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# Local man dies in Dominican Republic

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Vittorio Caruso, 56, of Glen Cove, died on June 17 in the Dominican Republic. He was the latest of almost a dozen American tourists to die in the Caribbean nation since April 2018. Earlier this week, Dominican officials said his death was caused by heart failure.

Caruso was a co-owner of Vittorio's Pizza, on Cedar Swamp Road. He sold the business about a month ago, after deciding to retire. He was celebrating his retirement with a vacation in the Dominican Republic.

Ellen Caruso, his sister-in-law, said that she and the rest of the family were frustrated by the way Caruso's death had been handled. Everything they have been told, she said, seems like a cover-up of something more than heart failure.

"We don't know what hap-

pened over there," Caruso said, "and it's inconsistent with his health."

The family, she said, called the U.S. embassy in Santo Domingo, the Dominican capital, when they learned of Vittorio's death. An official told them that the embassy was not aware of the situation.

An autopsy was performed by Dominican doctors, but its results have not yet been sent to the U.S., Caruso said. And Vittorio's body was embalmed in the D.R. without the family's knowledge, which will prevent officials in the U.S. from doing an autopsy.

Everything has been "pushed under the rug," Caruso said, and the discrepancies in the process of determining the cause of her brother-in-law's death have made the loss even more difficult to deal with.

U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, of Glen Cove, said he knew Caruso, and

that he was a nice man who made great pizza. Suozzi added that he had offered to help in any way he can, personally or politically. It is often difficult to obtain all the details on the deaths of Americans, he said, when they occur in foreign countries.

Suozzi also said that he had been in contact with U.S. Rep. Adriano Espaillat, a native Dominican who represents New York's 13th District in Manhattan. Espaillat's communications director, Candace Person, said that he was one of the first members of Congress to call for investigations into the deaths of American tourists in the D.R., and that he planned to visit the country soon to speak with government and tourism representatives to make sure the investigations are as comprehensive as possible. The Herald Gazette was unable to reach Espaillat.

Francisco Javier Garcia, the

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Courtesy Green Vale School

## And we have liftoff

Peter Zaloom, of Glen Cove, affectionately called the "rocket man," because, Green Vale School students say, "he loves to blow things up," is retiring as a teacher and the coach of the school's rocket club, which recently competed in Washington, D.C. Story, Page 3.

# Students, parents oppose possible relocation of GCHS teachers

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When graduating Glen Cove High School senior Haley Gielbeda heard that social studies teacher Angela Hall might be moved to Finley Middle School next year, she knew she had to do something.

Ever since Gielbeda took Hall's global studies class as a freshman, she knew she was a special teacher. When she learned of Hall's potential relo-

cation, Gielbeda took to the internet and social media to attempt to save her position. On June 5, Gielbeda created a petition on change.org in the hope of demonstrating to the district administration how many people want Hall to stay at the high school. The petition surpassed its original goal of 500 signatures within 24 hours, and at press time the total was climbing to over 1,100.

"I think it just really shows the kind of teacher she is,"

Gielbeda said. "She deserves the absolute world, and I have no words about how overjoyed I am that [the petition has] been successful."

Hall, Gielbeda said, has a unique approach to teaching. She appreciated everything Hall did in the classroom, but was even more impressed by how she conducted extra help sessions. Instead of simply providing students with the information they needed to succeed in class,

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# Pizzeria owner is 10th to die in D.R.

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Dominican Republic's director of tourism, told Telemundo that he had directed hotels to install cameras for the next 60 days to ensure tourists' safety. The country is still a safe place to visit, Garcia said, adding that the recent American deaths have been incorrectly classified as mysterious, given that the causes of death in each case have been released.

Jeanine DiMenna, who owns the View Grill in Glen Cove, said that business owners in town have a special connection. Because the city is almost surrounded by water, it is a destination rather than a place that visitors pass through, she explained. As a result, it can be hard for businesses to attract customers from other communities, so most are in business mostly because they love their community.

"For a lot of the older businesses [in Glen Cove], we have a bond where, if we needed something, we could call each other," DiMenna said. "We kind of take

care of each other, and [Caruso] was in that group."

Greg Minutoli, a funeral director at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, said that Caruso's body arrived in the U.S. on Tuesday. He called the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to see if the body would be safe for viewing in an open casket, a policy of the funeral home whenever a death occurs in a foreign country under suspicious circumstances. The CDC confirmed that there was no risk of transmitting anything harmful to those attending Caruso's wake.



Photo courtesy Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home  
**VITTORIO CARUSO**

Visitation was scheduled for Thursday and Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. A funeral Mass was scheduled for Saturday, and

Caruso was to be buried at Holy Rood Cemetery.

Ellen Caruso said that the family planned to take legal action after her brother-in-law's burial.

*Nadya Nataly contributed to this story.*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Volunteer opportunities available at HMTC

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County is looking for volunteers to become museum docents.

For the past 25 years, HMTC has served as Long Island's leading Holocaust education center. With more than 22,000 student visitors each year, it needs passionate and dedicated volunteers who are willing to donate their time to help teach lessons of the Holocaust and the dangers of anti-Semitism, racism, bullying and all other forms of intolerance.

Museum docents are committed to Holocaust and tolerance education and are needed every day of the week, especially during the school year. These individuals will lead visitors, both scheduled

and unscheduled, through tours of the museum and will help facilitate workshops for both young students and adults.

The HMTC is also looking for volunteers who can speak, read, or write in another language because many students who come for programs are not proficient in English. There is written text that needs to be translated as well.

Docent applicants are required to attend the annual Holocaust Institute from Aug. 19 to Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A fee of \$100 is requested.

For more information on this volunteer opportunity, contact Breaune Brooks at (516) 571-8040 or bbrooks@hmtcli.org. To learn more about the HMTC, visit www.hmtcli.org.

### Glen Cove Rotary Club flies new flag

The Rotary Club of Glen Cove erected the flag pole at the entrance to Glen Cove in memory of Sept. 11, 2001. Each year, the club replaces the flag during Flag Day week, with a new flag to fly on the pole in memory of the lives lost. The club also donates the 13 American flags for the Danis Park site at Town Path Road and Glen Street each year as well.



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# It's rockets away for coach Peter Zaloom

BY MARIA LANE

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Fifty years ago, the world watched in breathless awe as astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon, proclaiming, "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind." Even today, the memory of that moment easily conjures up goose bumps. It also provided the inspiration for the 2019 Team America Rocketry Challenge, which took place last month in Washington, D.C. Among the finalists were two teams from The Green Vale School in Old Brookville, which qualified in the top 100 out of nearly 900 teams nationally. It was led by Glen Cove resident Peter Zaloom, a science teacher at Green Vale, who coaches the school's Rocket Club.

"This year's club was great — they always showed up, liked building and got along relatively well," Zaloom said. The students call the 72-year-old "the rocket man" and "demo king" because he loves to blow things up and set them on fire — all safely, of course.

Zaloom founded the club 15 years ago. In the early years, he recalled, they were busy getting their footing, and didn't keep the kind of meticulous flight data needed for a team to do well in the competition. But by 2008, they were competing at a higher level, and Zaloom has led them in the finals every year since. "It's been a great experience for them, me and the school," he said.

Sponsored by the Aerospace Industries Association and the National Association of Rocketry, the Rocketry Challenge is the world's largest student rocket contest, with nearly 5,000 students taking part. The rules and scoring parameters change every year to encourage student ingenuity and innovation.

This year's competition challenged competitors to design, build and launch a rocket inspired by the Apollo 11 mission. It had to be able to carry three raw eggs (representing the Apollo 11 astronauts) to an altitude of 856 feet and return to the ground in 43 to 46 seconds with the eggs intact.

Meeting those specifications required a lot of hard work, dedication and teamwork. The students got together weekly to create their rocket designs under the guidance of Zaloom. He said he taught them as much about cooperation and being open-minded to the ideas of others as he did about building rockets.

"He taught us so much about how to make a rocket, about the engineering behind it, what kind of motor to use and how to build it according to your goals," said Camila Cushman, 13, of Locust Valley. "If it wasn't for him, we definitely wouldn't have made it."

Isabela Cushman, also 13 and Camila's twin sister, added that being part of the club isn't just about rocketry. It's also about ideas. "In this club we did more than build rockets — we talked about the rockets and had debates," Isabela said. "It kind of opens up your mind, because other people in the club might be different than you."

