggest you spend less on your floor covering, but more on a sofa using a commercial grade product that is soil and stain resistant.



### The WOW factor

Working with an interior designer

is a collaborative experience, after all, it is your home and we want you to love it. However, one of our jobs as a designer is to gently guide you outside of your design comfort zone to a place that is both functional and chic. An interior designer will have the benefit of "seeing" the bigger picture often times before a client does. By combining the top four tips with our experience and expertise, we can help you create a home that reflects a style and personality that is uniquely yours.

*Becky Goodman is the owner of Lola Tucker Interiors based in Sea Cliff. Lola Tucker Interiors is a full-service design and decoration firm that handles everything from new construction, kitchens, bathrooms to soft furnishings, windows treatments and paint colors. Becky lives in Sea Cliff with her husband, two children and her two English Bulldogs.*

## HERALD LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE  
Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Nassau

U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee Of The NRZ Pass-Through Trust V Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Plaintiff,

vs Thomas Hintz If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Liens, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Liens, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Jason Jaworski If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Liens, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Citibank, N.A., Midland Funding LLC Doing Business

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To the Above named Defendant:

You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Nassau. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises.

TO Thomas Hintz, and Jason Jaworski, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Julianne T. Capetola of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Tenth day of January, 2019 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Nassau, in the City of Mineola.

The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated May 19, 2003, executed by Thomas Hintz and Jason Jaworski to secure the sum of \$462,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Book 24213, Page 325 in the Office of the Nassau County Clerk on May 29, 2003. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 12, 2003 and recorded on February 8,

2005, in the Office of the Nassau County Clerk at Book 28339, Page 726. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 5, 2014 and recorded on March 20, 2014, in the Office of the Nassau County Clerk at Book 39580, Page 777. The property in question is described as follows:

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DATED: January 22, 2019 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100

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Please request a copy of the complete RFP via e-mail only to: Lois Straber - straberl@northshoreschools.org Proposals must be submitted no later than 11:00 am on Friday, March 15, 2019 to: Olivia Buatsi Assistant Superintendent for Business North Shore Central School District 112 Franklin Avenue Sea Cliff, NY 11579 516-277-7815 107387

## OBITUARIES

### Susan Roldan

Susan Roldan, of Glen Cove, died on Feb. 17. Beloved daughter of the late Yolanda and Frank; loving sister of Bar-

bara (Mark Bologna) and Mark; also survived by cousins, nieces and a nephew. An alumna of Adelphi University, Roldan was a software engineer for Lockheed Martin. Visiting was at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass was at St. Patrick R.C. Church. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery.

### Brigitte M. Licitra

Brigitte M. Licitra, of Glen Head, died on Jan. 25. Beloved wife of the late Carmen; loving mother of Frank, Carl (Ashlee) and Curt; cherished grandmother of Aiden and Amelie. Visiting on Jan. 31 from 6 to 9.m. at Whitting Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Funeral mass on Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick's R.C. Church of Glen Cove. Interment Sleep Hollow Cemetery in Sleepy Hollow, New York.

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## OPINIONS

## Radical leftists on the rampage!

**W**ith all the political distractions constantly bombarding us, it's important to remember that our national economy continues to grow at a strong pace, creating new jobs and the lowest unemployment in years.

But some politicians in Washington and Albany are doing their level best to undo this progress and tip our economy backward. These radical leftists are showing just how dangerous some of their far-out positions can be. If they keep it up, the 2020 election will be a clear-cut referendum on stark choices for America and our state.



**ALFONSE  
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Let's start with the so-called Green New Deal just unveiled by New York's very own proud socialist Democrat, U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. If enacted, this hodge-podge of extreme proposals would throw the U.S. into an economic tailspin. It would commit the U.S. to a wildly unrealistic goal of eliminating all fossil fuels by 2030, dictating a wrenching shift toward its preferred sources of wind and solar power.

