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## Fat Tuesday fun

Max Martinez, 7, left, and his brother, Cole, 5, joined other children at the Glen Cove Library who celebrate Mardi Gras in style by making masks. More photos, Page 9.

# Lawmakers seek help for small business

By **LAURA LANE**  
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Members of the State Senate unanimously voted in favor of two bills on March 7 that could, if passed by the Assembly and signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, assist small business owners. One bill would allow small businesses to create tax-deferred savings accounts for specific business needs. The other would establish a Small Business Crime Prevention Services Program. Both bills are currently in committee in the Assembly, and are expected to pass.



**James Gaughran**

“Small businesses are the lifeblood of a vibrant community,” said Sen. James Gaughran, a Democrat from Huntington. “These initiatives will make it easier for them to thrive and provide a public safety program.”

hardship, for renovations or for job retention and creation. The accounts could also be used when the governor deems that a natural disaster warrants assistance from the federal government.

Steve Warshaw, a local real estate broker and the president of the Gold Coast Business Association, said he is a saver. He supports the savings accounts and is gratified that they are being considered. “The legislators are starting to get the idea that their constituents are tapped out,” Warshaw said. “If you spur a business on, you make a neighborhood better.”

He mentioned the recent success of Patchogue’s revitalization. Small businesses, legislators and the town worked together, he said. Warshaw added that he hoped that a similar plan could move North Shore’s small businesses forward.

Ryan Schlotter, the president of the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce and a co-owner of Oyster Bay Brewing

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# Glen Cove seniors see themselves in documentary

By **MIKE CONN**  
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More than 180 senior citizens gathered at the Glen Cove Senior Center on March 21 for a cinematic look into an often-overlooked topic: the romantic lives of people in their age group.

“The Age of Love,” a documentary, followed a group of seniors in upstate Rochester several years ago as they pre-

pared for, took part in and reflected on a speed-dating event for people 70 and older. The film focused on what it means to fall in love later in life, and how important relationships are as we age.

Director Steven Loring, of Brooklyn, said he was inspired to make the 79-minute documentary by two people in his life — his mother and uncle. After his father died, his mother told him she had no idea what her future

held. “All my life, I’ve been part of a team,” Loring recalled her saying, “and as of today I’m just another old lady in the world, alone.”

Shortly after that, Loring’s 78-year-old uncle moved into a senior residential community, after living on his own for much of his life. There he met an 80-year-old woman with whom he developed a romantic rela-

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# Communities voice concerns on Orchard

By **MIKE CONN**  
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As preparations for the potential revitalization of the Orchard neighborhood in Glen Cove continue to move forward, several surrounding communities and outside governmental agencies have provided the city with comments.

The area, designated a Brownfield Opportunity Area, encompasses the Orchard, Cedar Swamp Road, the Sea Cliff Avenue industrial corridor and the Glen Street Long Island Rail Road Station. The revitalization plan seeks to define how the area could be improved and offer developers recommendations to do so that are supported by the community.

In late January, environmental planning firm Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, the city's chief consultant on the BOA, developed an outline for the project and sent it to the city. In accordance with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's State Environmental Quality Review Act, the city sent that outline to the Village of Sea Cliff and the Town of Oyster Bay at the end of January. The New York Department of Transportation and MTA were also contacted. All parties were invited to provide comments on the project, all of which the city received by March 8.

With the southern portion of the BOA

being so close to Sea Cliff, the village's officials have been among the most vocal in regards to their concerns.

Sea Cliff Mayor Ed Lieberman said his concerns lie in the area of the safety and welfare of pedestrians and drivers in the area. Sea Cliff already experiences issues with traffic, he said, because of Glen Cove's Garvies and Villa projects. He said that he fears that the BOA project could result in even more traffic in the area, increasing the likelihood of car accidents and thus potentially endangering drivers and pedestrians alike.

Lieberman said he has not yet come to a conclusion on how he feels about the project, and wants to address potential environmental issues that could result from the developments, as well as exactly what types of developments will be in the area, such as manufacturing or retail.

While he acknowledged that the decision is within the city's jurisdiction, Lieberman said that communities such as Sea Cliff should be kept in mind.

Bruce Kennedy, Sea Cliff's village

administrator, said that he generally supports the project, as the "area could use some investment in infrastructure." He sited empty fields on the sides of Sea Cliff Avenue as well as a need for more housing in the area as primary reasons for his support.

Much like Lieberman, Kennedy hopes that the city can address pedestrian safety when planning for the developments. He said that he would like to see an increase in the size of sidewalks, which would make it easier for the area to accommodate more pedestrians and cyclists.

Kennedy said that he is generally content with the way the city has advanced the project so far. "It appears that [Glen Cove] Mayor Tenke is taking a very steady, sober approach to this proposed development," he said.

According to Glen Cove CDA grant writer and administrator Jocelyn Wenk, the Town of Oyster Bay submitted several lengthy comments, including issues regarding traffic and the preservation of "suburban community character." Despite multiple phone calls, representatives from the town

could not be reached for comment.

Wenk also said that the MTA and Department of Transportation have announced that they support the project.

During its meeting on March 26, the Glen Cove City Council voted 5 to 1 to adopt the outline proposed by Nelson, Pope & Voorhis. The firm will now move forward with preparing a general environmental impact statement draft, which will provide full details on the effect developments will have on the area. The draft will be presented to the city in May, and a public hearing about the future of the Orchard will be held in June.

On the morning after the meeting, Tenke said that he also shared the traffic concerns. "The last thing that [residents] want is a high level of traffic going through there," he said. He explained that Nelson, Pope & Voorhis will be conducting an overall traffic study for the BOA. In the future, prospective developers will also have to conduct traffic studies around the specific area of the BOA where their development may take hold.

Tenke also said that he is optimistic about BOA's future. "It's an area that has been for the most part overlooked, and now the light is shining on it," he said.

*Alyssa Seidman also contributed to this story.*

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# Sounds of Downtown Sounds to continue

By LAURA LANE

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Like other Glen Covians, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton has enjoyed the outdoor concerts, fondly called the Downtown Sounds, since its inception in 2010. The legislator was as upset as those she serves by the city's decision that it would no longer be able to support the concert series due to budget restraints. The city's annual contribution of \$25,000 paid for the professional musicians. Without the funding the fate of the series was in jeopardy.

Undeterred, DeRiggi-Whitton worked tirelessly to obtain funding from the Legislature. On March 25 she was successful, when legislators unanimously voted in favor of providing a \$25,000 grant from the county's Hotel-Motel Occupancy Tax fund for the concert series. The grant is drawn from funds generated through an occupancy tax of 3 percent on hotels and motel rooms, as well as bed and breakfasts, inns, cabins, cottages, campgrounds, tourist homes and convention centers within Nassau County. The tax is targeted for grants to support programs and activities relevant to the enhancement of tourism in the county.

"This concert series has brought pleasure to residents and served as a potent economic development tool that attracts scores of visitors to Glen Cove," DeRiggi-



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**THE CONCERTS INCLUDED** in last year's Downtown Sounds were very popular, drawing more people than ever before to Glen Cove.

Whitton wrote in a November 2018 letter advocating for the grant. "Concertgoers support locally owned small businesses and generate valuable sales tax dollars for the City of Glen Cove and Nassau County."

Former Mayor Ralph Suozzi started the concert series in 2010, partnering with the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District. Originally, the Downtown Sounds included four concerts a summer. It was popular and soon grew to nine

weeks. Every Friday in July and August a variety of entertainment was provided outdoor in the heart of the city free of charge.

Word traveled among musicians. Patricia Holman, the concert series' executive director, said she was surprised by how many artists request to play in the concert series, saying she has had over 50 that were interested.

"Downtown Sounds has been huge for

us," she said. "Last year we had crowds. And it was packed as far as you could see."

People come from all over to enjoy the concerts, she added, from both Long Island and Manhattan. "When the city decided to take away the \$25,000 I spoke to the Downtown Committee and they decided that they didn't want to shorten the concert series and wanted to keep it professional."

Holman said she was nervous that the concert series would come to an end. She was relieved, she said, when DeRiggi-Whitton stepped in.

"I am very happy," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "People really enjoy the Downtown Sounds. It's such a nice part of the summer."

Mayor Tim Tenke, who reached out to the Presiding Officer Richard Nicoletto a week before the vote and on the day of the vote in the Legislature said he is relieved. "I indicated to Legislator Nicoletto how important the Downtown Sounds was for not only Glen Cove but also for the surrounding communities who come each summer," Tenke said. "I think it was Delia's persistence and the success of the concert series that helped to secure the funds for us."

The city will continue to provide the services of its department of public works, and auxiliary and city police departments, which Holman said is needed to continue the series.

## Doc on G.C. family nominated for Emmy

By MIKE CONN

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Glen Cove resident Debbie Vigliotti took to social media to tell the world about her son, Nico in 2017. She wanted everyone to know about his struggle with a rare illness and his willingness to fight for his life every single day. She was also seeking out any doctors willing to take on Nico's case, hoping that somebody could help him live a normal life, or at least a life in which he would not be dependent on oxygen tanks to keep him alive.

As Vigliotti's video about her son spread throughout the internet, Newsday photographer Alejandra Villa took notice and along with the help of editor Megan Miller, decided to record Nico's latest journey in an effort to tell his story. Their documentary, "When You're Ready," was released last year, and has now been nominated for a New York Emmy award.

Villa said that Vigliotti's tremendous drive to help her son continue living was all the inspiration she needed to make the documentary. "The story was about this incredible woman that, for 21 years, never gave up," said Villa. "She did whatever she needed to do to keep her son going."

Unbeknownst to everyone involved, the film would end up serving as a look into the final year of Nico's life.

Nico was born with a genetic disorder so rare that he was one of only two or three documented cases in the entire world. According to his mother, the illness doesn't even have a name. It affected his lungs, brain and thyroids, although the umbrella term used to describe it was "pulmonary," as his lungs suffered the brunt of the effects.

Vigliotti said that the air sacs in Nico's lungs would harden over time "like concrete," making it difficult for oxygen to flow through them easily. From the moment he was born, she was told that he would never be able to live a full life free of pain. Nonetheless, she never gave up on her son. doing everything she could to keep him comfort-



Courtesy Debbie Vigliotti

**NICO VIGLIOTTI, LEFT**, was beloved by his mother, Debbie, who dedicated much of her life to keeping him happy.

able and hopeful.

"Instead of living with pain," Vigliotti said, "he lived with hope and faith and truly overcame some of the suffering that he had gone through."

While the film was being made, the family sought to find a way for Nico to have lung transplant surgery. However, they were unsuccessful in doing so, because doctors deemed the muscles around his lungs to be too weak for the surgery.

After being forced to leave the home which his mother had turned into a de facto rehabilitation center to seek further help at a hospital, Nico was put into a medically induced coma from which he never woke. He died on April 15, 2018 at the age of 21.

Over the course of his 21 years, Nico underwent over 100 procedures, and yet doctors were never able to distinguish what was going to happen the next day.

"They gave up hope many years ago, but I didn't," she explained. "We were living on a battlefield and I was okay with his. So long as I was by his side with his brother, he knew he would be protected."

Nico's brother, Dante, is about a year younger than his sibling and is now a senior at Stony Brook University, where he studies environmental science. He is currently taking a class outside of his major centered around respiratory conditions, as he has devoted a great deal of his free time to learning about medicine to better understand what his brother went through.

Dante said that he is truly happy to see that the documentary about his brother is receiving so much attention, because that's what Nico would have wanted.

"It makes me smile every time I think about it," he explained, "because that's literally all he talked about during the few years it was being made. He wanted everything about him to get out there."

Villa said that the award nomination comes second to the fact that the film was everything the Vigliotti family wanted it to be. "The most rewarding part is to see the joy in Debbie's face that her son's story was told," she explained. "It's great to have recognition, but to me it's more about her story having recognition."

Vigliotti said that the documentary is an excellent way of preserving Nico's legacy while also providing inspiration for other families who are struggling at the hands of an illness.

"I feel there is hope once again," she said. "Not for my son anymore. That I know is too late, but I know this can help others. If I spread enough awareness, maybe another child won't have to go through this and maybe spare another mother from this suffering."

"When You're Ready" is available to watch for free at [www.newsday.com/long-island/when-you-are-ready-1.20725736](http://www.newsday.com/long-island/when-you-are-ready-1.20725736). Whether or not the documentary will win its Emmy will be announced during the New York Emmv Awards Gala on May 4.