That spirit of teamwork extended to the community at large. One of the challenges



Photo by Maria Lane

**THE MEMBERS OF** the Green Vale School Rocket Club qualified in the Top 100 out of nearly 900 teams nationally in the 2019 Team America Rocketry Challenge. Their coach was the founder of the rocket club, Peter Zaloom, of Glen Cove.

of rocketry in a densely populated area like Long Island is to find an open space big enough to test a rocket. Luckily, the Piping Rock Club, in Locust Valley, let the Green Vale students use their field in the winter to test their rockets. The students never would have achieved their goals without the help, Zaloom said.

Once the two teams from Green Vale qualified for the finals, they headed to Washington, where they competed with

teams from across the country. They scored in the middle of the pack, and all agreed it was a fantastic experience, Zaloom said. They were also jazzed that this was the first time you could see the finals live on YouTube.

This year's competition was a milestone for Zaloom, because it was his last at the Green Vale School. After 50 years of teaching science there, he is retiring. He and his wife bought a horse farm in Flori-

da and are looking forward to spending more time with their grandson and other family. "God blessed me with putting me here for 50 years," Zaloom said. "The Rocket Club is my legacy at Green Vale."

He added however, that he didn't think he was finished with rocketry just yet. Once he gets settled, he may start a rocket club in Florida and inspire another generation of students to explore their love of rocketry.

## NEWS BRIEF

### SAFE promotes a tobacco-free community in G.C.

Over the last decade, SAFE, the Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island (TAC) and the City of Glen Cove Mayor's office have collaborated to promote a tobacco-free community. The city has adopted new entryway bans at City Hall to protect its visitors and staff and has limited smoking outdoors to a designated area. The city is truly living up to its role as a leader in protecting the public from the harmfulness of smoking as well as its acceptability.

SAFE also spent World No Tobacco Day working with middle school students who are a part of the Glen Cove Youth Bureau's After 3 students program. Through the Life Skills Training program, SAFE's Nicole Giordano helped students create letters to the editor for the local papers stating how they would like to educate the Glen Cove community of the dangers of smoking, particularly New York's ban of flavored e-cigarettes.

Life Skills Training is proven to reduce alcohol, tobacco, drug abuse and violence while supporting the social and emotional development of youth. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention among middle school students current, use of tobacco products has decreased from 7.5 percent in 2011 to 5.6 percent in 2017. It is important to educate youth through prevention education programs to foster and develop healthy decision making.



Photo courtesy SAFE

**DEPUTY MAYOR MAUREEN** Basdavanos, far left, joined Georgie Connett and Sharon Harris of SAFE, and Carol Meschkow of Tobacco Action Coalition of L.I. to install the new sign at Glen Cove City Hall.





Photo courtesy Julia Oh

**SINCE SHE GRADUATED** in 2011, GCHS alumna Julia Oh, center, has returned almost every year to visit teachers Angela Hall and Dan Yeh, who, Oh said, had a profound impact on her life.

## Students say, keep Hall and Yeh at GCHS

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Gielbeda said, Hall created a specific plan for each student, accounting for their individual needs and abilities.

"She's had that position for so long, and she deserves it. She does so much for that school," Gielbeda said, explaining that Hall is a regular presence at extra-curricular events, taking part in the school's Martin Luther King Day celebration and chaperoning field trips and the senior prom. "Her job doesn't end in the classroom."

Julia Oh, who graduated from GCHS in 2011, spoke at a Board of Education meeting on June 19, urging the administration to keep Hall in the high school. She also asked that social studies teacher Dan Yeh, whom the administration is considering moving to the middle school, stay at GCHS as well.

Hall and Yeh declined to comment on their potential transfers. Yeh said they are both "dedicated professionals who love their students and teaching at the high school."

Oh took classes with Hall and Yeh as a freshman and sophomore. The teachers care about their students inside and outside the classroom, she said, and are also willing to work with them on a personal level. This is especially important for high schoolers, Oh said, who are going through a transformative period in their lives, which can be emotionally taxing.

Oh said she visits the high school near the end of every school year to catch up with Hall and Yeh, and to tell them what she has been up to since they last saw one another. The conversations are intimate, Oh said, similar to sharing new achievements with an older family member; and she said she wanted future high school

students to have a chance to develop those kinds of relationships with their teachers.

"Everybody knows them, everybody loves them," she said, "and it's really a tragedy and a disservice to the high school population if they get moved down."

Lynn James and her son Elijah, who will be a senior at GCHS in the fall, also spoke at the meeting. James said that five of her children either attend or have graduated from the school, and four have taken classes taught by Hall or Yeh. After the meeting, she said that it is important for students to have teachers like them in high school.

Their teaching style, James said, is like "an art form." It is difficult, she added, for teachers to get through to students without forming relationships with them, something that Hall and Yeh both do masterfully.

Elijah James, who took Hall's freshman global history class, praised her for her kind and motivational teaching method. He said he formed such a strong relationship with Hall that he still visits her classroom just to chat whenever he has spare time during the school day. He was devastated, he said, when he learned of Hall's potential relocation, because he, too, believes she is perfect for the high school.

"It isn't often you get a teacher like that," Elijah said, "and I know it's really important for high schoolers, in particular, to have teachers like that, because it's a crazy four years."

District Superintendent Dr. Maria Rianna said only that teacher transfers are a personnel issue, and that teachers are moved around within the district every year.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ A male, 22, of Glen Cove, was arrested for seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana and a vehicle and traffic law violation of Forest Avenue on June 22.

■ A male, 21, of Mineola, was arrested for second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle on Brewster Street on June 22.

■ A male, 65, of Peconic, was arrested for an open container of alcohol and an open warrant on June 19.

■ A male, 19, of Syosset, was arrested on two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, fifth-degree criminal possession of marijuana and not staying within a

traffic lane on June 18.

■ A male, 18, of Glen Head, was arrested on two counts of seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on Pearsall Avenue on June 18.

■ A male, 33, of Glen Cove, was arrested on three counts of third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and fourth-degree criminal sale of marijuana on June 17.

■ A male, 30, of Port Jefferson Station, was arrested for unlawfully fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle, reckless driving, speeding and numerous other vehicle and traffic law violations on Cedar Swamp Road on June 17.

■ A male, 41, of Glen Cove, was arrested for an open container of alcohol on Glen Cove Avenue on June 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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## THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



### Summer reading kick-off

Join the Glen Cove Library in celebrating the beginning of its Summer Reading Club. The Steel Impressions Band, a fun and interactive group, will perform a mix of Caribbean tunes and popular songs on a variety of unique instruments. July 2, 6:30 p.m., 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.

### Yoga on the beach

Come center your chakras with the accompanying sound of crashing waves. The Sea Cliff Beach Events Coordinating Committee is offering free yoga classes at Sea Cliff Beach for the following Saturday mornings: June 22 and 29, and July 6 and 13. Bring your own yoga mat. All attending will be required to show their beach tag for entry and sign a waiver to participate. 8 a.m., 96 The Blvd., Sea Cliff.



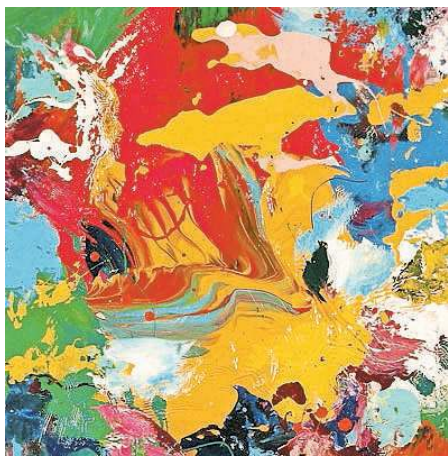
### Sunset Serenade: The Lazy Dogs

The Sea Cliff Civic Association sponsors free concerts every Thursday at 7 p.m. through the summer at Veterans Memorial Park, Prospect Avenue, Sea Cliff. On July 3, The Lazy Dogs will rock the park as the sun sets in the background.



### Art talk

Charlie Clough visits Nassau County Museum of Art, as part of the museum's Artist in the Gallery series on Sunday, June 30, at 3 p.m. The founder of Hallwalls, a now-legendary artists' cooperative that gave Cindy Sherman and Robert Longo their starts, Clough is acclaimed for his theory of the relationship between painting and photograph. Info: (516) 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).



### Ha ha to summer

Laugh the night away with some of the top comics on the NYC comedy circuit at My Father's Place, on Friday, June 28, at 8 p.m. Welcome summertime at the Long Island Comedy Festival's stand-up showcase, hosted by Paul Anthony, featuring Art Schill, Bryan McKenna and Carie Karavas, with surprise guests. Info: (516) 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).



# Morgan Park entering its 60th music festival

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As a waterfront community, Glen Cove is a shining example of how much fun can be had on Long Island during the summer. There is no shortage of things for residents and non-residents to do from June through August. While new activities are constantly popping up throughout the city, the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival has remained one of Glen Cove's biggest attractions for generations and will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this summer.