Never mind that this unilateral U.S. shift would do nothing to stop other coun-

tries like China from continuing to rely on fossil fuels. It would also jeopardize the well-being of millions of American workers, wipe out the environmental benefits that have already been gained in the shift from coal to cleaner gas-powered power plants, and eliminate zero-emission nuclear power.

But this socialist manifesto doesn't stop there. The FAQ sheet accompanying it loads in a pile of left-wing promises, including "guarantees to everyone" of a job, higher education and health care, and just for good measure, "economic security for all who are unable or unwilling to work." I'm assuming that last whopper was either a typo or maybe a Freudian slip, but here's the actual FAQ from Ocasio-Cortez's official web blog for you to peruse for yourself: <https://web.archive.org/web/20190207191119/https://ocasio-cortez.house.gov/media/blog-posts/green-new-deal-faq>.

Not to be undone, some of our state and New York City politicians threw their collective weight against Amazon's choice of Long Island City for a new headquarters that would have created 25,000 new jobs paying an average of \$150,000 per year. Using the same anti-business rhetoric employed by their leftist Washington counterparts, these naysayers railed against what they claim would have been

"negative effects" of an Amazon operation in Queens. They apparently believe New York already has enough good jobs, even as many of our young people continue to leave here to find those jobs elsewhere.

Unfortunately, this irrational opposition resulted in Amazon's decision to withdraw the New York project. The appointment of Queens State Sen. Michael Gianaris — an outspoken opponent of the deal — to the critical Public Authorities Control Board, which must sign off on such projects, sent a particularly terrible signal to Amazon, and helped lead the company to conclude that the Long Island site wasn't worth fighting for.

This at the same time that Virginia — the other state chosen by Amazon for a headquarters — has welcomed the company there and signaled that it would gladly absorb the New York project as well.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio are right to be angry about this indefensible sabotage that will deny New Yorkers such a major economic boost. They did great work to help New York successfully compete with dozens of other states and cities around the country that were courting Amazon. For other elected officials to turn their backs on this opportunity for petty political and rigidly ideological reasons

amounts to governmental misfeasance.

Unfortunately, there are other worrisome omens for New York's economic health. A recent report from State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli noted a \$2.8 billion decline in state income tax revenue, on top of a \$1 billion decline in New York City revenue. Much of these drops are attributable to volatility on Wall Street, which provides a major source of funds for government. They underscore the vulnerability of relying too heavily on the financial sector to carry New York state and city finances.

The key to sustaining economic growth here, and across the country, is a strong, diversified private sector. Radical government dictates that would hobble our national economy won't help American workers whose well-being should be at the heart of policy-making in Albany and Washington.

Our leaders should concentrate on building on our current prosperity, not stifling it. Far-out Green New Deals won't help America. And barring the new generation of companies like Amazon from New York won't help our state compete successfully for the jobs our people need.

I trust voters will remember this in the next election.

*Al D'Amato, a former U.S. senator from New York, is the founder of Park Strategies LLC, a public policy and business development firm. Comments about this column? ADAmato@liherald.com.*

## Where's the harm in a blackface costume?

**W**hat is *wrong* with these people?"

That was my thought when I saw the clip of Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam offering a tortured explanation of why he appeared in his medical school yearbook in blackface. For those who haven't been tuned in, somebody posted the photo of what we

were told was the partying future governor, alongside someone wearing a KKK hood.

Funny as a lynching, I thought.

First the governor said he was sorry. Then he said the guy in the photo wasn't him.

Then he said he wouldn't resign, because that would be the "easy way out."

Then the attorney general of Virginia said that he, too, wore blackface at a party when he was an undergraduate. Really? Was that the go-to costume of the day? Apparently none of the partygoers knew that white performers wore blackface in the 19th century to mock and ridi-

cule former slaves and other black people. Its roots are racist.