# February car accident victim, Pinar Alkan, dies

Pinar Alkan, 26, of Glen Cove, died on March 26 after being hit by a car while crossing Brewster Street near the Glen Arms Apartments on Feb. 19 at 8:10 p.m.

The driver, a 23-year-old woman driving 2005 Volkswagen traveling north-

bound, remained at the scene following the accident. As a result of the collision, the Alkan suffered serious head injuries and was transported by ambulance to Winthrop Hospital by Glen Cove EMS.

The vehicle was brake and safety tested and no criminality was suspected.

# City appoints new communications official

BY ALYSSA SEIDMAN

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The City Council unanimously approved Mayor Tim Tenke's appointment for a new communications official Tuesday night. Grant Newburger, of Upper Brookville, will serve a part-time position as public relations clerk for the City of Glen Cove effective this week. He replaces former Public Relations Officer Lisa Travatello.

Newburger's résumé shows an extensive history working alongside public officials. Most recently he worked as a constituent liaison for state Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, where he briefly served as communications director, wrote press releases and coordinated with members of the media and handled constituent casework.

Newburger has also interned in the offices of Nassau County Legislator Arnold Drucker and former Congressman Steven Israel. Additionally, the 22-year-old founded a group called the Young Voters Initiative, a national non-governmental organization aimed at connecting young voters directly to their representatives on all levels of government.



Courtesy Grant Newburger

**GRANT NEWBURGER IS** the new part-time communications official for the city.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Teaching 'Schindler's List' at HMTC

How can we apply the lessons of the film "Schindler's List" toward standing up to hatred in our own communities? How do educators engage students in conversations around racism, antisemitism and other forms of hatred?

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of "Schindler's List," Universal Pictures is re-releasing the film for a limited theatrical engagement. Using this film in a classroom is an opportunity to help students raise questions about racism, antisemitism, and other forms of exclusion in today's political climate.

On April 8, the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Long Island will host a workshop for educators to discuss how "Schindler's List" to teach

students not only about the Holocaust, but about hatred in general. Participants will explore a Facing History approach with film to develop students' literacy skills, promote historical analysis and understanding of some of history's darkest moments, as well as fostering empathy and perspective-taking.

Educators will learn teaching strategies that can help students interpret text, think critically, and respectfully discuss controversial issues. They will also explore the historical context of "Schindler's List" and tour the center's museum.

This invaluable program for educators will start at 9:30 a.m. on April 8 at 100 Crescent Beach Road in Glen Cove.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ Male, 20, of Glen Cove, was arrested for fourth-degree criminal possession of marijuana and making an improper left turn on Sea Cliff Avenue on March 23.

■ Male, 66, of Glen Cove, was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child first-degree sexual abuse and forcible touching on Brewster Street on March 22.

■ Male, 64, of Glen Cove, was arrested for second-degree criminal contempt on Capobianco Street on March 20.

■ Male, 19, of Glen Cove, was arrested for third- and fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance and fourth-degree criminal possession of marijuana on Walnut Road on March 20.

■ Male, 24, of Port Jefferson, was arrested for two counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and a vehicle and traffic

law equipment violation on Ceder Swamp Road on March 20.

■ Female, 45, of Glen Cove, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle by an unlicensed driver on Forest Avenue on March 19.

■ Male, 36, of Glen Cove, was arrested for third-degree assault and fourth-degree criminal mischief on Germaine Street on March 19.

■ Male, 44, of Rosedale, was arrested for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and other vehicle and traffic law violations on School Street on March 18.

■ Male, 27, of Glen Cove, was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief on Soundside Lane on March 17.

■ Male, 54, of Merrick, was arrested for two counts of second-degree criminal contempt and second-degree harassment on Dosoris Lane on March 17.

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



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## BB gun found in student's bag at Glen Cove High School

Glen Cove Police Department detectives responded to a call from Glen Cove High School on the afternoon of March 22 after being alerted that a student had a BB gun in his backpack. According to Detective John Nagle, a faculty member spotted the gun in the student's bag and immediately reported him to the school's administration.

After an investigation by police, the

14-year-old student was deemed to not be a threat to students or faculty. His family was notified of the incident and they were cooperative with police.

As he was considered to have no criminal intent, the student will not face legal consequences. Dr. Maria Rianna, Superintendent of Schools, said that the student will be facing school-related consequences based on the district's code of conduct.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Nearby things to do this week



#### Flowers and vegetables for the early spring garden

Horticulturist Paul Lavine will be at the Glen Cove Library to teach listeners about the flowers and vegetables that are best for an early spring garden. Lavine will also raffle off plants at the end of his program. The knowledge will sprout at 11 a.m. on March 30 at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.

#### Antique Road Show

Participate in Gold Coast Library's very own rendition of the classic antique evaluation television show. Join Eddie and Jean Costello for an entertaining afternoon complete with a comedy routine and free appraisal for one item per person. The fun begins at 2 p.m. on March 31 at 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.



#### Essential oils for spring and summer

Essential oils specialist Angela Farinacci will discuss allergies, bug spray, weight loss and all things spring and summer. Everyone in attendance will make a specialized blend of essential oils to treat allergies to take home with them. All are welcome to this free program; registration is requested. The discussion starts at the Locust Valley Library at 7 p.m. on April 1. 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley. (516) 671-1837.

#### That 'New York State of Mind'

Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot head into spring at The Paramount with another lively celebration of the music of Billy Joel, on Friday, March 29, at 8 p.m. DelGuidice leads his band in a rousing concert that always delights audiences with highlights of the Piano Man's decades of hits. Info: (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.pararmounthy.com](http://www.pararmounthy.com).



#### In step with the Russian National Ballet



The acclaimed ballet company visits the Madison Theatre, on the Molloy College campus, with 'Don Quixote,' on Saturday, March 30, at 8 p.m. They will perform the full length ballet in three acts, a tale of a comical quest for love, honor and dignity. The show is based on Miguel de Cervantes' tale of romance and chivalry. Info: (516) 323-4444 or [www.madisontheatre.org](http://www.madisontheatre.org).

## NEWS BRIEFS



Sue Grieco/Herald

**THE INTERFAITH INSTITUTE** of the Islamic Center of Long Island, in Westbury, is hosting a discussion, "What It Means to Be a Good Person" on Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

#### Islamic Center to tackle ethics at interfaith event

By **BRIAN STIEGLITZ**  
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A panel of religious leaders will explore a series of questions about ethics and religion during an interfaith dialogue this Sunday at the Islamic Center of Long Island, in Westbury.

Moderating the dialogue will be Hofstra Professor Emeritus Arthur Dobrin, who is also a leader emeritus at the Ethical Humanist Society of Long Island.

The event, hosted by the Interfaith Institute of the ISLI, will focus on a short story called "Shila" from a collection written by Dobrin called "The Harder Right." Dobrin's story raises questions about moral relativity and pits family obligations against one's duty to the world at large.

Panelists include Panna Shah, a member of the board of advisors for the Interfaith Institute, Rabbi Michael Katz, of Westbury's Temple Beth Torah, Dr. Isma Chaudhry, chairperson of the ISLI and Rev. Mark Lukens, a member of the board of advisors for the Interfaith Institute.

Each panelist will speak from the perspective of their respective religion, with Shah representing Jainism, Katz representing Judaism, Chaudhry will speak on behalf of Islam and Lukens will represent Christianity.

To receive a copy of the story "Shila" prior to the event, e-mail Arthur Dobrin at [arthur.dobrin@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.dobrin@gmail.com). Stories will also be distributed at the event. The Islamic Center of Long Island is located at 835 Brush Hollow Road in Westbury.

#### American Legion Post 76 monthly meeting

The Glen Cove American Legion Post 76 will be hosting their monthly on April 11. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove. Call (516) 676-1294 for more information.



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# HERALD SCHOOLS



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**GRIBBIN SCHOOL STUDENTS** and siblings Alice Chun, second from left, Chelsea Chun and their dad, Jonah Chun, received assistance from Finley Middle School students Julia Petrizzo, second from right, and Ashley Glaviano.

## Hundreds attend Family Code Night

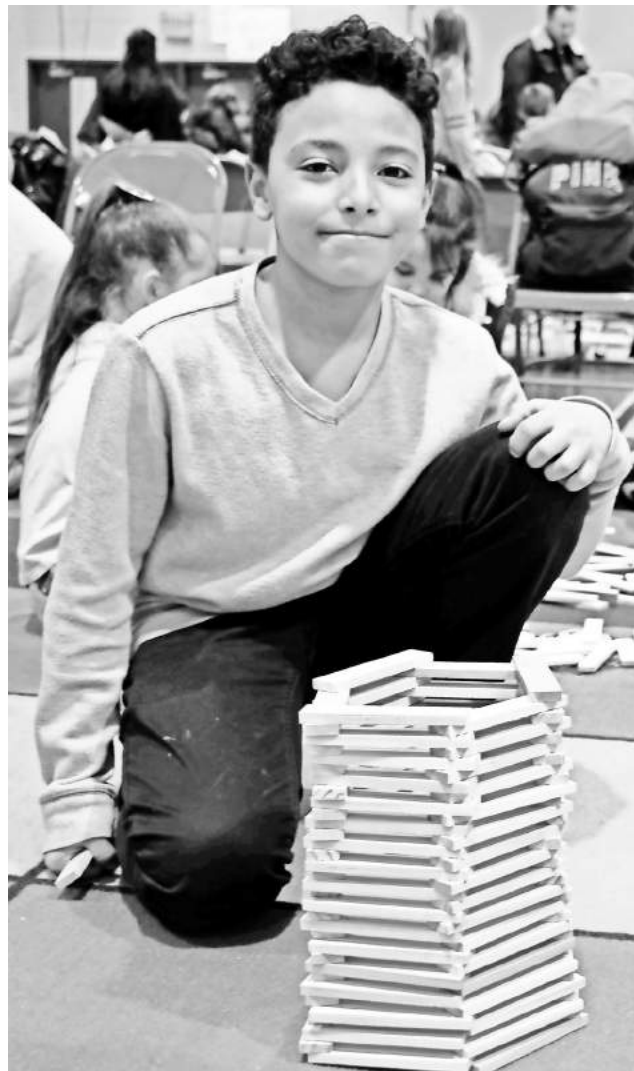


### LANDING SCHOOL THIRD-GRADER

Madison Barlow, above, programmed a Bee-Bot at Family Code Night.

**CONNOLLY SCHOOL  
FIFTH-GRADER** Matthew Jackson, far right, built a structure from Keva Planks.

**GRIBBIN SCHOOL KIN-  
DERGARTNER** Clark Kreiner, right, spoke to his dad through a cardboard tube.



It was a night of technology and fun for Glen Cove City School District students and their families when the second annual Family Code Night kicked off on March 12.

Students could be seen coding on iPads, building structures with Keva Planks, playing with different types of robots and more at the event which attracted a large crowd at Glen Cove High School. Parents and families were engaged as they embraced the technology being taught at school. In addition, the Makerspace section was equipped with a variety of cardboard shapes in different sizes, offering youngsters an opportunity to use their imaginations.

The event was organized by district STREAM teachers Ken Altamirano, Cheryl Carmody, Jessica McKenna and Giselle Taylor; Coordinator of Science Alexa Doeschner and Director of Instructional Technology Justin Lander.



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# HERALD SPORTS

## Youth movement for Molloy

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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Coming off its third consecutive 30-win season, Molloy College softball has been stocked with an influx of freshman being asked to contribute right away for coach Susan Cassidy-Lyke.

"It's been a learning experience so far," Lyke said of the Lady Lions' 8-13 start, which included extended trips to Florida in February and March totaling 15 games. "We lost eight seniors who contributed as freshmen four years ago and had great success during their careers, so we've come full circle," she added. "Now we have seven freshmen and most are starting in key positions."

The East Coast Conference schedule gets underway this Saturday when Molloy hosts Mercy College in a doubleheader at the Rockville Centre Sports Complex beginning at noon. Cassidy-Lyke expects

LIU-Post to present the biggest challenge in a perennial deep league. "Our conference is always going to be tough," she said. "I think we'll be prepared. I expect us to be competitive and right in the mix."

Moving forward, Cassidy-Lyke plans to employ senior Jenna Turato, a product of Carey High School, and sophomore Courtney Greene, from East Islip, as starting pitchers with sophomore Tonianne Larson (Long Beach) in relief. Freshman Amanda King has brought excitement to the circle and the shortstop position and could get additional work in the pitching department.