The festival began in 1959 under the leadership of then-Glen Cove Mayor Joseph Suozzi and his wife, Marge. Marge immediately became the chair of the festival's committee, taking care of all of its organizational duties. She shouldered these responsibilities for 56 years until she stepped down from her position in 2016. She immediately passed the baton to her son, U.S. Congressman and former Glen Cove Mayor Tom Suozzi, who now serves as chair in her stead. Marge died shortly after on Sept. 2, 2017. Suozzi said that he is dedicated to keeping his mother's legacy alive through the festival.

One of the most important aspects of the festival, Suozzi said, is that it is free, something which his mother always emphasized. His aim in keeping it free is to allow for people who perhaps cannot afford tickets for a Broadway show or a big concert in New York City to be able to enjoy free entertainment close to home. Suozzi and his team have raised \$100,000 for this year's festival, which was done entirely through donations at no cost to Glen Cove's taxpayers.

"It's about public service," Suozzi said. "It's about something for the people. It's a fulfilling sense of community and it serves no purpose other than that people enjoy themselves."

Resident Dave Nieri, who served on the GC 350 Committee last summer, described the festival as "a cultural icon" in Glen Cove. He said it is one of the longest running music festivals on Long Island, and likely influenced the creation of similar events along the North Shore.

Since each show is free, Nieri said he thinks that everyone should consider going to the festival. Music lovers, Nieri said, should look into who the groups are that will be playing because they may be pleasantly surprised, recalling one year in which he was excited to see a Rolling Stones cover band of which he had no previous knowledge.

Darcy Belyea, director of Glen Cove's Parks and Recreation Department, said she considers the festival to be an ideal way for families from across Long Island to come together and enjoy one of the city's cultural trademarks. The Parks Department is always proud to host the festival, she said. Belyea considers it to be "just one more offering of our great city."

### Morgan Park Music Festival schedule

#### July 4

Richie Cannata and the Lords of 52nd Street  
A Billy Joel Tribute

#### July 7

A Beatles Tribute  
Performed by Strawberry Fields

#### July 14

Orchestra Long Island conducted by David Stewart Wiley  
Classics from Broadway, Hollywood, jazz and opera

#### July 21

Dr. K's Motown Review  
Hits by The Supremes, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder and others

#### July 28

Caribbean Reggae  
Performed by Therapi

#### Aug. 4

Arena Rock  
Music by Queen and other rock greats

#### Aug. 11

"Mame"  
A play performed by Plaza Productions

#### Aug. 18

A Johnny Cash Tribute  
Performed by Tom Cavanagh and his band

#### Aug. 25

A Band Called Honalee  
The songs of Peter, Paul & Mary and other music of the 60s

Suozzi said this year's festival will be bigger than most due to the 60-year milestone, although it will still maintain the same comfortable, homey atmosphere. He also said the acts represent musical styles from many different cultures, emphasizing the diversity of Glen Cove's population.

The festival starts off on July 4 as Richie Cannata and the Lords of 52nd Street pay tribute to the North Shore's resident musical legend, Billy Joel. Eight more shows will follow, concluding with A Band Called Honalee's rendition of classic 60s songs. Each show begins at 7:30 p.m., and concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to set up on the grass.



# HERALD SCHOOLS

## Finley band achieves a Silver rating



Photo courtesy Glen Cove City School District

**STUDENTS IN R.M.** Finley Middle School's seventh grade band received a Silver rating on their Level 3 NYSSMA Majors performance at Hofstra University, which was the first time the group performed at that level.

## Glen Cove students collaborate to create art

The Glen Cove High School Student Senate, led by Susan Poulos, visited kindergarten and second grade students at Gribbin and Deasy elementary schools to teach and create ocean-inspired paper art with the younger students. The Students Rebuild Program sponsors the project, and this year's theme was Ocean Challenge/Ocean Conservation.

For every piece of artwork, the students created, the Bezos Family Foundation donated \$2 to programs training coastal youth in ocean conservation and coral restoration. Student Senate member Addison Huvane brought her peers along and inspired them to participate with this civic action project.

A total of \$1,338 in donations was raised from this project by creating 669 pieces of artwork.

**GLEN COVE HIGH** School Student Casey Duffy, a Senate sophomore delegate, joined her peers to teach and create ocean-inspired artwork with Deasy School students.



Photo courtesy Glen Cove City School District



# Pre-pilot ferry program may begin this fall in G.C.

By MIKE CONN  
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Trial ferry services from Glen Cove to the Bronx might begin as early as this fall.

During this period, ferries would take passengers from Glen Cove to Soundview in the Bronx, where they could transfer onto the New York City Ferry. This would increase the amount of locations in New York City that commuters coming from Glen Cove could access.

Mayor Tim Tenke said a round trip ticket to Soundview would cost about \$25, not including the \$2.75 transfer cost for passengers moving from the Glen Cove ferry to the NYC Ferry system. It should take about 35 minutes for ferries to reach Soundview from Glen Cove, he said, and a transfer should only add an extra five minutes.

Two companies, Hornblower Cruises and New York Water Taxi, have responded to the city's request for proposal, which was issued in April. The terms of these responses were based on round trip ferry rides from Glen Cove to 34th Street in Manhattan. Since the Glen Cove to 34th Street route has been the plan for months, the trial period would gauge rider interest in a Glen Cove to Soundview connection.

City officials made a presentation to representatives from the Federal Highway Administration and New York Department of Transportation on June 17. They outlined the responses by Hornblower and New York Water Taxi for a Glen Cove to 34th Street ferry pilot program projected to start in May of 2020.

For the two-year pilot program, Hornblower issued a cost of roughly \$5 million, or \$1,200 per hours, whereas New York Water Taxi would charge roughly \$3.2 million, per \$950 hours. Both companies would offer a \$892,500 subsidy. Based on these initial figures, round trip tickets on Hornblower ferries would cost \$85.69 and New York Water Taxi would charge \$48.46 per rider.



Herald Gazette file photo

**PASSENGERS MAY BE** able to board ferries from Glen Cove to the Bronx this fall.

Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos said those figures are based on an assumed ridership of 92 passengers per ferry ride, or 62 percent utilization of all of the boat's seats. This estimate was determined while examining the ridership during 2017's "Summer of Hell," when Long Island Rail Road commuters struggled to get to Penn Station due to repairs. Most ferries carried between 75 and 108 passengers, with 92 being just about in the center. Basdavanos said the city should be able to knock down the price as ridership increases.

The pilot program dictates that Glen Cove must have a ferry service up and running for two years. If the city fails to do so, taxpayers may be forced to pay back the \$16.6 million in grants given by the federal government. However, the fall trial period will be included in that two years if it comes to fruition, making it so that the pilot program could conclude in the fall of 2021 instead of May 2022.

The City Council was originally going to vote on a partner for the ferry operation during a meeting on June 25, but it was taken off the agenda earlier in the week. Tenke said the city wanted to take more time to evaluate their options, and its advisors said that pushing the vote back to the next meeting would not affect the ferry's timeline. He also mentioned that he did not want to vote on the operator without Basdavanos present, as she put a great deal of work into the project but was not at the June 25 meeting.

"It's just a little bit more time to look at it with additional eyes and with clearer heads is probably the way to go instead of rushing into it," he said.

Tenke said the city has received positive feedback from the FHWA and NY DOT on its ideas about ferry trips to Soundview, and that the council will vote on its choice of operator during its next meeting on July 23 at 7:30 p.m.



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# HERALD SPORTS

## Hofstra's Wright-Foreman is NBA bound

By **ANDREW COEN**  
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While in high school, future Hofstra basketball standout Justin Wright Foreman penned a note in the attic of his Queens home with the words "future NBA star."

The 6-2 guard will now get a chance to turn that prediction into reality after the Utah Jazz selected him with the 53rd pick in the second round of the National Basketball Association draft held at the Barclays Center in nearby Brooklyn on June 20. NBA Deputy Commissioner Mark Tatum made the announcement just after midnight last Friday as Wright-Foreman waited anxiously for his name to be called about 20 miles away while watching the draft with family and friends at a private party in Roosevelt.

"I have dreamed of being an NBA player since I was five," said Wright-Foreman, who was the nation's second leading scorer in Division I college basketball with 27.1 points per game during a memorable senior season at Hofstra. "For it to come true is just unreal."

Wright-Foreman is the 12th Hofstra player to be taken in the NBA draft and first since Charles Jenkins was a second-round pick of the Golden State Warriors in 2011. An NBA opportunity is the next step on a dramatic four-year journey for Wright-Foreman, who went from only netting 44 points in just 110 minutes of playing time his entire freshman season to finishing as Hofstra's second all-time

leading scorer with 2,327 points.