I talked about the Virginia debacle with people I know, and was surprised by the variety of responses. I was surprised there *was* a variety. I was sure my like-minded liberal friends and my reasonable right-wingish friends would see blackface for what it is: a thoughtless slur.

There was no question in my mind, from the moment the photo was exposed, that Northam needed to apologize and leave office. And he needed to take his A.G. with him. How, I thought, did two highly educated men in the 21st century become prominent American leaders when their personal histories reveal such crude bias?

One friend of mine said, "Well, the governor was in school at the time." But the school was medical school, and he was 25 years old, and he was dealing with a community of patients that presumably included African-Americans. He was entrusted with their lives. While he was learning the tenets of the Hippocratic oath, he thought it was OK to wear blackface to a party and stand with someone in

a Klan costume. He can't parse his words skillfully enough to explain that lapse.

People I know and respect said the governor was wrong but shouldn't have to step down. They argue that he has conducted himself in the years since the

incident reasonably and professionally. It was a forgivable mistake, they say. He has evolved. As for the attorney general wearing blackface to a party, it was done all the time in certain circles, they argue. As for posing with the KKK dude while wearing blackface, well, no one has tried to explain that particular homage to bigotry.

A friend said her teenage daughter wore blackface to a Halloween party some years ago as a jokey kind of costume. The young woman, she added, doesn't have a racist bone in her body. But she doesn't get to make that call. Were there black kids at that party? I'm guessing not. Because I expect they might have been offended.

To bring it home to myself, I wondered how *I* would feel if I went to a costume party and saw someone dressed in the traditional garments worn by various Jewish groups: black hats, beards, prayer

shawls or, if we're going to insult Jewish women, wigs. We aren't talking political correctness here; we're discussing religious, racial and cultural respect.

It doesn't matter if a costume is meant to be a joke, or if the wearer of the outfit is a "decent person." Good intentions don't take the sting out of a racist remark or action.

Thinking of wearing a headdress and feathers to your next party? Or if you're a guy, what about a set of big foam breasts and a blond wig? Maybe ride into the party in a wheelchair, for the laughs.

Forget that Ralph Northam and his attorney general hold political office. They may stay or go; it won't make much difference. But what *would* make a difference is for the governor to offer an authentic apology and simultaneously launch a comprehensive education program to make all Americans more aware of religious, racial and cultural sensitivities.

The people who get to decide whether a costume or speech is offensive are the very people targeted by that behavior. You can't say someone *shouldn't* be insulted by blackface. If anyone *is* offended, it's wrong.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Amazon never really understood our region

**W**ho's to blame for Amazon's sudden departure last Thursday? That was the big question as news of the tech giant's decision to nix plans to locate its second headquarters in Long Island City filtered out to the public.

Let's leave that question aside for a moment. The more critical one is this: What kind of company pulls out of a multi-billion-dollar deal — one of the largest in New York history — in the face of relatively minor opposition? And, in doing so, what message was Amazon — owned by the world's richest man, Jeff Bezos — sending to New Yorkers? That it, and it alone, can dictate the terms of its deals?

That, Mr. Bezos, is the height of corporate hubris. After all, who opposed the Amazon deal? A relatively small group of protesters, numbering in the hundreds, perhaps a few thousand (in a state of nearly 20 million people); a handful of city and state elected leaders; and one first-year congresswoman, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. That was about it.

Meanwhile, Amazon had Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio on board, and opinion polls showed that the company enjoyed 70 percent support among New Yorkers for a deal that would have given it \$3 billion in state and city tax breaks.

So why *did* Amazon pull out without making an earnest attempt to reach out to

the communities that would have been most affected by the deal, or even first speaking with Cuomo or de Blasio?

Could it have been that Amazon understood that the protesters were right when they charged that its arrival could have led to the gentrification of a number of neighborhoods and potentially forced thousands of city residents out of their homes because of rising rents? That would have been bad publicity for a company that, until now, has remained in relatively good standing with the public.