Turato (nine) and Greene combined to start 17 of the first 21 games. Turato has 50 strikeouts in 52 innings, while Greene tossed four complete games. Larson has been strong in relief with a 1.89 ERA over 12 appearances. "Jenna is leading the group as a senior," Cassidy-Lyke said of Turato, who last season won 18 games and



Courtesy Molloy College athletics

**MOLLOY SENIOR JENNA** Turato, a Carey High School grad, won 18 games last year and led the East Coast Conference in innings pitched with 200-plus.

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Freshman Lauren Ramos has big shoes to fill behind the plate after the departure of four-year starting catcher Alexandra Russo, who logged more than 200 games during her career. Ramos is "getting better every day," Cassidy-Lyke said, and had nine RBIs through 21 games.

The infield behind the circle features a pair of seniors and a couple of freshmen. Senior Tara Byrnes (first base) is making the most of her opportunity with an uptick in at-bats, going 13-for-39 so far for a .333 average to rank second on the team as April approaches. She's had 3-for-3 games against LeMoyne, Assumption and Adelphi.

At second base, senior Kaitlyn Snyder (two homers) is a defensive standout and also the team's No. 2 batter. It's her fourth

year in the starting lineup. King has caught the coach's eye with her performance at shortstop and as a pitcher, and also knocked in 10 runs through the first 21 games to lead the Lady Lions. At third base, freshman Angelique Serrano is doing some nifty glove work.

The lone returnee to the outfield, sophomore Sara Glaser, has moved to center after spending last season in right. One spot is being handled by committee, with Greene and freshman Marissa Nicoletti (Carey) getting the majority of nods, whilst freshman Alex Burns (Baldwin High School) is off to a big start while playing in left and right. Burns paces the team in hits (21), runs (10), total bases (24) and average (.344) from the leadoff spot.

"I'm not disappointed with the record because I see so much energy and enthusiasm and potential," Cassidy-Lyke said.



**BALDWIN'S ALEX BURNS** has her freshman year with Molloy off to an impressive start.

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**MAX MARTINEZ, 7**, left, and his brother Cole, 5, were thrilled with their masks.

## Youngsters celebrate Mardi Gras in style



**LEROY SANDERS, ABOVE**, helped his daughter, Amari, 8, secure gemstones on her mask.



**PRESTON YAO, 5**, above, right, made a colorful mask.

**AMARI SANDERS, 7**, left, Cole Martinez, 5, Lillian Trotta, 8, Caleb Martin, 5, and Max Martinez, 7, modeled their masks after the creation stage ended.

**CALEB MARTIN, 5**, right, thought carefully about where on his mask he wanted to glue feathers.



Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday,” is a yearly carnival celebration that usually takes place between mid-February and mid-March, coming to a head on the day before Ash Wednesday. It has become synonymous with the city of New Orleans, which celebrates the festival every year with parades and music, drawing visitors from around the world to behold the spectacle.

Even though New Orleans is over 1,300 miles away from Glen Cove, that didn't stop some of the city's youth from celebrating Mardi Gras in style at the Glen Cove Library on March 5.

Children kindergarten-age and up used a variety of craft items like feathers, gemstones and stars to create their own Mardi Gras masks. After their creations were finished, the children were able to model the masks they worked so hard on before taking them home.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, March 28

### Kiwanis Club pasta night

The View Grill, 111 Lattingtown Road, Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. Join the Kiwanis Club of Glen Cove for its annual pasta night. The event will include a silent auction, raffles and all-you-can-eat pasta. Soft drinks and a cash bar will also be available. Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. (516) 200-9603.

### Glen Cove Town Hall Meeting

Landing Elementary School, 60 McLoughlin St., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. In the first of three scheduled town hall meetings, Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke will present a city progress report and answer resident questions alongside members of the Glen Cove City Council and officials from various city departments. All residents are welcome to attend and ask questions. The first of three town hall meetings. (516) 676-2000.

### Teen Tech Club

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Teens can explore, create and design projects involving 3D printing and technology. Work on individual projects or make creations for the library. (516) 676-2130.

## Saturday, March 30

### Bruce Marshall art hanging

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 9:15 a.m. Artist Bruce Marshall will display his artwork in the community room. These acrylic artworks are rich in color and design duplicating the kinetic flow of energy in nature. (516) 671-1837.

### Any Soldier volunteer program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Bring donations to send to soldiers overseas. Teens from grades 6 through 12 can help organize the donations and bring them to the post office. Community service hours can be earned. (516) 676-2130.

### Music and Movement with Miss Kaitlyn

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 1 p.m. Be a part of this music program designed to stimulate and develop children's creativity and imagination. It can also help with fine and gross motor skills and help build language development and coordination. Perfect for newborns all they way up to five-year-olds. (516) 628-2765.

### Glow in the dark charm

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 3 p.m. Ms. Kristen will show children from grades 3 through 6 how to make a keychain or necklace using glow in the dark polymer clay. (516) 759-8300.

### Indoor winter market

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

## Sunday, March 31

### "Defining Moments" screening

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance



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## Being one's own healthcare advocate discussion

As healthcare becomes more and more complex, it's important for one to know how to advocate for themselves. Nicole Christensen, CEO of healthcare advocacy firm Care Answered, will present this program at the Locust Valley Library covering the importance of knowing the ins and outs of Medicare coverage, the best questions to ask doctors, the ability to live independently in your home and much more. Registration is requested and all are welcome to attend this free event. Christensen's discussion will get underway at 6:30 p.m. on April 2 at 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley. (516) 671-1837.

Center, 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove. "Defining Moments: The Civil Rights Movement of North Hempstead" highlights the true stories of the civil rights movement in the Nassau neighborhood, which was an epicenter of change during this tumultuous time. \$10 suggested donation. (516) 571-8040.

## Monday, April 1

### Intermediate Mah Jong

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 3 p.m. Master Mah Jong teacher Jacqui Palatnik will teach attendees how to bring their game to the next level. Previous knowledge of the game is a requirement. (516) 759-8300.

### Egg Hunt preparation session

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 7 p.m. Teens from grades 6 through 12 can help the library fill all of the eggs in preparation for the Egg Hunt on April 13. Online registration is now open. (516) 628-2765.

## Tuesday, April 2

### Musical performance with Stan Wiest

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Musician Stan Wiest will perform songs from all across the world. (516) 759-9610.

### Hands-on resume workshop

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. Learn to use your com-

puter to create, style, format and email a powerful resume. This is the fifth of eight free workshops. (516) 676-2130.

## Wednesday, April 3

### Free AARP tax assistance

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 9:30 a.m. Tax season is approaching, and the library is offering free tax



## 2019 Long Island Reads selection

The Gold Coast Library will host a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads selection, "The Female Persuasion" by Meg Wolitzer. Join other readers in discussing the themes and issues presented in the critically acclaimed 2018 bestseller about female empowerment. Starts on April 4 at 2 p.m., 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8000.

assistance for people of all ages. Attendees should bring their tax package, a copy of their 2017 tax return and any other information that may be helpful for tax preparation. Appointments are required. (516) 676-2130.

### A Time for Kids

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 10 a.m. Time for Kids presents a fun interactive adult and child educational experience that helps children gain important school readiness and developmental growth skills. (516) 759-8300.

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## Thursday, April 4

### Troubleshooting Medicare problems

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 1 p.m. Fran Hilliard, a trained volunteer from the Medicare Rights Center, will give answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about Medicare. Topics included in this presentation are understanding Medicare, choosing providers, coverage rules and the appeals process. A Q&A session with the audience will follow. Registration is required. (516) 671-1837.

### Canvas painting with Claynation

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Teens can create a colorful zebra canvas painting to be donated. (516) 676-2130.

### Our Lady of America prayer session

The Church of St. Rocco, 18 3rd St., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Join a prayer group in a holy rosary dedicated to pray for the betterment of the United States. (516) 676-2482.

### Junior Book Club (Grades 4 and 5)

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 7 p.m. Join a monthly book club for childrens in grades 4 and 5. Sign up online or at the library, and pick up a book in the children's room. Exciting discussions, fun activities, snacks, drinks and laughs are in store for all who join. (516) 671-1837.

## Saturday, April 6

### Lark Trio poetry program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Narrator Bonnie Thivierge, soprano Elisabeth Palmedo and pianist Ann Jupp present a unique program exploring the relationship between poetry and music. (516) 676-2130.

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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Angelo Grande

**KATHRYN GRANDE, LEFT,** Father Daniel and Father Elias arranged a table of offerings in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph.

### Loggia celebrates Feast of St. Joseph

Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, held a celebration in honor of the feast of St. Joseph, a patron saint. A prayer service was conducted by Father Daniel, pastor at the Church of St. Rocco. A meatless dinner was served after all the food had been blessed. The St. Joseph's bread was sold and the proceeds from the sales and other donations were given to the Church of St. Rocco to help the poor in the church's Outreach Program. Father Elias, headmaster of All Saints Regional School, was

also in attendance.

St. Joseph's Day is celebrated on March 19 in Italy and all over the world, wherever Italians have settled. People pray to St. Joseph to intercede to the Lord to bring rain, promising that each succeeding generation would honor St. Joseph on his day if the rain came (this custom came about in the Middle Ages, between 700 and 1450, in Sicily). St Joseph interceded and God sent the rain. Italians all over the world honor St. Joseph for his blessing during severe drought.



Courtesy Angelo Grande

**ORDER SONS AND** Daughters of Italy in America Council Members, past presidents and dignitaries posed for a photo during the organization's installation ceremony.

### Loggia installs new council members

Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America recently held its annual installation ceremony. The ceremony was held at the lodge and was attended by officers from the New York State Grand Lodge, lodge presidents, officers from other local lodges, dignitaries, members, family and friends.

New York State Deputy to Loggia Glen Cove No. 1016 Will Sanfilippo, presided in place of the president for the installation of the Council of Officers. Past State President of the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy Carolyn Reres acted as herald, and was assisted by District Deputy Andrew Reilly.

The following Council Members were installed: Kathryn Grande, president; Tony Sclafani and Joseph Gallo, vice presidents;

Portia Ryder, immediate past president; Mary Jo Rydzeski, orator; John Macari, recording secretary; Santina Gilio, financial secretary; Antonetta Sclafani, corresponding secretary; Mirina O'Brien, treasurer; Nina Trolio, Rocco Cangero, Rocco DiSibio, Angelo Stanco, Elizabeth Zoeblein, Marisa Gambino, Lou Saviano, Stephen Ryder and Saverio Gallace, trustees; Janis Ceriello and Joe Desmond, ceremonial officers; Domenick and Frank Stanco, sentinels; Richard McCord, Guy Minutoli, Len Abbate, Donato Cipriano and Richard Alois, arbitration committee; and John Della Ratta Jr. Esq., Carmine Gioino and Josephine Di Sibio, alternates.

- Compiled by Alyssa Seidman

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# Highlighting late-life relationships in G.C.

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tionship, which Loring said helped him realize that it's never too late to find love.

Inspired, Loring, now 57, set out to make a film that could help debunk the stereotype that romantic love should be put aside later in life. He discovered the event in Rochester, and, working from a list of the people who had signed up, he contacted 30 of them, and all agreed to be interviewed and filmed.

After last Thursday's screening of "The Age of Love," Loring answered questions from the audience. Every participant in the speed-dating event got at least one date, he said, and many of the participants' children hadn't considered that their parents might be seeking love.

Several audience members said that people don't stop needing love in old age. Some said that they still felt youthful inside. "Young is not an age," said Lucy Van Horn. "It's a state of mind."

Connie Miceli said she felt a strong connection to the people in the film, and believed her fellow audience members did, too. "Love is an ageless thing," she said. "We all know that."

Loring concluded the Q&A session by encouraging the attendees to live as youthfully as they feel, and they responded with spirited applause.

As she was making her way out of the senior center, Nancy Stepkowski, 83, said she was moved by the film. "It ran a



Mike Conn/Herald Gazette

**NEARLY 200 SENIORS** watched "The Age of Love," a documentary directed by Steven Loring, right, at the Glen Cove Senior Center.

range of emotions," she said. "It was just so human, and at [my] age, it's everything I feel."

Loring said he believed the film elicited emotional responses in part because he filmed the participants reading the results of their five-minute interactions — who was interested in dating them and who was not. "That to me was really

the heart of the whole emotional experience," he said, because some of the seniors were overjoyed with their results, while others were disappointed.

Ultimately, Loring said, he wanted to send a message to anyone who sees the film that love isn't reserved for the young. "Love is a universal," he said, "and I think if we're ever going to fight the stereotypes of aging, one way we can do it is by looking at people's hearts."