The dramatic turnaround to Wright-Foreman's college career began to take flight 11 games into his sophomore season when he scored 14 points off the bench in the final six minutes of a 96-73 loss to then sixth-ranked Kentucky at Barclays Center. Wright-Foreman began to spend late hours in Hofstra's practice facility perfecting his shooting and the extra work paid off in a big way with the lefty guard finishing his sophomore season averaging 18.1 points a game. He credits much of his rise to the tutelage of Hofstra assistant coach Craig "Speedy" Claxton, who spent 10 years in the NBA.

"Speedy has been my mentor and a big brother figure I could turn to," said Wright-Foreman of Claxton, who as a player led Hofstra to the NCAA Tournament during his senior season before getting selected by the Philadelphia 76ers with the 20th pick in 2000. "He has been a major help in telling me throughout to trust the process."

Claxton, who first spotted Wright-Foreman while coaching in a basketball camp at Christ to King High School, said the little playing time he received as a freshman fueled him to become a "gym rat" and raise his game. The Hofstra legend was also impressed that through all the accolades that came Wright-Foreman's way he remained humble and never grew complacent.

"I told him that if he worked hard it would pay off and I'm so glad it did," Claxton said. "He now knows that despite getting drafted that it doesn't guarantee him anything and he is going to have to continue working hard."

The first step of Wright-Foreman's path toward fulfilling his NBA dreams came last Sunday when he flew to Utah to get introduced by his new team along with the



Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

**TWO-TIME COLONIAL ATHLETIC Association Player of the Year Justin Wright-Foreman, right, was selected by the Utah Jazz in the second round of the NBA Draft.**

other Jazz draft picks. Wright-Foreman is slated to take the floor for the first time in a Jazz uniform during the first of three games in the Salt Lake City Summer League game against the Memphis Grizzlies on July 1. He will then get a chance to suit up for four scheduled Las Vegas summer league games before a national television audience.

"It still feels surreal," said Wright-Foreman as he was preparing to head west for his chance to compete on basketball's biggest stage. "I'm ready to work hard and do whatever the coaches need me to do."

### NBA/ABA Draft Picks from Hofstra University

Player	Year	Team
John Mills	1947	Providence Steamrollers
Bill Thieben	1956	Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons
Richie Swartz	1962	New York Knicks
Steve Nisenson	1965	New York Knicks
Barry White	1969	Baltimore Bullets
Quinas Brower	1972	New York Nets (ABA)
John Irving	1976	Phoenix Suns
Bernard Tomlin	1976	New Orleans Jazz
John Irving	1977	Detroit Pistons
Rich Laurel	1977	Portland Trailblazers
Henry Hollingsworth	1979	New Jersey Nets
Doug Mills	1984	Atlanta Hawks
"Speedy" Claxton	2000	Philadelphia 76ers
Charles Jenkins	2011	Golden State Warriors
Justin Wright-Foreman	2019	Utah Jazz

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**ANTIGONE RISING MEMBERS** Cathy Henderson, left, Nini Camps and Kristen Ellis-Henderson rocked the festival's main stage.

## Girls Rising festival rocks Glen Cove



**MEMBERS OF JAZZ** Hands Children's Theater, above, jumped for joy at the chance to perform at the music festival.

**ALL-FEMALE GROUP JACKKNIFE** Stiletto, right, — Mel Funk, left, Roxy Roxy and Annie Stoic — brought their girl power to the festival.

**ANTIGONE RISING GUITARIST** Kristen Ellis-Henderson, far right, is the band's founding member.



**M**usic fans of all ages welcomed the summer with Antigone Rising's 6th Annual Girls Rising Music Festival on June 22 at Morgan Memorial Park in Glen Cove. In the past the festival was held in Sea Cliff but it became so popular that the organizers said it had outgrown the space. It was Glen Cove City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman who was able to ensure that the concert was held in Morgan Park this year, which judging from the crowds was a welcome addition to the city's summer activities.

The day's events began when members of Glen Cove High School's Select Chorus took to the Branch Real Estate Group Main Stage to sing the National Anthem. A group of enthusiastic children from Jazz Hand's Theater Group then performed songs from their spring production of "Mary Poppins," and Blackheart Records artist Jackknife Stiletto played an acoustic set. Throughout the afternoon, the Kidz Bop Stage was rocking with fresh young talent, including Glen Cove's Nikolina Kessling.

Antigone Rising fans got a special surprise when its four original members — Penelope Kokines Sanborne, Suzanne Obolsky and Cathy and Kristen Henderson — reunited on stage in celebration of the band's 25th anniversary. Singers Lucy Kaplansky, Paula Cole and Jill Sobule rounded out the main stage lineup later in the day.



Families were encouraged to enjoy Tie Dye Mania, Bikram Yoga, RADD XFIT for Kids, a funky hair presentation, food trucks, vendors and a beer and wine garden sponsored by Meritage Wine Bar. At 3 p.m., News12 anchor Carol Silva moderated a women's panel under the LCThree Activities Tent, which consisted of women who have broken barriers in male-dominated fields. After the panel, Girls Rising awarded several local and national students with Girls Rising grants and scholarships. The evening came to a close with a special grand finale performance by the current members of Antigone Rising.

— Alyssa Seidman

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, June 27

### 'Mamma Mia' Arts Playhouse trip

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:45 p.m. For 20 years, "Mamma Mia" has been one of the most popular musicals in the world, both on the screen and on the stage. Join the senior center on a trip to see a live production of the show at the Cultural Arts Playhouse in Syosset. (516) 759-9610.

### STEAM sand art

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Children from kindergarten through second-grade will learn how to make homemade sand. Then, while that's drying, they will make their own beautiful sand art creations by making designs on paper using sand and glue. (516) 759-8300.

### Public hearing on the Orchard

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. The Glen Cove City Council has scheduled a public hearing in the Main Chambers of City Hall to hear all comments regarding the Draft GEIS and the BOA Step III Implementation Strategy for the Orchard Neighborhood and Sea Cliff Avenue Corridor. (516) 676-2000.

### Mixed media mosaics with Claynation

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Teens from grade 6 and up can create a mixed media mosaic in the shape of a star or moon. (516) 676-2130.

## Friday, June 28

### Morgan Park Festival exhibit opening

North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Enjoy an opening reception for the museum's new exhibit, "A Tribute to the Morgan Park Music Festival." The exhibit will be in the museum through the summer until Labor Day. (516) 801-1191.

### 'Apollo 11' screening

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7:30 p.m. With July 20 being the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11's legendary moon-landing, the library is hosting a screening of the 2019 film which chronicles the mission leading up to that pivotal moment in history led by commander Neil Armstrong and pilots Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. (516) 759-8300.

## Saturday, June 29

### Sea Cliff outdoor market

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, courtyard 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. Shop from a selection of locally grown vegetables, fresh eggs, flowers, baked goods, local honey, plant-based prepared meals and snacks, jams, soaps and more. Weekly guest artists and craft vendors will also be on site. Ongoing every Saturday through Oct. 26. (516) 318-5487

### Patriotic bike parade

Veterans Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 10 a.m. Bring a festively dressed bike, scooter or wagon to the



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## Fourth of July celebration in Sea Cliff

Mark your calendars for Thursday, July 4, at 10 a.m., as the Sea Cliff Civic Association hosts its annual gala celebration of America's Declaration of Independence on the John Burns Village Green in front of the Sea Cliff Village Library. The program includes a ringing of the village bell, presentation of colors, patriotic music and singing, refreshments and much more. The highlight of the morning's event will be a reading of the Declaration of Independence in its entirety by a variety of villagers, with audience participation. Start the holiday by remembering what the picnics and fireworks are really all about. This event is rain or shine.

starting line of this red, white and blue parade. Prizes and more will be presented at the finish line. (516) 671-0080.

## Sunday, June 30

### Kiwanis bicycle challenge

Harry Tappen Beach and Boat Basin, Prospect Avenue, Glenwood Landing, 7 a.m. The annual Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge is a 66, 56 and 25-mile ride with great water views of the Long Island Sound, challenging hills and friendly people. All proceeds will be donated to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Cohens Childrens Medical Center. For more information, [www.n2sbc.org](http://www.n2sbc.org).

## Tuesday, July 2

### Brain fitness class

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Victoria Lanza will teach you ways to improve memory skills, build brain strength and learn positive thinking and nutrition for the brain. (516) 676-2130.