Amazon is a global virtual marketplace, steering clear of charges that it violates anti-trust laws because it drives prices down rather than up. How easily we forget how many small, independent bookstores have been lost to this mega-corporation.

Yes, Long Islanders supported the notion of a deal that would have brought 25,000 jobs to the region. You didn't see most people, however, jumping for joy at Amazon's arrival, at least not in the way that Bezos and Cuomo wanted us to, and apparently thought we would.

After the deal went sour, Cuomo began playing the blame game, lambasting Long Island's State Senate delegation, saying that our Democratic senators — most of them in office for only weeks — hadn't done enough to help secure the deal. In particular, Cuomo singled out Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, who has been in the Senate fewer than three years. Why did the Island's senators

not speak out more? Cuomo demanded to know.

Could it have been that Long Island is populated by hundreds of small down-towns with thousands of mom-and-pop, brick-and-mortar shops that want little to nothing to do with Amazon?

If our senators had pledged their full-throated support for the Amazon deal, they would have effectively abandoned their local constituencies — their chambers of commerce and the small businesses that comprise them.

The deal was rushed from the start, negotiated in secret and announced only last November. Amazon did not hire a single New Yorker to meet with community groups to explain its terms, according to The New York Times.

The average salary at the company's new headquarters, we were told, would have been \$150,000. Amazon's annual median salary, however, is \$28,446, according to its 2018 corporate filings. The average warehouse associate earns \$13.85 an hour. Perhaps Amazon would have filled its new headquarters with six-figure executives and coders, but maybe not. There was little questioning of the \$150,000 figure.

If anyone is to blame for the collapse of the deal, it is Amazon itself, followed closely by Cuomo. Neither made any real attempt to understand conditions on the ground in the region or telegraph specifics of the deal to a concerned and questioning public.

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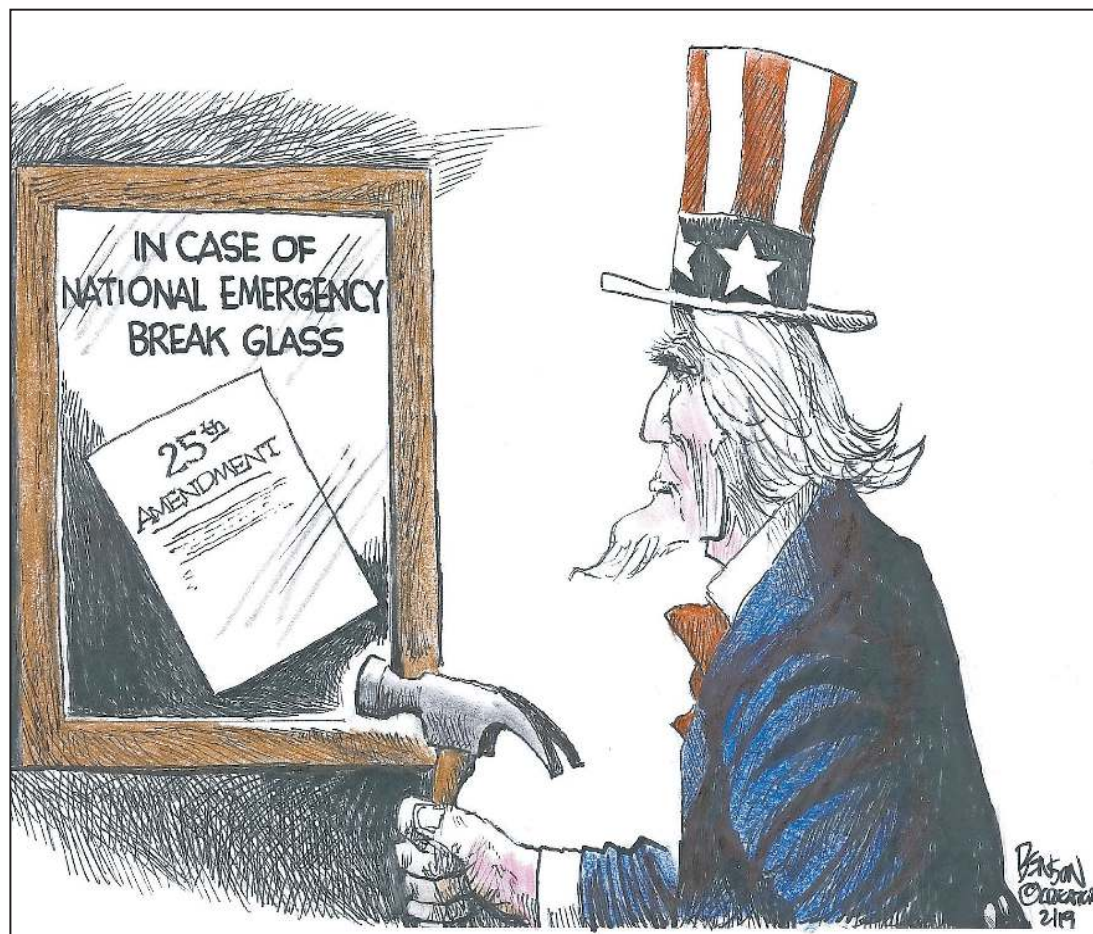
### Vote 'yes' on the bond