"The Age of Love," which was released in 2015, has been screened hundreds of times around the world. Taking the film to other countries, Loring said, helped him understand that the need for love in one's later years is shared by many of the world's cultures, something that he said has been a pleasant surprise. "It seems amazing to me to have tapped into something so unexpected," he added.

Carol Waldman, the senior center's executive director, said she knew she had to bring the film to the center after viewing it at the Nassau County Office of the Aging. "It was a chance for us, with great excitement, to explore what it means to be when you get older," Waldman said, "especially when it comes to love."

"If people stay open, if their hearts can stay open," she added, "it's possible to find love and friendship in their later years."

Waldman was thrilled, she said, by the number of people who attended — and newly confident that the center's own upcoming speed-dating event will be a success. Residents 60 and older are invited to take part on April 12, at the View Grill, at 5:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested can pre-register by calling the senior center.

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## Hofstra to offer free legal clinic for veterans

The Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University will host a free one-day legal assistance clinic for all veterans. It will be held on Sunday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Law School, second-floor Atrium, 121 Hofstra University, South Campus, Hempstead.

Veterans will receive a free one-hour consultation by appointment only with attorneys who have expertise in such areas as VA benefits and claims, family law, elder law, tax, wills, estates, disability, landlord-tenant disputes and Medicare/Medicaid.

The clinic is organized by the Hofstra Veterans Legal Assistance Project. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Hofstra Veter-

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# City approves new speed limit at Shore Road

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The City Council held a number of public hearings during its meeting Tuesday night, two of which pertained to traffic issues at the Shore Road/Boulevard thoroughfare, a county road that runs between the city and the Village of Sea Cliff.

The first hearing proposed to amend the speed limit at Albin Street and Shore Road, from 30 mph to 25 mph, at the recommendation of the Glen Cove Police Department. The council unanimously approved to adopt the ordinance.

Last year Glen Cove resident Lora Cusumano, who lives on Shore Road, founded Shore Road Neighbors. The local group's mission is to bring safety, beauty and enjoyment to the thoroughfare's recreational waterfront, which encompasses the Garvies Point project, John Maccarone Memorial Stadium, marinas, boating rental shops, The Cove restaurant and Sea Cliff's Boardwalk Pavilion.

In the fall the group drew up a petition aimed at making traffic conditions safer in the area. One of the requests included in the petition was the adoption of a consistent speed limit between The Boulevard and Shore Road.

"We feel that it is important to have

the items on the petition taken care of now, to start behavioral changes today and create better safety precautions before the traffic increases over the next several years," Cusumano said.

A study conducted by the Glen Cove's police last summer revealed that the percentage of peak vehicle volume on the road was greater than the percentage of vehicles that were speeding, evidence that congestion is a larger problem than speed. Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, has said the county would take suggestions from its civil engineer on ways to mediate the volume issue.

Some residents urged council members to adopt the consistent speed limit.

Doris Meadows, a Shore Road resident, alluded to the fact that during the summer the thoroughfare is a "destination street," and that a lowered speed limit could deter the more reckless drivers who travel there. "We've had cars totaled, we have had side view mirrors smashed off, we've had kids racing down the street at 60 and 70 miles per

hour," she said, "Having a speed limit that's markedly different than the rest of the city would [force] people [to] take notice."

Daniel Flanzig, the chairman of Sea Cliff's traffic and safety committee also supported a consistent speed limit, referring to the thoroughfare as a critical spot that poses a safety issue.

The second hearing proposed prohibiting parking on the north side of Shore Road, 90 feet in either direction from Glen Cove Animal Shelter's driveway entrance, which neighbors Maccarone Stadium. Mayor Tim Tenke explained that the purpose of the change is to keep parked cars from obstructing the traffic on Shore Road for drivers pulling in or out of the shelter's driveway. He added that the recommendation also came from the Police Department.

Many residents spoke out against the measure. They argued that further limiting parking in the area would make a bad situation worse.

Christina Christodoulou called the current parking situation "chaotic,"

and suggested an alternative. "Something the [Shore Road Neighbors] group has also requested is [putting] a crosswalk there," she said, "which I think would be really helpful and maybe more important than limiting parking on that street."

Former City Councilman Roderick Watson suggested the city add stop signs on Shore Road at the Putnam Avenue cross street. He added that prohibiting parking "at all times," as the proposal read, would affect families and residents visiting the stadium during sports seasons.

"All of these parents have to find a place to park," Watson said. "To prohibit that takes away parking spots the parents need for the weekend as well."

Resident Glenn Howard argued that the proposed ordinance would only remove about 12 spots from the equation; the minimum size of a standard parking space measures 18 feet long and nine feet wide.

Considering residents' complaints, Councilman Nicholas DiLeo made a motion to keep the public hearing on the "no parking" proposal open for further discussion. Tenke told the Herald Gazette after the meeting that he would ask the Police Department about other alternatives that could be made to increase traffic safety at the site.

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# Help with crime, and savings accounts

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Company, welcomed the possibility of tax-deferred savings. “There are unforeseen costs throughout the year for small businesses,” he said. “If we have a way to put away money that is not taxed, it would help.”

Gaughran said that the accounts could also help small businesses if there were an economic downturn, or if weather — like an overly rainy summer — caused a dip in sales.

“It’s tough for them to compete,” he said. “This is a way to use our tax code to help small business.”

In a recent news release, State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli indicated, by way of

data obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, that employment among New York’s small businesses has increased slightly faster than the national rate, an indication of growth. But DiNapoli also said that small businesses face a variety of challenges, including a constantly changing marketplace and the competitive demands of a global economy.

Vinny Moscata, who owns an elevator company in Manhattan and is the president of the Bayville Chamber of Commerce, was hesitant to support the bill. His worry, he said, was that untaxed

money, which he referred to as “free money,” may later create a tax shortfall. “The county is always saying that it has to raise our taxes for the budget,” Moscata said. “Will they take from Peter to pay Paul?”

The tax-deferred savings bill was brought to the Assembly by Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove. He said that lawmakers know it’s a good bill, and that he hoped it would pass.

Some business leaders wondered whether there would be a cap on savings, and whether the funds could be carried over to the next year. Lavine said that the current bill doesn’t include a cap, and he believed money could be carried

over.

A similar bill was crafted six years ago, he said, when a federal version was also being considered. But Cuomo would not sign it, Lavine recalled, because he said he was concerned about the cost.

“At this point, there remains a question as to what the actual cost would be to the state,” Lavine acknowledged. “It would need to be raised another way. After we pass the budget, the Ways and Means Committee can determine how much the bill would cost the state.”

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- Of those, almost two-thirds had fewer than five employees, and over 81 percent had fewer than 10 employees.

## The impact of those small businesses

- The smallest firms provided nearly 488,000 jobs, with a total payroll of \$23.3 billion in 2016.
- Businesses with 20 to 49 employees contributed more than 809,000 jobs, and had a total payroll of over \$39 billion.
- Small businesses with over 200 employees had the second-highest total employment, with 693,000 jobs, and the highest total payroll, \$43 billion.

■ Three industry sectors account for almost half of all small businesses in New York: trade, professional services and leisure activities.

■ The leisure activities sector, which includes restaurants and theaters, had the highest employment level of these sectors, with more than 677,000 jobs.

Data provided by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli

## Crime prevention

The creation of a Small Business Crime Prevention Services Program is vital, Gaughran said, because crime has changed. Criminals are more clever, he said, in using technology. Larger companies devise strategies and purchase new technology to combat crime, but it can be difficult for smaller businesses to keep up.

Warshaw cited a recent rise in phone scams. “I get calls often from local businesses and residents,” he said. “Anything that can be done to stave off fraud and theft for small business owners is always a good thing.”

Lawmakers would like to set up a system, Gaughran said, that would offer new security technology to small businesses and provide information to those that are victims of theft and fraud.

Moscata said he hadn’t heard of any businesses in Bayville falling victim to

scams or theft, but added that he supported the bill. Even if it’s only a website, it would be helpful, he said.

The bill itself indicates that the Small Business Crime Prevention Services Program would provide “organizational and financial resources needed to deliver cost-effective crime prevention programs to New York’s small businesses, to the benefit of the wider community.”

Schlotter said he hadn’t heard any complaints about crime from other businesses in town. His company, however, has had its credit card information stolen a few times, he said, and has received an alert about charges that were not made by the company. “It’s a given that technology is moving forward as negatively as it is positively,” he said. “If this gives small business owners an opportunity to ramp up the security . . . this will offer protection. I’m for it.”

# Lawmakers, advocates push for early-voting funds

By **BEN STRACK**

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State lawmakers and activists gathered at the Rockville Centre Long Island Rail Road station on March 22 to advocate for funding to be allocated in New York’s budget to help implement the early voting process set to begin in November.

“The Legislature took a monumental step earlier this year and decided that early voting was one of the most important — in fact, the preeminent reform — to make our democracy one where there’s greater participation and ultimately a government more responsive to the people,” said State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach. “If there are too few poll sites around Nassau County to allow that, that vision will not be realized.”

According to a May 2018 report by the New York State Senate Democratic Policy Group, the state ranks 41st in the nation in voter turnout — 57 per-

cent of eligible voters cast a ballot in the 2016 presidential election. The report included a survey in which 79 percent said they would be more likely to vote in an election if early voting was enacted.

In January, the Democratic majority in the State Senate helped pass a series of reforms intended to make voting easier, including an additional nine days, including two weekends, for people who struggle to get to the polls to cast their ballots ahead of time. New York became the 38th state to pass such a law.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed the bill into law, but his proposed budget did not include any funding for it.

Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove who chairs the Assembly’s Election Law Committee, said it was important that counties

do not get “saddled with the extra expense” of implementing the early voting system.

The Assembly and Senate set aside a combined \$17 million to cover general operating expenses. In addition, the Assembly allocated \$27 million for electronic poll books and scanning devices to print ballots for people who live in different election districts.

Assemblywoman Judy Griffin, a Rockville Centre Democrat, said that the goal is for the Board of

Elections to open 19 polling sites in the county for the November elections. Right now, she added, there are seven. She and County Comptroller Jack Schnirman also noted that it’s important to make sure polling sites are accessible for people throughout the county, including those who use public

transportation.

Susan Lerner, executive director of nonprofit organization Common Cause NY and a leader of the Let NY Vote Coalition, led the news conference. East Northport resident Kathleen Cleary, an early-voting activist, said the reforms would help many voters, like her and her husband, vote, which some years felt impossible.

“Relying on trains, relying on meetings, trying to get everything done and then scrambling to rush to get home to take care of an infant and then try to vote in one day,” she recalled.

Kaminsky said that negotiations among the Senate, Assembly and Cuomo would continue until April 1, when the budget is due, to get the expenses of early voting funded.

“This is something we have fought for for many years,” Lavine said of early voting. “It is obvious that the easier we make it for our citizens to vote, the more likely they are to want to participate in the democratic process.”



Chuck Lavine



# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

## 'Little' films find their spotlight The Short Film Concert highlights filmmaking creativity

If you're looking for the latest 'slam, wham' superhero movie, then Hollywood's got you covered. But if you crave movies with a bit more heart and soul that strike an emotional chord, then look no further than the 38th Asbury Short Film Concert.

The latest edition of the national touring showcase returns to Molloy College's Madison Theatre on Friday, April 5. With a lineup of classic shorts from Asbury's past combined with international festival winners currently on the circuit — and in many cases featuring up-and-coming filmmakers — audiences can get a look at these "smaller" films that don't often get a big screen showing.

"The program presents the best in comedy, drama, animation and the occasional documentary," says Doug LeClaire, Asbury Shorts' founder and director. "We call it a concert rather than a festival because there are no awards or panel discussions, it's all about entertainment value for the audience."

This year, like every year, Asbury Shorts presents an eclectic mix of films.

"The Caption" is a new short comedy from L.A. that's sure to delight audiences, according to LeClaire. "It's about a frustrated cartoon writer whose work is rejected like 657 times and it's starting to have a negative affect on his marriage," he explains. "But in a humorous twist, he finds an unexpected source of material that completely changes everything." The film was directed by Jonny Swick and Nick Miller.

"Another film that will probably wow audiences is "Pickle," directed by Amy Nicholson," says LeClaire. "It's about her parents who live on a Maryland farm. Their mission in life and their marriage is to rescue and take care of animals who are injured or sick. But here's the caveat, they're not any good at it. It's really hysterical."