## Wednesday, July 3

### Storytime at Sea Cliff Beach

96 The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 10:30 a.m. Bring a blanket, sit back and relax as children's librarian Ann DiPietro reads beloved books to children of all ages. Ongoing Wednesdays through Aug. 14.

### Stan Wiest piano concert

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Join musician Stan Wiest as he plays patriotic songs

on his piano. (516) 759-9610.

### Happy Birthday, America!

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 1 p.m. Children ages four



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## Richie Cannata and Lords of 52nd St.

Enjoy the first of many free concerts as part of the annual Morgan Park Summer Music Festival, which this year celebrates 60 years of entertaining. On July 4, Richie Cannata and the Lords of 52nd Street will take the stage to pay tribute to the North Shore legend himself, Billy Joel. Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. (516) 676-3766.

and up can celebrate the Fourth of July by making patriotic crafts. (516) 676-2130.

### Happy Birthday, USA!

Stenson Memorial Children's Library, 281 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff, 6 p.m. Celebrate America's birthday with cake and patriotic music alongside friends and neighbors. (516) 801-3402.

### Music jam

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Do you play an instrument? Do you enjoy bluegrass, old time, country, folk, Irish, blues or even rock music? Are you a singer? Bring your instrument or voice to the library for an informal music jam. Musicians will take turns choosing their favorite tunes as other participants try their best to play along. (516) 759-8300.

## Friday, July 5

### Almost Selena at Downtown Sounds

Village Square, Glen and School streets, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a tribute to beloved pop star Selena. (516) 676-3766.

## Saturday, July 6

### Writers' group

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. If you are a serious writer, come join the Writers' Group for a lively exchange of ideas. (516) 676-2130.

## Monday, July 8

### Knitters' group

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. The Knitting Group is seeking new members of all ages and skill levels to join. Work at your own pace to create scarves, sweaters, blankets and so much more. Many of the items created during these meetings are donated to charity. There is no fee to join and all are welcome. (516) 676-2130.

## Tuesday, July 9

### Paint a shirt that's out of this world

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4:30 p.m. Children in grades K through 5 can travel into space with this cosmic tee. Learn how to paint outer space on a black t-shirt using different techniques and tips to create wearable art. Choose from Youth M, L and XL sizes. Please wear appropriate clothing as paints are permanent. (516) 759-8300.

## Wednesday, July 10

### AARP Smart DriverTEK

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 1:30 p.m. Are you currently driving or are in the market for a new or late model vehicle? Do you understand how the new technologies in cars work? Are they right for you and are they worth paying for? Get smart about new vehicle technology. (516) 759-8300.

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## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS



Courtesy Victoria Crosby

**GEORGE STIMOLA, CENTER,** and parishioner Corrie Decker are among those who help shoppers at The Barn at St. John's.

### The Barn at St. John's is now open

George Stimola, chairman of St. John's Fall Fair, said The Barn at St. John's is now open. The hours are every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until the end of October. Church sexton Kate Scefnas has transformed the barn into a beau-

tiful shopping space where the public can purchase home décor and furnishings, jewelry and much more. The Barn is at 325 Lattingtown Road in Locust Valley, and cash, credit cards and checks are all accepted.



Courtesy Office of Legislator Delia-DeRiggi Whitton

**LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON** sponsored a CPR training event at the Glen Cove Senior Center.

### Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton sponsors CPR at Glen Cove Senior Center

Legislator Delia-DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, sponsored a CPR training event at the Glen Cove Senior Center on June 11. A capacity crowd gathered at the center to learn how to properly conduct CPR by trained professionals, a life-saving skill which can benefit people of all ages.

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# Livingston group asking to alter status of Villa project

By MIKE CONN  
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The Villa at Glen Cove, a housing project being developed by the Livingston Development Corp., has been a topic of discussion at many Glen Cove City Council meetings since 2016. The company has been in correspondence with residents as well as the city itself concerning legal issues surrounding its presence in a four acre lot along Glen Cove's southern gateway on Glen Cove Avenue.

Livingston has said that the Villa project will comprise 176 condominium units in six buildings, with 16 units scheduled to be for affordable housing. The six buildings will be between three and four stories, depending on the exact location since the development is being built on a hillside.

However, residents attending the City Council meeting on June 25 learned that that may be changing. When Evelyn Willett-Fisher and her husband, Dennis Fisher, who live near the Villa, asked the council for an update on the project, Mayor Tim Tenke said that Livingston approached the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency about a month ago with a potential request to change the status of the development.

Tenke, who is also the chair of the IDA, said that representatives from Livingston reportedly wish to change the Villa from a condominium development to an apart-



Photo courtesy the Livingston Group New York

**LIVINGSTON DEVELOPMENT CORP.** has approached the Glen Cove IDA with plans to change the Villa at Glen Cove from a condominium project to an apartment complex.

ment complex, potentially adding 40 more units onto the projected 176. The developers will need to make their case to the Glen Cove Planning Board before any decisions could be made, and the addition of 40 extra units would require another traffic study. This prompted a collective groan from the public in attendance, which turned to gasps when Tenke said

the company also requested tax assistance from the IDA in the form of a payment in lieu of taxes. This is typically issued to prevent entities from having to lay off workers in order to offset the cost of a larger investment. Although it is a bit premature to make a final decision, the mayor said he is not inclined to grant Livingston its PILOT as requested.

Willett-Fisher also mentioned that the property surrounding the development, for which Livingston is responsible, is not being maintained and the grass is not being cut making the entire area an eyesore. "It's like they came, they did what they had to do, and they just left," she said.

Tenke told her he would send somebody from the city to the area to consider what could be done about its upkeep.

Resident Steve Gonzalez, who also lives near the Villa project, said he was disturbed by the new revelation and urged Tenke not to grant the PILOT if and when Livingston comes before the IDA. "I'm very, very nervous about them coming back and doing this," Gonzalez said. "To me, this is a land grab — this is a money grab."

Following the meeting, Tenke explained that Livingston would not be adding any buildings to the development if it were to add 40 new apartments. Rather, the inside of the buildings would be reconfigured to replace three-bedroom condominiums with smaller units.

Tenke emphasized that, while he has not granted any during his tenure as IDA chair, he is not opposed to the idea of PILOTs. He said it could be beneficial to both businesses and municipalities in certain situations. Nonetheless, he said this is not one of those situations.