To the Editor:

Building a thriving and successful community requires a commitment on the part of its residents. Growing up in Glen Cove, I always felt that there was a strong sense of pride in our city and we took care of our own. Since returning to raise my children here, I've been an active citizen, and teach my children the importance of giving back. If someone is in need, you help, even if it means making a personal sacrifice. It's when we look beyond our own personal gain and seek to raise one another up that we become stronger and our community blossoms.

One of the important cornerstones of our city is our schools. The bond committee worked diligently over the last year analyzing the repairs needed in all the school buildings and the costs involved. They came up with a plan that addresses the most urgent needs in the most cost-efficient way. The bond presentation and the photos are available online, or better yet, take the time to attend the tours of our schools and see firsthand why this bond is necessary.

The bottom line is that our district has continued to grow, our infrastructure has aged and



## OPINIONS

# It's not socialism, it's common sense

Once upon a time, the world around us moved at a modest pace. There were no fancy smartphones, laptops, E-ZPass, car navigation systems or ATMs. People bought daily newspapers and magazines to keep up with the universe. But that was then, and this is now. The changes of the past 10 years will be nothing compared with the next 10.



**JERRY  
KREMER**

Not only is our daily lifestyle changing; so too is our politics. We've lived with good government and bad, but most of us have been too busy to try to change it. We elect people and hope they'll do the right thing. In some cases it works, and in

other cases it's a dismal failure. But now, like it or not, there are millions of people out there who have no desire to be spectators, and want their government to pay more attention to their needs.

One of our friends recently complained that America seemed to be turning to socialism. There's no doubt that a few of the newly elected members of Con-

gress lean heavily to the left, but the vast majority of them got elected last fall on a platform of making government work. The voting public is tired of empty promises, and is demanding that politicians start delivering on their pledges.

Let's start with health care. The dream of every American is to have access to a high-quality, affordable health system. For six years, the national Republican Party used every trick in the book to sabotage the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare. They came dangerously close to making that vendetta a reality, but thanks to the late Sen. John McCain, they failed. The Republicans promised to protect pre-existing conditions, but they failed to pass one bill that would have given Americans the assurance of adequate coverage. It took a historic 2018 election to teach them that health care, like Social Security, is the third rail of American politics, and if you mess with it, you'll soon be out of office.

The next new movement deals with our tax laws. The tax bill that President Trump signed into law in 2017 was promoted as a middle class tax cut, but that

turned out to be a lie. There's no doubt that the mega-donors to the Republican Party have benefited greatly from the changes, but the average citizen is stuck with the bill. The elimination of the deduction for state and local taxes is hurting millions of New Yorkers, and many other taxpayers around the country are paying more taxes instead of getting refunds.