"Pickle" runs 16 minutes and combines live action and animation. "We rarely show documentaries but this one is



The biting comedy "Alternative Math" tells of a well-meaning math teacher and her efforts to educate her students.

special," he notes.

Yet another film close to LeClaire's heart is also a documentary, in this case by Veena Rao, a young millennial filmmaker out of Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

"The 'Honeys & Bears' is about a group of elderly African-American women aged 60 to 90 who meet once a week at a Harlem pool to perform synchronized swimming," says LeClaire. "It's a cool, super low-budget independent film with a heart of gold."

It's a mere 3/12 minutes long. Yet in that short time, Rao manages to tug at the heartstrings of audiences with a joyous, emotionally moving story.

"I always say the creators of these short films have a tough job," says LeClaire. "They have just three, five, maybe 10 minutes to make audiences believe their story. Whereas feature film directors have the luxury of 80, 90, 100 minutes to tell a story."

But today's independent filmmakers

have an advantage as well. "The availability of really great small digital cameras allows a director to pare down the process," says LeClaire. "In the case of a documentary like Rao's, it can make the subjects more at ease."

When selecting new films for the Asbury Shorts showcase, the main goal, according to LeClaire, is that they be entertaining. "We look for audience choice award winners from other festivals because we know they will have an entertainment value," he says.

Another way LeClaire guarantees an enjoyable program is by presenting some of the most popular films from Asbury's past. It's been 38 years since he started Asbury Shorts from a church basement in Carle Place, so LeClaire has literally thousands of shorts to choose from.

One is particularly memorable one is on this year's program. "We're re-showing the 2002 dark comedy "The Quality of Mercy," starring Emmy winner Mary-Louise Parker," says LeClaire, "It's



In "The Caption" a frustrated caption writer for a famous New York City magazine struggles to get his work in winning form.

directed by Stephen Marro who lives in Lido Beach. And in fact, this year we're inducting it into the Asbury Hall of Fame."

LeClaire, who was a commercial producer for over two decades, is devoted to giving filmmakers an audience for their creative efforts.

"Some are motivated purely for the art of it, like a painter and sculptor," he says, explaining the dedication of these filmmakers to their craft. "Bust most independent filmmakers make short films to hopefully advance their careers. If their film is seen on the festival circuit, they hope it will attract the attention of a Netflix or an investor who will give them money to make a feature-length film."

"That's what's cool about Stephen's success with "The Quality of Mercy." It gained him investor money for his first feature, which he directed in 2010."

This is the Madison Theatre's eighth year hosting the festival and LeClaire is grateful to have found his festival's Long Island home. "We love this venue and get 200-300 folks coming out to see us every year," he says. "Long Island audiences are very loyal, they "get" what we're trying to do."

From the looks of it, a lot of other places "get it" as well. The Asbury Short Film Concert has traveled from Long Island to Los Angeles, Florida, Boston and even Berlin.

"We just keep growing," he says. "That means we are succeeding in our mission, which is to get indie shorts out to people who don't normally go to film festivals."

That's significant exposure for a passionate young filmmaker who wants the world to see their short film and hopes that maybe, just maybe, it'll lead to their first big break on the road to Hollywood. Shazam!

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### ON STAGE

## Stone Soup and Other Stories

Pushcart Players, the award-winning touring theater company, brings four classic beloved folk tales to life, in musical compilation designed specifically for young audiences. This blend of carefully elected stories from West Virginia, India, Africa and Eastern Europe will delight kids and their parents — filled with music, color, fantasy and fun while playfully introducing the spirit and customs of different cultures. Stories include "Freddie Lee Fisher," a tale from West Virginia's Appalachian Mountains that tells of the unconditional love of a parent for a child; "The Greatest Being" from India, about a princess whose father, the king, insists that his daughter must marry the "greatest being in the world; "The Long One,"



### WEEKEND

## Out and About

an African tale of a rabbit that is afraid to go into the house of because of something "bad" inside and the young monkey who wants to help; and, of course, "Stone Soup," the Eastern European story of four friends who contrive to make something out of nothing when their garden is empty and the fields are barren. Saturday, March 30, 3 p.m. \$20. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

### IN CONCERT

## The Swingles

The acclaimed a cappella group stops on Long Island on their latest tour. Five decades after their pioneering, Grammy-winning debut album "Jazz Sébastien Bach" in 1963, today's Swingle Singers are an international a cappella phenomenon. Now based in London, these seven young versatile voices deliver folk,



classical, jazz, Latin and pop music — and for the first time in many years, original songs — with equal precision and passion. Throughout the decades, The Swingles have pushed the boundaries of vocal music. The young singers that make up today's group are driven by the same innovative spirit that has defined the five-time Grammy winners since they first made waves all those years ago. The current incarnation of the versatile group continues to demonstrate a powerful virtuosity that keeps them in the forefront as masters of their craft. Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m. \$45. Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

### Performances/ On Stage



#### A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

The musical comedy about an heir to a family fortune who sets out to jump the line of succession by eliminating the relatives in his way, Thursday and Friday, March 28-29, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 30, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 31, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, April 3, 8 p.m. . John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Experience Hendrix

The acclaimed multi-artist tribute to Jimi Hendrix, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Lil Mosey

The rapper in concert, Thursday, March 28, 8 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).

#### Matthew Marshak

The singer-songwriter in concert, Thursday, March 28, 8 p.m. With special guests Jon and Krista Predice. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### Brandon "Tax Niederauer

The young guitarist-songwriter in concert, Friday, March 29, 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).

#### Dave Diamond Band

The popular band in concert, Friday, March 29, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or [www.stillpartners.com](http://www.stillpartners.com).

#### Doubt

John Patrick Shanley's award-winning drama, set in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964, about a popular priest's ambiguous relationship with a troubled 12-year-old student, Friday and Saturday, March 29-30, 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 31, 3 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. 557-1207 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot

The acclaimed singer-songwriter and his band in concert, performing play Billy Joel hits and more, Friday, March 29, 8 p.m. With special guest Alex Shillo. 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).

#### 1964 The Tribute

The acclaimed tribute show honoring the



### The Dimmer Twins

Alt-country and Southern rock stalwarts Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley, best known as the leaders of the Drive-By Truckers, visit the Landmark on Main Street stage as the Dimmer Twins, on Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Billed as the Dimmer Twins in homage to the Glimmer Twins (aka Keith Richards and Mick Jagger), this stripped-down duo setting features substantial solo and duo material penned by Hood and Cooley as well as some favorites from the Truckers' catalog of hits. Boasting a mix of Southern pride and erudite lyrics, Drive-By Truckers has long held a progressive passion, always been outspoken, telling a distinctly American story backed by distinctive musicianship and social conscience.

Tickets are \$40, \$35 and \$30; available at 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org). Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

Fab Four, Friday, March 29, 8 p.m. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. 767-1384 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).



#### Tom Segura

The actor-comedian, known for his Netflix specials, on tour, Friday, March 29, 7 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Chris Pepe with Kingfisher

The band in concert, Saturday, March 30, Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or [www.stillpartners.com](http://www.stillpartners.com).

#### Chazz Palminteri

The actor performs his one-man version of "A Bronx Tale," Sunday, March 31, 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).

#### Dick Fox's Doo Wop Extravaganza

Classic doo wop groups perform, Sunday, March 31, 6 p.m. Lineup includes Jimmy Beaumont's Skyliners, Gary US Bonds, Danny & The Junior featuring Joe Terry, The Tymes, The Elegants, Bobby Wilson's tribute to Jackie Wilson. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

#### Penny Lane

The Beatles tribute band in concert, Sunday, March 31, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public

Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

#### Cradle of Filth

The extreme metal band in concert, Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m. With special guests Raven Black and Wednesday 13. 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).



#### Allman Betts Band

The sons of Allman Brothers frontmen join forces, touring with their new band, Thursday, April 4, 8 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).

#### Callooh Callay

The progressive rock band in concert, with Ad Astra, Thursday, April 4, 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).

#### Katie Pearlman and Friends

The singer-songwriter in concert, Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or [www.stillpartners.com](http://www.stillpartners.com).

#### Pat Metheny

The jazz guitarist-composer in concert, Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### For the Kids



#### Madagascar: A Musical Adventure

Join those crack-a-lackin' pals on a wilde adventure as they plot their escape from the Central Park Zoo, Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m.; Sunday, March 31, 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 exhibitions, Saturday, March 30, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Triva Fun

Test your knowledge of all things Marvel, Saturday, March 30, 1 p.m. Form a team and see how your superhero knowledge holds up. For tweens/teens. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).

#### Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, April 3, 3 p.m.; also Friday, April 5, 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).

### 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).

#### 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).

#### National League of American Penn Women

An exhibit of works by members of the Long Island Branch of NLAPW. Opens April 3, through April 28. B.J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main Street, Huntington. (631) 549-5106

or [www.bjspokegallery.org](http://www.bjspokegallery.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).

#### That 80s Show

An exhibition that revisits one of the most dynamic eras in American art history. More than 100 works by the great personalities of the '80s, including Eric Fischl, Julian Schnabel, David Salle, Ross Bleckner, Bryan Hunt, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, Kenny Scharf, Cindy Sherman, Robert Longo, Jenny Holzer, Robert Mapplethorpe, Annette Lemieux, Charlie Clough, Tseng Kwong Chi, Jonathan Lasker and others. The show also features a music and sports memorabilia, "hall of fame" of including Michael Jackson's glove, Prince's fashion, Madonna's jewelry, and autographed sports items. 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).

#### At the Movies

See "Creed II," the next chapter in the Adonis Creed story, Thursday, March 28, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; also "Instant Family," a comedy about a couple who must learn the ropes of instant parenthood when they bring in three foster children, Thursday, April 4, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### First Ladies of Long Island

Examine the fascinating lives of Long Island's very different First Ladies, with historian Elizabeth Kahn Kaplan, Thursday, March 28, 7, 2 p.m. All are welcome, Registration required. The Regency at Glen Cove, 94 School St., Glen Cove. 674-3007.

### Having an event?

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



# Singas speaks to the power of women in government

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In honor of Women's History Month, Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas spoke to a group of residents — most of whom were women — at a community forum hosted by the League of Women Voters on March 20 at the Levittown Public Library. The program shed a light on Singas's work in the D.A.'s office to curb crime countywide, particularly in areas related to gender.

"I feel like women and moms are really at the heart of our families," Singas said, "and we have to help them get through whatever crisis it is that they're facing so that their entire family can rise above whatever the issue is."

She referenced two initiatives that address issues of gender as it pertains to crime: the Woman's Opportunity Rehabilitation Center and Closer to the Crib. League of Women Voters member Barbara Epstein, of Wantagh, explained that the idea behind the programs is to give people a second chance.

"When people get involved in these specific programs there's less recidivism, which means they tend not to get convicted again," Epstein said. "It's important for people to realize they have a place to go, and if they have a problem they can call the district attorney's office and be directed to any one of the various agencies within the department."

**WORC**

The Woman's Opportunity Rehabilitation Center, based in Hempstead, is a community correction program that offers an alternative to incarceration programs for female offenders in and around Nassau County. Singas said it is exclusive to female offenders, and added, "It gives women the tools to become self-sufficient and more empowered."

The center has become a vital component of the criminal justice system, according to its website, as judges can recommend that a defendant utilize its services as opposed to serving jail time. WORC offers a six-month reporting program, which provides a number of services, including court advocacy for pre-sentence female offenders, educational assistance, vocational services, personal counseling and life-skills workshops.

In addition to job training, Singas said the center also gives female offenders "hope and dignity" which they wouldn't

have otherwise had.

**Closer to the Crib**

Closer to the Crib is a collaborative program between the Nassau County District Attorney's office and the Adelphi University Institute for Parenting. Its aim is to reduce recidivism in criminally offending parents of young children and end the cycle of intergenerational criminal justice involvement.

Statistics show, Singas said, that if a child is raised in a home where a parent(s) is criminally-justice involved, that child will also be criminally-justice involved as an adult. Closer to the Crib, she said, surrounds families with services they need to avoid this cycle of offense.

The 12-month program promotes positive, developmental outcomes for children of offending parent(s) through evidence-based trauma treatment, providing comprehensive assessment, case planning, intensive case management and, when needed, child-parent psychotherapy. The idea, according to its website, is to support a healthy relational environment and reduce the effects of toxic stress, thus decreasing the likelihood that parents will re-offend.