*Danielle Agoglia contributed to this story*

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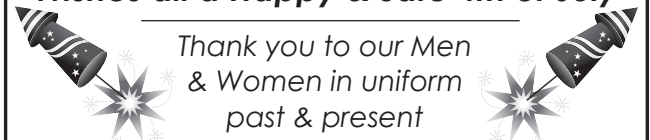
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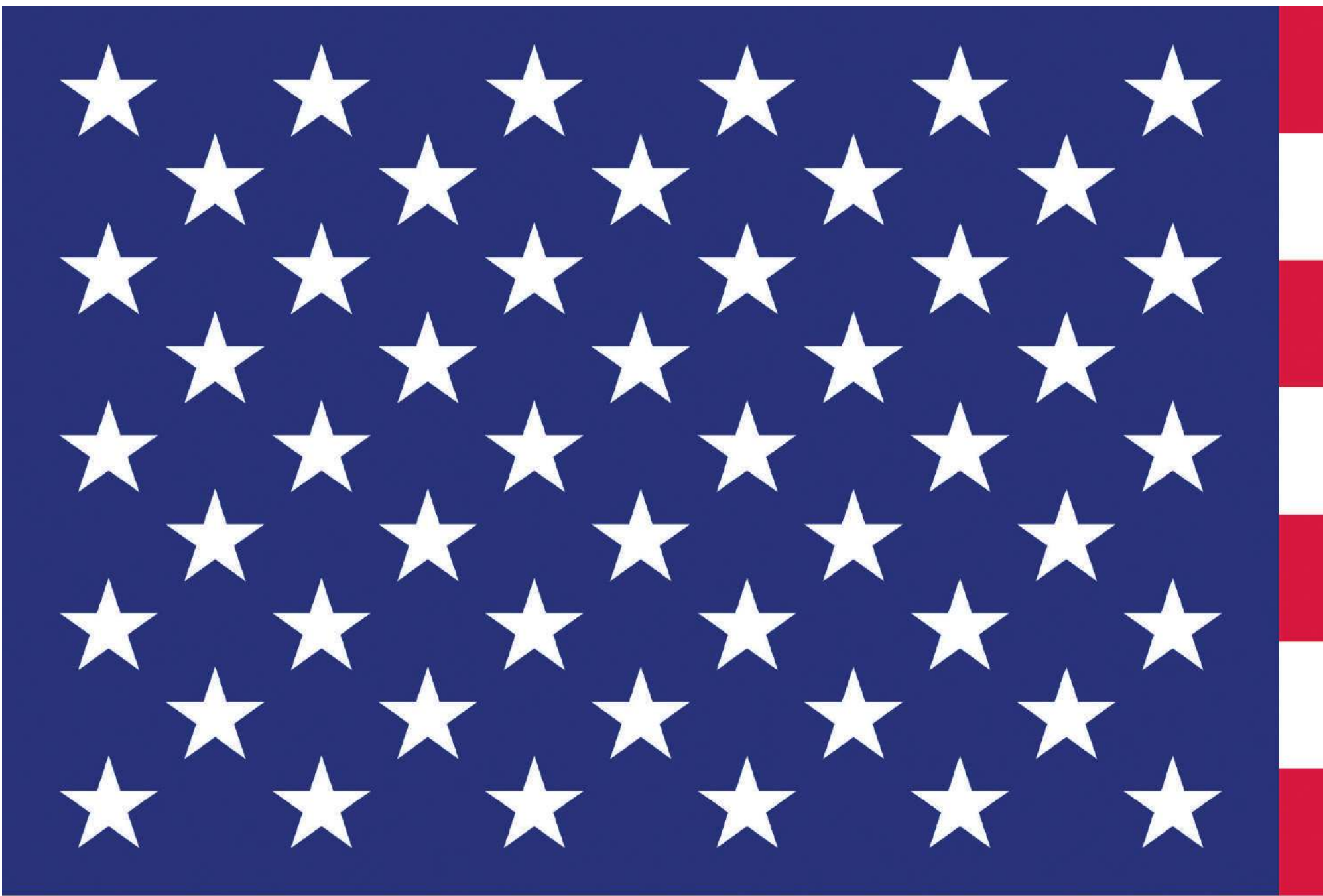
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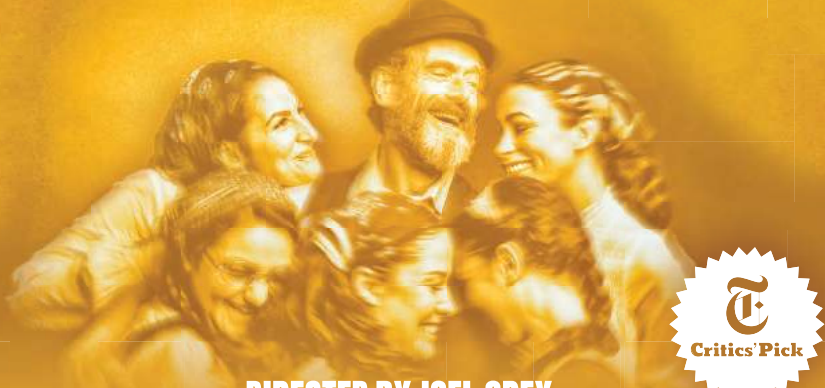
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13 Crib

14 Addict

15 Rodgers/Hammerstein show

17 Night light?

18 Get a glimpse of

19 Type measures

20 Chews away (at)

21 Sphere

22 Method

23 Podiatrist's concerns

26 Porter's burden

30 Last write-up

31 Boxer

32 Currier's partner

33 Smoker's gadget

35 "Lady and the —"

36 Listener

37 Crony

38 Aware of

41 Paving gunk

42 Pump up the volume

45 Scandinavian city

46 Rodgers/Hammerstein show

48 Radiate

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3 Look lecherously

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6 Intentions

7 Genetic stuff

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9 Drifting

10 Cat call

11 Sea flock

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21 Bernstein/Comden/Green show

22 Joker

23 Army rank (Abbr.)

24 Japanese sash

25 18-wheeler

26 Prickly plant part

27 Actress Gardner

28 Jewel

29 Kreskin's claim

31 Apiece

34 "The Way" in China

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40 Oxen's burden

41 Lacking slack

42 Unrepaired

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46 Upper limit

47 Ms. Thurman

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# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

## Lighting up the skies in a patriotic salute Fourth of July colors always dazzle

Long Island commemorates Independence Day with the annual array of rousing celebrations. While the main event is Thursday, of course, the county-wide bash kicks off the festivities on Saturday, with plenty of local fireworks to follow throughout the area.

### TD Bank Celebrate America at Eisenhower Park

Eisenhower Park is always one of the most welcome sites to view the pyrotechnic spectacle, as part of its annual holiday double bill that also includes a concert. Crowds will fill the park once again, Saturday, June 29, to enjoy some entertainment and watch as the skies light up at the county's longstanding Independence Day extravaganza.

The School of Rock starts off the festivities at 5:45 p.m., at the Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre, with a lively show for all ages. Then the headliner 45 RPM takes the stage at 8:15 p.m. The popular band — “the happiest band on Earth” — as they like to be known, recreates the sounds of the '70s, '80s and '90s during their high-energy set.

They've dug through a treasure trove of “under-appreciated” 70s AM radio hits that other bands overlook to find gems of joy. The band brings songs back to life that are instantly recognizable and deeply woven into the cultural fabric, with the veracity and fun they deserve.

That musical prelude sets the stage for the colorful fireworks that follow, presented by the famed Grucci family, at 9:30 p.m., simulcast by WALK 97.5 FM.

Theater area gates will open at 4:30 for TD Bank customers (and veterans), 5:30 p.m. for everyone else. As always, tickets are required for admission; the free tickets are available at any local TD Bank while supplies last. And, of course, there is no formal seating, so bring those blankets or chairs. Space is limited and overflow will be directed to other viewing and parking areas.

### Lighting up Jones Beach

The patriotic salute, a longstanding tradition, is eagerly awaited by the throngs of area residents who will make that trek to the beach on July 4. The vivid display,



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Eisenhower Park hosts the popular light show on Saturday, attracting large crowds that eagerly gather each year.

beginning at 9:30 p.m. is a spectacular half-hour show using state-of-the-art pyrotechnic technology. The vibrant colors will thrill everyone, accompanied by rousing musical array of patriotic songs simulcast by WALK 97.5 FM and K 98.3 FM.

Of course, expect crowds. As always, thousands of hardy souls brave Jones Beach's jam-packed thoroughfares to get a spot to see the light show. Over 150,000 people generally attend, so an early arrival is essential. “Center stage” is the Central Mall, but fireworks are visible throughout the length of the beach. Or choose an alternative viewing site along the south shore as many choose to do. Two popular spots are Wantagh Park and nearby Cedar Creek Park.

### Holiday traditions beyond fireworks

There's much more to an Independence Day celebration than the pyrotechnics. Consider enjoying the holiday the way it

was done in days gone by.

Step back in time to the 1860s, on Thursday, at Old Bethpage Village Restoration. The rousing Fourth of July celebration recreates the holiday as it was commemorated during the Civil War:

The nation's birthday is observed with a traditional Independence Day parade with a marching band. “Soldiers” conduct drills and fire a patriotic salute, along with performance of historical musical selections by the Old Bethpage Village Brass Band. The event, which runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., features contra dancing, speeches, musket firing and children's games, along with demonstrations of historic trades. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the festivities, with the ceremony and parade, at 2:30 p.m.

Or stop by Sagamore Hill, the former summer home of President Theodore Roosevelt, in Oyster Bay. Enjoy the holiday in true presidential style, on Thursday, 12-4 p.m.

Independence Day was an important holiday for the 26th president, who would speak at the festivities in Oyster Bay and then gather with his extended family and friends at Sagamore Hill for a day of celebration. Cousins and friends enjoyed the day here participating in flag-waving outdoor activities for all.

Highlights include an equestrian demonstration by “Rough Rider” re-enactors, the First United States Volunteer Calvary Regiment; a band concert with the Calliope Brass Band, “Stars and Stripes and Old Time Swing”; crafts and old-fashioned games for the kids; along with speeches by local dignitaries, and, of course, an appearance by the president himself as portrayed by Joe Wiegand.

Guided tours of President Roosevelt's home (first floor) are also offered.

— Karen Bloom  
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### ON STAGE

## The Earls of Leicester

The acclaimed bluegrass band continues to exceed expectations — including their own. The bluegrass powerhouse came together in 2013, guided by producer and hypnotic dobroist Jerry Douglas, to present the legendary music of '50s and '60s icons Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs. It soon became overwhelmingly clear that 21st century listeners couldn't get enough of the Earls' recreations of songs sown by a pioneering duo more than half a century ago. With their now signature blend of homage, virtuosity and perspective, the band wholeheartedly channels the spirit

## WEEKEND Out and About

of Flatt and Scruggs while allowing each member's distinct charm and singular musicality to shine through. Their latest album, “The Earls of Leicester Live at The CMA Theater in The Country Music Hall of Fame,” offers up a selection of songs that fully capture the pure joy and supreme musicianship that propel their every performance.