Sometime in the next few months, legislation will be introduced in the House of Representatives to deal with these injustices, but there is no assurance that the Republican-controlled Senate will address them. As the old expression goes, "You can run but you can't hide," and the few members of Congress who are left who voted for the tax law will feel the sting of disapproval. If Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell fails to pass some form of middle income tax reform, his members will hear about it in 2020.

The newly aroused voters are also eager for Congress to provide relief from high drug prices. Last June, the president held a major news conference at which he pledged serious cuts in consumer costs.

That pledge was empty, and drug prices continue to skyrocket. The new crop of congressional representatives should be pushing for deep discounts in Medicare prescriptions and give our senior citizens a break.

Finally, there's no question that a newly energized public wants global warming to be front and center in Washington. The Green New Deal resolution isn't a proposed law. It's a policy statement. If it passed both houses of Congress tomorrow, it would just be a feel-good moment. The country needs stricter controls over air and water pollution and punishment for the polluters, and not a bunch of regulators who are former industry lobbyists.

Is there any danger that America will become a socialist country? No, not at all. But there is a growing progressive movement across the nation that wants results, and any elected officials who ignore this new wave do so at their peril.

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with the tax cap, there isn't enough room in the budget to cover all the necessary repairs. Many of the current issues were identified years ago, but the comprehensive bond in 2009 didn't pass, and conditions have continued to deteriorate. Continuing to ignore the urgent health and safety needs in our schools is putting our children in harm's way, and will ultimately bring down our home values.

As a graduate of the Glen Cove City School District and a parent of current students, I urge all residents to vote "yes" on the bond on March 12. An investment in our schools is an investment in our children and our community. The need is clear. The time is now.

ANNIE PHILLIPS  
Glen Cove

## We need school upgrades

To the Editor:

We have lived in Glen Cove since 1972, and three of our children have gone through the city's schools. We now have six grandchildren attending the schools.

I'm sure that in the first half of the last century, when Landing, Deasy and the middle school were built, taxpayers had concerns. And in the second half of the century, when Connolly, Gribbon and the high school were built, I'm sure there was resistance. But the schools and the city have survived and continue to grow.

Upgrading these schools is absolutely necessary for the city, the children and our

growth and prosperity. We urge you to vote "yes" on this program. There is a Chinese proverb that states: "If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate a child."

BOB AND PATTY MILLER  
Glen Cove

## Vote for Stevenson-Mathews

To the Editor:

As a Glen Cove resident, I am excited and thrilled to learn that Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews has launched a campaign for City Council. I met him when I returned to live in New York in late 2015, and was immediately taken by his kind demeanor. Knowing I was going to be a local voter, I asked him a few questions about the current situation in Glen Cove, and could immediately tell that he had his finger on the pulse of this city. I have never seen such love for the city by any potential candidate.

Over the past few years I have gotten to know Stevenson-Mathews even more, and a true friendship has developed, built on honesty and mutual respect. Nobody cares for this city more. If there is a happening around town, he is there. If there is a church service, he has more than likely attended one or two. To find Stevenson-Mathews at one of these functions, just look for the man with the biggest smile.

He will speak to anyone who seeks an

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First time reader of the Herald Gazette – Cuba

answer on the issues that concern Glen Cove. And if he doesn't have the answer, he'll be sure to find it and relay it to the person who has asked.

Politically, I'm on the opposite side of the fence from Stevenson-Mathews, so this is in no way a partisan letter. He doesn't see left or right with local politics; he only

sees what's best for the City of Glen Cove. I urge you all, if you haven't met this man, to seek him out. He will win not only your friendship, but your confidence and vote as well. Glen Cove needs Stevenson-Mathews.

CHRIS PETRELLA  
Glen Cove



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