**Women in the law**

Rounding out the talk, Singas spoke to the importance of seeing women in high-power positions of local government. She recalled preparing notes for a lecture on the topic while watching a basketball game with her daughter, who, having a career prosecutor as a mother, was used to such an idea. For others, Singas said, seeing women in the law is "a big deal."

"Only a third of our judges are women; 19 percent of equity partners in law firms are women; only 13 D.A.'s in the entire state, out of 62, are women," she said. "Having so many women in power in the county is great for all of our daughters to see," she added, noting Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen. "They have other women to look up to as role models."

Epstein said it was important for the D.A. to impart this knowledge, as it sets a precedent. "A woman, from my perspective, brings a different perspective to the situation, and if they have a desire to help they should get involved," she said. "It's important for young people, particularly young girls and women, to know they can make a difference."



Alyssa Seidman/Herald Gazette

**NASSAU COUNTY DISTRICT** Attorney Madeline Singas spoke about the power of women in government at a community forum hosted by the League of Women Voters.



**VIEWFINDER**

By MAUREEN LENNON

**THE QUESTION:**

Who will be the 2019 NCAA champions this year?



I think Duke will be the champions of the NCAA. They have a key player — Zion Williamson — who is known as a "College Legend".

**John Cools**  
Sanitation District Commissioner



I think Duke will be the champions of this year's March Madness. Duke has two amazing players — Zion Williamson and RJ Barrett. These guys are incredible players.

**Eyaire Whitefield**  
Student



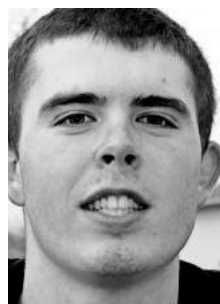
Duke has the Greatest Dunkers - Barrett and Williamson. Duke will win the championship.

**Ethan Whitfield**  
Student



I think UNC (North Carolina Tar Heels) will win the NCAA. UNC beat Duke two out three times. Third time, they lost by one. UNC is Duke's biggest threat.

**Nasim Cylin**  
Student



The winning NCAA team will be Gonzaga Bulldogs. Gonzaga will beat Duke because they have two star great players, Hachimura and Clark.

**Thomas Airey**  
Student



I think Duke will be the champions, they have the #1 seat, top two players- Williamson and Barrett, excellent coaching by Mike Krzyzewski. Exciting games.

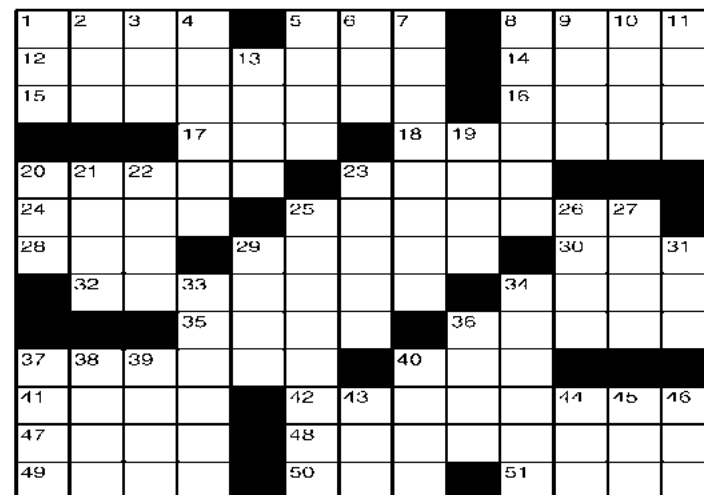
**Kwesi Jean-Francois**  
Student

## HERALD Crossword Puzzle

### King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Final bio
- 5 Enervate
- 8 Venomous vipers
- 12 Hawaii's capital
- 14 Onetime head of Iran
- 15 "What Not to Wear" specialty
- 16 Greek vowel
- 17 "— the season to be jolly"
- 18 Improvised musically
- 20 Pacific or Atlantic
- 23 Presidential "no"
- 24 Drink all at once
- 25 Time between connecting flights
- 28 Pitch
- 29 Lively dance
- 30 Spot on a domino
- 32 Hollow pastry
- 34 Grown-up nits
- 35 Rewrite, maybe
- 36 Luxury boat
- 37 Forcible restraint
- 40 A billion years
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# ON THE ROAD WITH A TAKEOUT QUEEN

## Twists on traditions to go

By CATHI TUROW

Winter is over at last. It's time for takeout artists to stop hibernating and ordering pizza every night. I'm happy to tell you this month I've found lots of new, creative spins on classic dishes you'll love to try. In fact, even if you're someone who actually likes to cook (though it's hard to imagine) you'll be inspired when you taste the latest innovative entrees and desserts waiting to be eaten in our local shops and cafes.

■ Polish Kitchen (602 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff) For those who don't eat meat, the chef is offering a twist on some of her most delicious, traditional dishes. She just started serving home baked vegan stuffed cabbage made with mushrooms and barley, and vegan hunter stew prepared with sauerkraut and mushrooms. If you're craving something sugary, definitely devour the upcoming sweet spins on dumplings: strawberry or plum dump-

plings over sweet sour cream, and sweet polish dumplings with cheese over melted butter. There's also an ongoing special for kids: crepes with Nutella, fresh fruits, whipped cream and chocolate syrup on top. Yum to it all!

■ Oak Room Tavern (242 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff) Pork and ribs fans will love the two latest entrees: Guinness Braised Beef Short Ribs with roasted butternut squash puree and Romanesco cauliflower; and Hudson Valley Pork "Osso Bucco," (cinnamon and cider braised, served with sweet potato puree and Brussel sprouts). When I was in the restaurant last week, I had the greatest twist on a cookie ever. The Hot Skillet Cookie is chocolate chip cookie dough prepared on the spot in a tiny frying pan, served in that pan, and topped with vanilla ice cream. The warm, gooey



CATHI TUROW

cookie combined with creamy ice cream is one of the best bites I've ever had.

■ Prime 1024 (1024 Northern Blvd., Roslyn) The lava cake in this restaurant rules. As you slice into it, rich, dark chocolate oozes onto your fork. You'll find this elegant dessert on the main menu as well as on the new Early Bird menu (offered Tuesdays through Saturdays 4:30-6 p.m., and all evening on Mondays and Tuesdays). On the Early Bird menu, for a fixed price you can order a first course, main course and dessert. A nice variety of choices from the main menu appear on this early version, such as Applewood Smoked Bacon drizzled with Vermont spicy syrup, organic salmon over mixed vegetables, filet mignon, and much more.

■ Let There Be Bagels (475 Port Washington Blvd. #4, Port Washington) When we think of turnovers we often think of apples, but this café has rolled out cherry turnovers. (Note: the cherry turnovers are baked on a rotating basis. Call the store to be sure they're offered on a day you'd like to try them.) While you're in the shop, be sure to taste two traditional side dishes with a kick: spicy tuna prepared with jalapenos and cilantro, and chipotle chicken salad.

■ Sea Cliff Bagel Café (478 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff) Here's a twist on bagels. For Easter, the blue, green, purple and pink bagels shaped like Easter eggs are back.

■ Long Island Bagel Café (89 Forest Ave., Glen Cove) A twist on omelets! Matzah brie will join the breakfast menu during the Passover holiday.

So that's it! Twists that should not be missed! See you next month.

## OBITUARIES

### Alvin M. Limbrick

Alvin M. Limbrick, 82, a longtime resident of Glen Cove, died on Feb. 18, 2019, in his home in Florida. "Al" was a beloved x-ray technician at North Shore University Hospital for over 25 years. He honored his country by serving in the U.S. Army, and will be laid to rest at the National VA Cemetery in Cape Canaveral, Fla. He leaves behind his immediate family that loved him. After being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, his family moved to Florida to take care of him. Al will be remembered for his smile, humor and story-telling. His granddaughters, Victoria and Allyson, will remember their "Papi Ye-Yo," who enjoyed playing games with them. His wife, Gloria, will remember those days they sat on their porch in Glen Cove, down the Landing. His daughter, Nancy, will remember all the stories told

to her by his friends at the Glen Cove ER, and the love they had for their friend Al. His "almost" son-in-law, Michael, will remember listening to doo-wop songs as Al's memory began to fade. Al was loved by many and will be missed immensely.

### Umberto Stanco

Umberto Stanco, 84, of Glen Cove, died on March 25. Beloved husband of Angiolina; loving father of Michael (Lena) and Grace Grella (Mike); dear brother of Carmine, the late Rocco, Giovanni, Maria and Filomena; proud grandfather of Robert, Erica, Michael and Frankie; special great-grandfather of Enzo, Paisley, Aubree, Michael, Liliana, Matteo and Luca. Visitation on March 28 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco on March 29 at 10 a.m. Entombment Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Nora T. Mannion

Nora T. Mannion, of Glen Cove, a native of County Sligo, Ireland, died on March 24. Beloved wife of the late Marvin; devoted mother of Christopher, Mary Theresa (Perry) Tripi, Wendy, Martin Jr. (Nancy) and Ann (Tom) Babich; cherished grandmother of Gabriella, Micela, Perry Jr., Barbara, Lauren and Samantha. Funeral mass at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment Saint Patrick Cemetery, Brookville.

### James H. Anderson Jr.

James H. Anderson Jr., 96, of Glen Cove, died on March 13. Beloved husband of the late Estelle; loving father of James (Maureen) and Jean Beissner; proud grandfather of Jimmy, Andrew, Jennifer and Douglas; dear brother of Robert, Elizabeth Hart, the late Helen and the late

Ralph. Proud World War II U.S. Army veteran. Electrician of IBEW Local 25, member of American Legion of Glen Cove and member of VFW 347. Visiting at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home.

### Donna Stanco-Ketcham

Donna Stanco-Ketcham, 47, of Glen Cove, died on March 5. Beloved wife of Gary; loving mother of Antonio, Larissa and Madeline; dear sister of Lena, Angelo, Francesca, Mary, Angelina Stone and Anthony; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Stanco-Ketcham was a class mother and active PTA member of the Glen Cove School System. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Mass at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment private.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT MEETING ON APRIL 30, 2019, OF GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY TO VOTE ON THE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET AND TO ELECT ONE TRUSTEE OF THE GLEN COVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special meeting of the qualified voters of the Glen Cove Public Library will be held in pursuant to the provision of the Section 260 and 2007 of the Education Law of the State of New York at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, in said District on April 30, 2019 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Said meeting will be held for the following purposes:

To vote on the following propositions:

RESOLVED that the proposed budget of the Glen Cove Public Library, Glen Cove City School District, as prepared by the Trustees of the said public Library, for the year 2019/2020, and as the same may have amended, be and hereby is approved; and that the amount thereof, less receipts, be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property in the said School District.

For the purpose of electing; one (1) Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library for a (5) five-year term. The vote on the aforesaid matters will be cast by ballot in a ballot box.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Library Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 260 and 2007 of the Educational Law hereby calls said Special District Meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating the candidate for the office of Trustee of the Glen Cove Public Library must be filed with the clerk between the hours of 9a.m. and 5p.m., no later than March 29, 2019, the thirtieth day preceding the election, at which time the candidate so nominated is to be elected. Each nominating petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

Sample forms of the petitions may be obtained from the Clerk of the District at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the proposed estimated expenditures to be voted upon shall be made available at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day other than Saturday, Sunday or holiday, during the fourteen days preceding such meeting.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Glen Cove Public Library will hold a special budget hearing on April 16th at the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York at 7p.m.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the qualified voters of the District may register between the hours of 9a.m. and 4p.m. The final date to register for the meeting to be held on April 16, 2019. If a voter has voted in any election within the last 4 years (2015) or if he or she is eligible to vote under Article 5 of Election Law, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register. The registration list prepared by the Board of Elections of Nassau County will be filed in the Office of the District clerk of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York and will be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 9a.m and 4p.m. prevailing time, on any day after Tuesday April 16, 2019, and each of the days prior to the date set for the Library Election and Budget Vote, except Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, including the date set for the meeting.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that applications for absentee ballots for the Library Election and Budget Vote may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk, of the Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, New York. Such applications must be received at least (7) seven days before the elections if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. No absentee voter ballot shall be canvassed unless it shall have been received at the office of the District Clerk, Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., New York, no later than 5:00p.m., prevailing time, on the date of the election.