Sunday, June 30 7:30 p.m. \$47.50, \$37.50, \$33. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

## FAMILY FUN Bug Bonanza

Bugs are invading Long Island Children's Museum. “Bug Bonanza,” the annual program exploring the amazing lives and natural history of insects, takes over the



museum for a creepy crawl adventure. Families can get to know the amazing lives of spiders and other creatures during various hands-on activities. Visitors can make insect crafts, participate in activity challenges and even try a tasty treat made with edible creatures. Also take an entertaining and educational expedition through the world of bugs with entomologists from Lynbrook-based Arrow Exterminating during “Good Bug/Bad Bug,” at 1, 2 and

3 p.m. Find out what makes a bug good or bad, helpful or dangerous, including subterranean termites, carpenter ants and black widow spiders. Sunday, June 30, 12:30-4 p.m. \$14 adults and children over 1 year old, \$13 seniors. Tickets required for “Good Bug/Bad Bug.” Long Island Children's Museum, Museum Row, Garden City. (516) 224-5800 or [www.lbcm.org](http://www.lbcm.org).



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

## Performances/ On Stage



**Aida**  
The hit musical based on Giuseppe Verdi's opera, Thursday and Friday, June 27-28, 8 p.m.; Saturday, June 29, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 30, 2 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

### Albert Lee

The guitar legend in concert, Thursday, June 27, 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).

### Dionne Warwick

The iconic vocalist in concert, with special guest Darlene Love, Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

### The Marshall Tucker Band

The southern rockers in concert, Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m. With special guests Them Dirty Roses and Lauren Davidson. 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).

### Geoff Tate's Operation Mindcrime

The progressive metal singer-songwriter and his band in concert, Friday, June 28 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.thespaceatwestbury.com](http://www.thespaceatwestbury.com).

### Get the Led Out

The popular Led Zeppelin tribute band in concert, Friday and Saturday, June 28-29, 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).

### Michael McDonald

The singer-songwriter in concert, with Chaka Khan, Friday, June 28, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

### Phoebe Robinson

The comedian-actress, co-creator of 2 Dope Queens on her stand-up tour, Friday, June 28, 9:30 p.m. Cinema Arts Center, Sky Room Cafe, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or [www.cinemaartscentre.org](http://www.cinemaartscentre.org).

### Summer Haha

Comic showcase with Art Schill, Bryan McKenna, Carie Karavas and surprise guests, Friday, June 28, 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).

### The Tempest

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## Little Steven

E Street Band founding member Steven Van Zandt visits the Paramount with his band The Disciples of Soul, on Thursday, July 18, at 8 p.m.

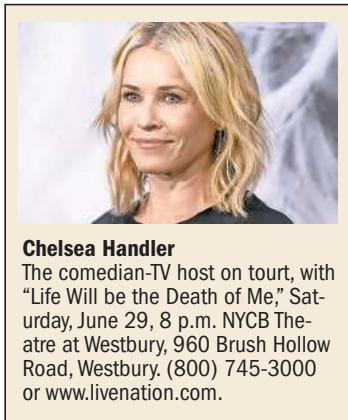
A Rock Hall inductee (with the E Street Band), Little Steven created the "Jersey Shore" sound with the Asbury Jukes before becoming a member of Bruce Springsteen's band. And, of course, he's also acclaimed for his role as Silvio Dante in HBO's "The Sopranos."

Van Zandt needs little introduction, with a rich creative history impossible to sum up; it includes director/producer, music producer activist and radio host, in addition to musician and actor. He and his infectious, rousing rock 'n roll band are a force to be reckoned with.

Tickets are \$99.50, \$84.50, \$49.50, \$39.50, \$24.50; available at (800)745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington.

and revenge, Friday, June 28, 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 30, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, July 3, 8 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).



### Chelsea Handler

The comedian-TV host on tour, with "Life Will be the Death of Me," Saturday, June 29, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Road, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

### Tucker Woods

The rock band in concert, Friday June 28, 8 p.m. West Harbor, Bayville.

### The Electrix

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

### Cutters Steel Drum Band

The band in concert, Sunday June 30, 3 p.m. Soundside Beach, Bayville.

### Evening of Italian Opera

Bass-baritone Claudio Mattioli and tenor Massimiliano Barbolini perform operatic classics, Sunday, June 30, 7:30 p.m. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

### New Kids on the Block

The boy band in concert, Sunday, June

30, 7:30 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.nyclive.com](http://www.nyclive.com).

### Ace Frehley

The Kiss-cofounder in concert, Tuesday, July 2, 8 p.m. With special guests Like It and Ryder. 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).

### Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Wednesday, July 3, 7 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

### Richie Cannata and the Lords of 52nd Street

The band concert, with a tribute to Billy Joel, Thursday, July 4, 7:30 p.m. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

### The Secret Comedy of Women

An immersive theatrical experience about the challenges of womanhood, Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m.; Thursday, July 11, 2 and 7 p.m.; Friday, July 12, 8 p.m.; Saturday, July 13, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, July 14, 2 p.m. A mix of sketch comedy, improvisation, audience participation, and hilarious songs and videos. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (631) 271-4626 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

### Vintage Bliss

Suzanne LoFaso and Vincent Roccaro in concert, Wednesday, July 10, 2 p.m. Program covers the origins of R&B and Motown. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (631) 271-4626 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

## For the Kids

### Studio Saturday

Drop into Nassau County Museum of Art's Manes Center for hands-on activities inspired by the current exhibition, Saturday, June 28, 12-3 p.m. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).



### Red, White and Blue Week

Celebrate Independence Day at the Whaling Museum, Monday through Sunday, July 1-7. Participate in patriotic crafts. The Whaling Museum, 301 Main St., Cold Spring Harbor. (631) 367-3418 or [www.cshwhalingmuseum.org](http://www.cshwhalingmuseum.org).

### Pizza and Paperbacks

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

### In a New Light: American Impressionism 1870-1940

A sweeping survey of American Impressionism, the exhibition reveals the transformative influence of Impressionism on American art between the years of the Hudson River School—whose majestic landscapes influenced, and then gradually gave way to, French Impressionist-inspired works—and modernist trends of the early 20th century. Featured artists include Colin Campbell Cooper, Daniel Garber, Childe Hassam, George Inness, Ernest Lawson, Thomas Moran, Edward Willis Redfield, and Guy Carleton Wiggins. Through Aug. 18 Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

### Member Showcase 2019

An exhibition of works by Huntington Arts Council Members. Through July 14. Main Street Gallery, 213 Main St., Huntington.

### 60 Years of Music in the Park

An exhibition tribute to the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival, with opening reception, Friday, June 28, 7 p.m. Through Sept. 7. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or [www.nshmgc.org](http://www.nshmgc.org).



### Seashells...

#### Nature's Inspired Design

An exhibit of seashells from around the world, from the collection of Garvies Point Museum. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or [www.garviespointmuseum.com](http://www.garviespointmuseum.com).

### 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. 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. 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 "At Eternity's Gate," the biopic that focuses on the final years of Vincent van Gogh's life, Thursday, June 27, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; also "Ben Is Back," the drama about mother who tries to help her addict son after he returns home from rehab, Thursday, July 1, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

### Gallery Talk

A visual lecture with art historian Thomas Germano, Friday, June 28, 7-8 p.m. He contextualizes Heckscher Museum's featured exhibition "In A New Light: American Impressionism 1870-1940, Works From The Bank of America Collection. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org)

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The City of Glen Cove commemorated Pride Month and the 50th anniversary of Stonewall by raising a flag at the intersection of Glen and School streets on June 25 before the City Council meeting. The flag will remain flying until the next City Council meeting on July 23.

Some of the people that attended and participated in the flag raising were City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, local LGBTQ advocate Bruce Castellano and the president of the Glen Cove High School Gay Straight Alliance Glory Mayreis.

Mayreis said in a prepared speech that although Glen Covians take pride in the city's diversity, she realized that some people remained unrepresented so she stated a GSA at the high school.

"My objective in creating this club was for there to be a safe space for LGBTQ youth and an educational center for the LGBTQ community . . . for years to come," she said. "The representation of all different people and identities is so important in facilitating acceptance and allowing people to celebrate who they are. And now I'm happy to say that today we are raising this flag, the Pride Flag, for every person who passes through this amazing city to see."