Gina Rant  
Clerk  
108245

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
AVISO LEGAL  
AVISO DE UNA REUNION ESPECIAL DE LA BIBLIOTECA DEL DISTRITO EL 30 DE ABRIL DE 2019, DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA DE GLEN COVE PARA VOTAR EN EL PRESUPUESTO DE LA BIBLIOTECA PUBLICA Y PARA ELEGIR A UN ADMINISTRADOR BIBLIOTECA

POR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevara a cabo una reunion especial de los votantes calificados de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion de Estado de Nueva York, en dicho Distrito el 30 de Abril de 2019 entra las 9am y las 9pm Dicha reunion sera de ayuda para los siguientes fines:

Para votar sobre las siguientes prosiciones:

SE HA RESUELTO que el presupuesto propuesto de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, Distrito Escolar de la Ciudad de Glen Cove segun lo preparado por los Fideicomisarios de dicha Biblioteca publica para el año 2019/2020, y segun se haya modificado, se apruebe por la presente; y

que la cantidad de los mismos, menos los recibos, se aumenta mediante la recaudacion de un impuesto sobre bienes inmuebles gravables en dicho Distrito Escolar.

Con el fin de elegir; un (1) Fideicomisario de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove por un (5) mandato de cinco años.

La votacion sobre los asuntos mencionados se emitira mediante urnas.

POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA que la junta de la Biblioteca, en conformidad con lo dispuesto en la Seccion 260 y 270 de la Ley de Educacion, convoca dicha reunion Especial de Distrito.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que las peticiones que nominan al candidato para el cargo de administrador de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove deben presentarse al secretario entre las horas de 9am y las 5pm., a mas tardar el 29 de marzo de 2019, el trigesimo dia anterior a la eleccion, momento en el cual sera elegido el candidato asi nominado. Cada peticion de nominacion debe dirigirse al Secretario del Distrito, debe estar firmada por al menos veinticinco (25) votantes calificados del Distrito, debe indicar la residencia de cada firmante y debe indicar el nombre y la residencia del candidato.

Los formularios de muestra las peticiones se pueden obtener del Secretario de Distrito en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York  
SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que una copia de los gastos estimados propuestos para ser votados estara disponible en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, entra las 9am y 5pm todos los dias, except los sabados, domingos o festivos durante los catorce dias anteriores a dicha reunion.

SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que la Junta de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove realizara una audiencia especial sobre el presupuesto el 16 de abril en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, a las 7pm  
SE DA AVISO ADICIONAL, que los votantes calificados del Distrito pueden inscribirse entre las 9am y 4 pm. La fecha final para inscribirse en la reunion que se celebrara el 16 de Abril de 2019. Si un votante ha votado en alguna eleccion en los ultimos 4 años 2015 o si es elegible para votar conforme al Artículo 5 de la Ley Electoral, el o ella es elegible para votar en este eleccion. Todos las demas personas que deseen votar registrarse. La lista de registro preparada por la Junta de Elecciones de Condado de Nassau se Archivaran en la oficina del secretario de Distrito de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York, y estara abierta a inspeccion por cualquier votante calificado Del Distrito entre las horas de 9am y 4pm

hora vigente cualquier, dia despues del martes 16 de Abril de 2019 y cada uno de los dias anteriores a la fecha establecidos para la Eleccion de la Biblioteca y la Votacion de Presupuesto, except los sabados, domingos o dias festivos, incluida la fecha establecida para la reunion.  
BOLETAS AUSENTES  
POR FAVOR, TOME NOTA, que las solicitudes de boletas de votacion en ausencia. Para la Eleccion de la Bibliotecas y la Votacion de Presupuesto se puede solicitar en las oficinas del Secretario del Distrito, de la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York. Tales solicitudes deben recibirse al menos (7) siete dias antes de las elecciones si se va a enviar la boleta al votante. Ninguna boleta de votante ausente sera votada a menos que haya sido recibida en la oficina de Secretario de Distrito, en la Biblioteca Publica de Glen Cove, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, Nueva York a mas tardar a las 5:00 pm hora del dia, en el fecha de la eleccion.  
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# OBITUARIES

## Baldath Maharaj

Baldath Maharaj, 67, of Glen Cove and LaRomain, Trinidad, died on March 2. Beloved husband of Esther; loving father of Rachel, Mitra, Cyntra, Tricia, Davindra and Samantha; dear brother of 12; adored grandfather of 9. Reposed at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Service and burial in Trinidad.

## Mary (Gravino) Biscardi

Mary (Gravino) Biscardi, 89, of Glen Cove, died on March 1 at Autumn Lane Assisted Living in Cohasset, Minn. Born in 1929 in Glen Cove to Antonio and Brigida Gravino, she married Alfonse Biscardi

in 1952 and had four sons. Biscardi is preceded in death by her parents, husband Alfonse, sons Peter and Henry and her grandson Derrick. She is survived by her sons Michael (Jennifer) Biscardi of Cohasset, Minn. and Al Biscardi of Granbury, Texas, 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. A celebration of Biscardi's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids, Minn.

## Kelly L. Graziose

Kelly L. Graziose, 31, of Glen Cove, died on March 1. Loving daughter of Deborah and Anthony; dear sister of Catherine and the late Kara; special granddaughter of Rae Grazioso and Jayne Codrington (Gil); niece of several aunts; loving cousin to many; fiancé of Melissa Caban. Visitation was on March 4. Interment was private.

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## OPINIONS

# Let's make sure we count everyone in 2020

**C**ommunities across Nassau County are changing fast. The demographic profile the county comptroller's office developed highlighted new challenges the county faces so we can deliver the right services in the right way to everyone.

According to research from several organizations, Nassau County is on track to become a majority-minority county in 15 years. This is a nationwide trend, but here it's happening faster.



**JACK SCHNIRMAN**

Shifts in population can have major impacts on the tax base and the demand for governmental services. To have a sustainable, long-term financial

plan that appropriately — and strategically — allocates resources, it is essential to understand the county's changing demographic composition and where these changes are happening.

You need only look around to see that the county has changed dramatically in recent years. We're older and more diverse. But while the population changes, the wealth gap between races persists. This threatens Nassau's long-term eco-

nomics, presenting clear obstacles to equity that governments and businesses have yet to overcome.

This is a much different population than the post-World War II suburban developments that sprouted up across Long Island, like Levittown. They were built to cater to the needs of largely white, single-income families headed by young professionals. Now the average age of a Nassau County resident is increasing, while the number of young professionals who want to live here is decreasing. The level of education the average resident has attained is impressive, with some caveats.

All of these key metrics are coupled with a historic increase in the diversity of the county. Increasing foreign-born immigration has largely driven population growth in the past 10 years.

These changes haven't happened seamlessly, as our recent report on black economic equity showed. We put together reports like these not to point fingers, but to turn conversations into action — because action is needed.

Research highlighted by Policy Link and the Urban League of Long Island shows that the Long Island economy could have been nearly \$24 billion larger

in 2014 if racial gaps in income were eliminated. This is a tremendous amount of missed economic activity.

And as the county ages and its senior citizen population grows, young people are leaving Long Island for areas with more affordable housing options and transit-oriented, walkable downtown communities that better suit their lifestyles. This "brain drain" has real impacts. Without immigration, Nassau's population would have decreased in recent years. And, to be clear, a shrinking population would negatively impact the economy.

Why? Because the need for government services increases with a growing senior population, but the tax base shrinks as millennials leave. That makes it even harder for young people to rent or buy a home, start a family, and spend what they earn to live, work and play here. That ripple effect ultimately hurts sales tax numbers and weakens the economy.

But while educated young people are leaving, the influx of immigrants is reshaping local communities. Nassau County's minority population reached 38 percent in 2016, up from 30 percent in 2005. South Asian, Caribbean and Central

American groups are bringing their traditional cultures to neighborhoods from Great Neck to Elmont to Hicksville.

And as the population changes, its needs change as well. With the 2020 census, we have a huge opportunity to ensure that we get our fair share of funding to support that population.

The census will be a huge challenge, because more than 300,000 people in the county are categorized as "hard to count." Some of the hardest to count include young children and those in communities of color and low-income households. It is absolutely vital that we get a complete, accurate count of every resident, so we receive the funding we need to provide the services we all rely on.

The planning for the census has already begun, with the formation of the Nassau Complete Count Committee, a collaboration among government, nonprofit organizations and community groups to make sure we can statistically capture the extraordinary changes that have happened here.

Working together, we will ensure that everyone is counted, that we effectively plan for the future and that we continue to deliver the best services to Nassau County residents.

*Jack Schnirman, the former city manager of Long Beach, is the Nassau County comptroller.*

## Ivanka and Jared are on the move — to the Five Towns

**L**ong Island is about to get a "Trump bounce." A longtime friend of mine has sold his home in the Hewlett area (through an agent) to Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, and the couple plan to move to the community sometime before school starts in the fall.

According to my friend, he sold the 10-bedroom home, with extensive waterfront and a helipad, for \$26 million. He said the negotiations have been ongoing for six months.



**RANDI KREISS**

My friend agreed to talk to me on the condition that I not reveal his name or the exact location of the property.

This is the plan: The couple realized some time ago that their political longevity in Washington was limited. They will keep their Manhattan apartment, but they decided to raise their children in a quieter atmosphere, where the three kids could make friends and play outside and still get a religious education. All three will attend the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns.

In anticipation of their presence in the

Five Towns, Jared and Ivanka have donated \$5 million each to the Hewlett-Woodmere and Peninsula public libraries to update, upgrade and refurbish their buildings and collections. In addition, the couple have agreed to build a \$10 million recreation center for teenagers on the property now occupied by the Woodmere shopping center, including Glatt Gourmet, Friendliers, etc. Those stores will relocate. The idea, apparently, is to compensate local residents for any inconvenience created by the Kushners' security needs.

The helipad will facilitate Ivanka and Jared's frequent visits to D.C., and it is expected that President Trump and the first lady will be occasional visitors to our community. When the first couple visit the Five Towns, all air space will be cleared for their arrivals and departures.

The house will be refurbished in a neo-'50s style, which has become exceedingly popular with a particular demographic: super-rich couples. It will include a kitchen in harvest gold, black and white tile floors and pastel fixtures throughout the eight bathrooms.

A staff of six, including chauffeur,

nanny, butler, chef and two housekeepers, will be housed in a separate building that is being constructed on the property. That 4,000-square-foot house will also accommodate the Secret Service staff. Security details, including the number of agents who will be on the property, are not available.

My friend said that Ivanka has a keen interest in yachting, and the couple are looking to purchase a luxury boat large enough for cruises up and down the East Coast. Part of their reason for selecting our community was to be able to offer their children golf and sailing lessons in the coming years.

Kushner's representatives have made overtures to the Seawane Club in Hewlett, and he is expected to apply for a membership. Apparently, news of his application got misinterpreted into rumors that the club was for sale.

Among the very few people who know about the move, curiosity is intense. Will Ivanka and Jared go to local restaurants, to reach out to the community in a friendly way? Will Ivanka go to a nearby hair salon, or will she continue to use her own staff for hair and other beauty services?

What is known is that the couple have

already committed to sponsoring the entire Five Towns Community Fair, which is held in September. There is some talk that the president will make a brief appearance at the event, to connect with his significant base in the community and to support his daughter's move to Long Island.

A little-known fact about Jared Kushner, according to my friend, is his obsessive fear of rats. Therefore, because of their new home's proximity to the water, a variety of state-of-the-art rodent repellents will be installed. These include high-decibel noise pulses, chemicals (non-toxic to humans) around the perimeter and a new technology developed in Israel that combines sophisticated traps with sonar devices.

Not everyone will be happy with the Trump/Kushner move to Long Island, but the couple plan to maintain a low profile. After years in the spotlight, my friend says, they want a normal life, especially for their kids. They plan to host soccer matches and pool parties on their property, and perhaps even a softball game on the baseball diamond in their new backyard.

Sounds unbelievable, doesn't it? Well, it is. But it isn't fake news, either.

Happy April Fools Day!

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**T**hey're buying a place on the water somewhere in Hewlett. But where, exactly?

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Let's celebrate women speaking truth to power

**O**n March 8, many countries worldwide commemorated International Women's Day. Meanwhile, in the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, the month was marked by demonstrations, celebrations and education programs.

Women's History Month is the spiritual daughter of International Women's Day, which first came about thanks to the work of labor and revolutionary groups. The Socialist Party of America first organized a National Women's Day in the U.S. on Feb. 28, 1909. The following year, during an International Socialist Women's Conference, delegates from 17 countries voted to designate March 19, 1911, the first International Women's Day, and use it to promote equal rights.

In the years that followed, several other countries observed the holiday on March 8, including England, where a march demanding women's suffrage was held between Bow and Trafalgar Square in London in 1914. And on March 8, 1917, women in Petrograd, now St. Petersburg, turned their annual demonstration into a mass strike, helping to spark the Russian Revolution and shape the 20th century.

Women's History Month in the U.S. came about after years of lobbying by educators and activists, beginning with a Sonoma, Calif., school district's Women's History Week, held from 1978 to 1987. Congress then passed a resolution dedicating March 1987 to women's history. Presidents since have proclaimed Women's History Month anew each year.

This year, with a record 102 women

serving in Congress and challenging existing orthodoxies, advocating for change and generating headlines with tweets, the commemoration of Women's Day and Women's History Month remained nearly as charged as it was 100 years ago, and we would all do well to pay attention.

Women running for office, and women throughout society, have refocused a diverse spectrum of feminist philosophies into concrete issues. Gone are the days when simple slogans like "Girl power!" sufficed as action. Women are leading the way on workers' rights, reproductive rights and solutions to global climate change. They also comprise a significant number of the voices speaking out against President Trump's policies and nativist rhetoric.

The women of the Herald's editorial department found different resonances in Women's History Month this year, based on their personal histories and ideals. Laura Lane, senior editor of the Herald's North Shore papers, said she recalled the moment at which the women's equality movement "exploded," when she was in primary school, and saw a through-line from being forced to wear a dress to school to her professional life now.

"Today, as a senior editor of three weekly newspapers and the only woman to have achieved the title at the company, I remain committed to doing the job to the best of my abilities," Lane said. "But I don't see myself as a successful woman. Instead, I see myself as a successful person."

Alexandra Dieckmann, reporter for the

Wantagh and Seaford Heralds, said she celebrates the spirit of strong women worldwide when March comes around, and thinks about her greatest role model.

"My mom comes to mind when I think of strong women," Dieckmann said. "She works part-time, attends an intensive institute class just because she wants to, completes all the responsibilities of a stay-at-home wife and mother, and makes sure my sister gets to her volleyball and choir practices. She's amazing, and I aspire to be more like her."

Freeport Herald Editor Nadya Nataly said that women's voices are becoming "louder, stronger and — most important — heard."

"It's exciting to be a woman in 2019," Nataly added. "More of us are stepping up and being the change we want to see in our world by taking action and doing the necessary work for equality and inclusion."

The Herald encourages all — even those who see themselves more on the sidelines — to look back at the progress that has been made since 1909, and to look around at the changes our society still aches for. The women's-equality movement is part of a long-overdue, still-developing moral clarity in America that surely will have its share of messy moments and fiery debates — which may frighten or alienate some Americans. This is, however, the process by which democratic societies grow and new voices are heard. You stand to lose little by engaging in good faith, and we all stand to learn so much.

## LETTERS

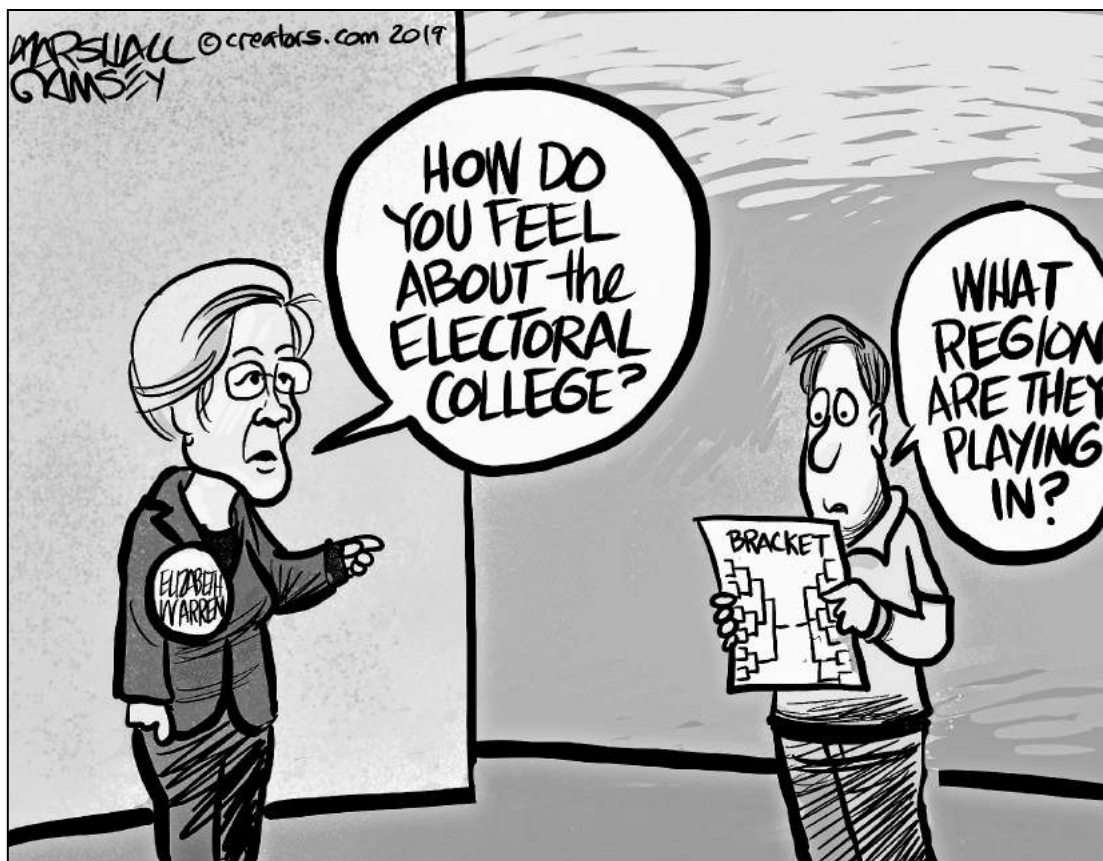
### Give credit where it's due

To the Editor:

It looks like Mayor Tim Tenke is running his next campaign for mayor by simply making up facts. In his March 7-13 letter to the editor, "Fixing our problems," he makes a series of false claims.

Tenke says our water infrastructure has been neglected for years. That's partially true. The neglect occurred before I was elected mayor, when Tenke had been on the City Council for nearly a decade. During my four years in office, we spent nearly \$5 million working to clean up the mess I inherited. As soon as I was elected, we built a new well at Duck Pond Road and automated our water system. In the previous eight years, while Tenke was on the City Council, the administrations he served spent far less than that amount, and it was highlighted by running out of water because of a lack of infrastructure improvement.

Tenke has taken credit for coming up with the idea of an asset management plan.





## OPINIONS

## Confronting the 'silent killer'

**M**y ears were ringing on March 7, so I thought I might have an ear infection. I hurried to an urgent care center, thinking I'd grab an antibiotic and be at work the next day. I was wrong.

A friendly doctor's assistant took my blood pressure first thing. I became increasingly anxious as the machine

squeezed my arm tighter and tighter.

My pressure was 205/110.

The assistant seemed stunned. I was stunned. He tried again, saying the gauge might be off, but my pressure was unchanged the second try. He brought the doctor



**SCOTT BRINTON**

immediately.

Any chest pain, trouble breathing? The doctor asked, speaking deliberately and looking a little concerned. No and no.

Dizziness? No. Nausea? No. Blurred vision? No.

My heart was beating normally, my lungs were clear and my breathing was steady, the doctor noted. He gave me a pill to lower my blood pressure, and said I should see my general practitioner immediately. If I were overweight and out of shape, he said, he might offer different directions, but he didn't elaborate

on what those might be, and I didn't ask. I needn't worry, he assured me.

I was lucky, he added. Many people don't realize they have high blood pressure, which can cause a heart attack or stroke. That's why hypertension, as it's also called, is often referred to as the "silent killer."

I wound up seeing a number of doctors and nurses that day, and they kept asking if there was any significant source of stress in my life. I'm a newspaper editor, I told them again and again. Enough said. Even still, this BP spike seemingly came out of nowhere.

I run four or five days a week, and walk two to three miles a day. I ride a bike. I play tennis. I had no reason to think my BP would shoot up like that.

A year and a half ago, I wrote a column called "Have a heart: Choose your lifestyle wisely" (Oct. 26-Nov. 1, 2017), in which I detailed my experience having my first echocardiogram.

"I turned 50 in July," I began, "so I decided — or, rather, my general practitioner decided — that I must have an echocardiogram, essentially a video of the heart at work, created by a transducer that sends sound waves through the chest that 'echo' back . . ."

"My grandfather on my mom's side died in his 50s, after his third heart attack.

*My dad was 55 when his chest was opened to make way for a triple bypass, the first in a line of surgeries that stretched over the decades until he died 33 years later; of heart failure . . .*

*"Age 50, I had long feared, might be a point of inflection for me, a moment in time when the course of my life changed for the worse. What would this test tell me? Would it show a narrowing or hardening artery? An undetected weakness?"*

It showed nothing of the kind. My heart was strong. My BP was 120/80. Yet there I was, only a year and a half later, with a BP level that WebMD describes as "malignant hypertension," capable of damaging organs. Why?

I underwent several tests in South Nassau Communities Hospital's emergency room. So did my wife. Her blood pressure rose to a potentially dangerous level when she heard that mine was soaring. So she was admitted to the ER as well. Neither of us had organ damage. Five days later, we were mostly fine.

An ER physician's assistant ran through my diet with me. It was too salty, he concluded.

Salty? I'd spent my adult life worrying about cholesterol, which had killed my grandfather and blocked up my dad's heart, but I had given no thought to salt.

Oh, but there it was — salt every-

**T**hey kept asking if there was stress in my life. I'm a newspaper editor. Enough said.

## LETTERS

Truth be told, it wasn't his idea. It was recommended by the city's controller at the end of 2017, to be implemented in 2018. Wouldn't it be nice if he gave Controller Sandra Clarson the credit that she is due?

Tenke claims that my administration pursued high-profile deals not in the city's best-interests. Wrong again. The only high profile deals we dealt with were those started by Tenke and his political friends in office, which they couldn't finish. That ran the risk that the city would have to pay more than \$40 million in default penalties. I saved that from happening.

Tenke goes on and on about how successful his administration has been since he took office. The fact is that it has been and remains devoid of any agenda for progress, and the only movement forward are the projects that I saved and are now in progress, while he tries to take credit for my successes.

The bottom line is that members of the current Tenke administration have accomplished virtually nothing positive for the City of Glen Cove. They may know how to spend money, but the only thing they're missing is how to run a municipality efficiently. This would all come out in more detail if Tenke were to

debate me on these issues.

REGGIE SPINELLO  
Glen Cove

## Volunteer for the VA

To the Editor:

Voluntary service in the Veterans Affairs Health Care System was established in 1946, and volunteers are now an integral part of helping the VA provide for the needs of more than 9 million veterans enrolled in its care.

There are many volunteer opportunities. Volunteers might come occasionally. There are high school teams that come one time. There are also regularly scheduled volunteers who devote so many hours to service. They may do clerical tasks, or guide veterans to appointments. Those with musical talents can donate by providing entertainment for a VA event.

Other opportunities include assisting with the Body-Mind Program (including yoga), escorting veterans who need mobility assistance, and delivering items and gifts to patients to put them at ease. Volunteers can be assigned to specific departments, including but not limited to physical therapy, social work services, the emergency room and the Disabled Ameri-

## FRAMEWORK by Joe Abate



Celebrating Holi, the Hindu Festival of Colors, at the L.I. Children's Museum — Garden City

can Veterans office, which provides free transportation for medical appointments.

KATIE OCAMPO  
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where I turned. According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, your sodium intake should average 1,500 milligrams a day and never exceed 2,300 mg. One Greek salad, with a half-cup of feta cheese, five anchovies and dressing, contains roughly 2,000 mg of sodium. Two slices of cheese pizza — 1,000 mg. A small bowl of Chinese hot and sour soup — 875 mg.

One pickle spear — one! — has 306 mg of sodium, 20 percent of the recommended daily intake. Ketchup — ketchup, for goodness' sake! — has 154 mg, or 10 percent.

I love all of the above, but realize I can longer consume any of it, at least not in the quantities that I had.

I was shocked. The one factor that I hadn't accounted for in my diet — sodium — put me in the hospital. I swore I wouldn't let that happen again. Now I read content labels with sodium in mind. I eat more home-cooked meals so I can be sure of the salt content. I swore off coffee. And I drink a lot more water.

The good part: I sleep better, and my BP has returned to normal, with a little help from daily medication. Bottom line: Pay attention to fat *and* salt. And let's not forget about sugar while we're at it.

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