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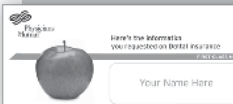
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## OBITUARIES

### Mary T. DeMeo

Mary T. DeMeo, 92, of Sayville, formerly of Glen Cove, died on June 19. Beloved wife of Angelo for 70 years who predeceased her on December 23, 2018; devoted mother of Angela Works, Jerry (Cheryl), Andy (Erica) and the late Joe; cherished grandmother of Christian and Miles Works, Olivia, Jerry Jr., Gregory and Mathew DeMeo. Funeral mass was at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery.

### Vittorio Caruso

Vittorio Caruso, 56, of Glen Cove, died on June 17. Former proprietor of Vittorio's Pizza; loving brother of Frank (Rosalia), Salvatore (the late Pat), Maria (Lillo DiMaggio), Giuseppe (Ellen) and Giulio (Lisa); also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on June 27 and 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Funeral mass on June 29 at the Church of St. Rocco. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

### Rosemary Palmirotto

Rosemary Palmirotto, 90, of Glen Cove, died on June 12. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving mother of Susan; dear sister of Gail (Danny) Pardo, Brenda (Louie) Vetrone and the late Gerald; survived by many nieces and nephews and extended family. Mass was at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations, may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at [stjude.org/memorial](http://stjude.org/memorial).

### Gilbert J. Levesque

Gilbert J. Levesque, 85, formerly of Glen Cove, died on May 31 at Grace House of Windham in Windham, N.H. He is survived by his sisters, Dolores Marino of Atkinson, N.H. and Mary Alice Chatis of Manchester, N.H.; his niece Lisa A. Cardarelli of Haverhill; also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Born in Lawrence, Levesque was the son of the late Alphee and Matilda (Doyon) Levesque. He attended school in the Bronx and was a graduate of Fordham University. He was a former Marist brother and was one of the first teachers with a TV show teaching math. He was host of the cable TV show in New York "Extra Help" and taught math and computers in the Port Washington School District for many years, as well as the Paul D. Shreiber Senior High School and Bronx New York High School. That was where he met his wife, Ita, as they were both teachers.

With his wife, Levesque traveled the world, and the two were snowbirds on the west coast of Florida. A kind, generous and funny man, he was known for his great sense of humor. He was an avid New York Giants football fan and never missed a game.

Mass was at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Levesque's name to Sarah's Place, 180 Water St., Haverhill, MA, 01830.



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**ANTIGONE RISING'S ORIGINAL** band members, Cathy Henderson, Penelope Sanborn Suxanne Obolsky and Kristin Ellis-Henderson reunited 25 years later at the concert in Glen Cove.

# Girls Rising festival



**ALICIA AMBLES, LEFT**, Lianna McFaddin, Nevaeh Ambles, Acera Gay and Simyah Farmer let their strength shine as they posed alongside cutouts of Wonder Woman and Princess Leia.



**KRISTEN ELLIS-HENDERSON & Nini Camps**, members of Antigone Rising.



**GIRLS RISING WAS** held for the first time in Glen Cove.



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**NIKOLINA KESSLING, OF** Glen Cove, serenaded the crowd from the Kidz Bop Youth Stage.







## OPINIONS

# On Iran, the U.S. should stay the course

For decades now, the radical Islamic dictatorship of Iran has been a major supporter and exporter of terrorism. The Iranian ayatollahs who hold their nation in a fanatical grip are desperate to cling to power and spread their hateful ideology. They have financed terrorist groups like Hezbollah that threaten Israeli security; they have



**ALFONSE  
D'AMATO**

helped prop up the Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad; and they have been behind the insurgent conflict in Yemen. In each case, they have sown the seeds of violence and discord.

Added to this dangerous mix has been the threat from Iran to

develop nuclear weapons with which to further terrorize the world. The goal of the country's leaders has been clear: to make Iran a nuclear power and thereby paralyze any effective measures against its aim to dominate the Middle East. The response from Western powers was the toothless nuclear accord that failed to even require adequate inspection of Iran's nuclear facilities, and gave the Iranian government billions of dollars in sanctions relief. The hope was that this

appeasement would change its dangerous behavior, but the result has been that the ayatollahs became even more emboldened and aggressive in promoting terrorism across the Middle East.

What fundamentally changed the equation against Iran's belligerence was President Trump's decision to withdraw from the ineffective nuclear deal and impose "maximum pressure" against the Iranian government. Tough new sanctions included tightened financial and banking restrictions and a strict prohibition of the purchase of Iranian oil exports. The result has been a dramatic decline in the country's oil export revenue, because its oil exports dropped by 80 percent.

The effect of this sanction pressure has been to significantly weaken Iran's economy. Iran today is an economic basket case with a stagnant economy and high inflation. Its people — especially young Iranians — are restive and unsatisfied with their government. The old "Death to America" chants ring hollow for ordinary citizens struggling to scrape together a living in a failing economy.

For the country's proxy terror groups like Hezbollah, the fall-off of financial support from Iran has been a major hit.

Hezbollah's military capabilities have been seriously eroded: its soldiers aren't getting paid, crimping their enthusiasm to launch military strikes against Israel. And in Yemen there are signs that the Iranian-backed insurgency is looking for a way to end the conflict there.

Iran's diminished war-making capacity has the potential to move the Middle East toward a more stable, peaceful future, but only if the U.S. and other nations stay the course with tightened economic and military pressure. While I believe that Trump doesn't want war with Iran, I agree that the only way to change its behavior is to starve its treasury and contain its military aggression.

On that score, the recent attacks on oil tankers in the Strait of Hormuz prove the point. The evidence that Iran undertook these attacks is overwhelming. U.S. surveillance video clearly shows an Iranian gunboat removing an undetonated mine from one of the stricken tankers. These brazen actions, and Iran's shooting down of an American drone aircraft over the strait's shipping lanes, prove just how desperate Iran is to destabilize oil transport and weaken international resolve on the sanctions directed against it.

The result has been just the opposite. The international community is united in its defense of free navigation, and the oil tanker attacks had no effect on world oil prices. That should give Iran's leaders real pause, because it shows that the old battle plan of interfering with oil shipments is no longer workable. The world today is awash in oil, and prices are at historic lows.

Which leads me to the conclusion that the single biggest card the U.S. can play in the Middle East these days is that we are no longer dependent on Middle East oil. The best assurance of our security is our energy independence. We should be pumping as much American oil and gas as we can find. Building the pipelines and refining capacity to handle this oil is in America's strategic interest.

And now that we don't have to worry about oil from an unstable region of the world, the U.S. is in the strongest position to influence events there. Trump is right to keep the pressure on Iran to give up its export of terror and its dangerous nuclear ambitions. Iran must decide between conflict it cannot ultimately win and peace, and prosperity its people desperately need.

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## Quality of mercy deleted from curriculum

There are real benefits to holding the collective memory of a community in one's head. To that point, I recall that more than 25 years ago, a college admissions scandal rocked a nearby high school. A group of second-semester seniors, all safely accepted by their Ivy League choices, went out of town on a school trip. When they got back, they were



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reported for having smoked marijuana on the outing. As I recall the story, the school debated whether to alert the colleges that had accepted them, and some admissions may have been rescinded. For certain, it was a scandal.

As the mother of high school students in the community at the time, I thought of the incident as a teachable moment. I don't know what happened to the kids involved, but I presume, and hope, they went on to get solid educations, land good jobs and become good citizens.

The fact that they smoked pot? Through the prism of June 2019, as New York state discusses decriminalizing pos-

session of up to two ounces, smoking weed doesn't seem like a capital crime. But they were minors, and they broke the rules and the law. If any of them lost their Ivy acceptances, it must have felt like the end of the world.

This all comes to mind as a young man, Kyle Kashuv, deals with the rescinding of his acceptance to Harvard's class of 2023.

Kashuv, 18, is a survivor of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., last year. He lived through the violent, life-changing massacre that left 17 students and faculty dead. Let that sink in for a moment. This is a teenager who suffered an unspeakable trauma at a tender age. He appeared to survive it psychologically as well as physically, and moved on with his life.

In the short term, he separated himself from most of his classmates by continuing to embrace a politically conservative point of view. In fact, he supported gun ownership and gun rights, while most of his fellow students were lobbying Congress for stricter gun control. He lived through the killings and the avalanche of publicity; he did his schoolwork, took the daunting

entrance exams, got accepted to Harvard and was planning to attend this fall.

Then someone alerted Harvard that Kashuv had made racist and anti-Semitic slurs in an online chat when he was 16, before the shootings. The admissions

director at Harvard asked him for an explanation. Kashuv apologized, and said the comments didn't reflect his beliefs or his ethics. Harvard was not convinced, and withdrew his acceptance. For Kashuv, this was a painful rejection. He had already declined several other acceptances, including offers of full scholarships.

In a tweet, he wrote, "In the end, this isn't about me, it's about whether we live in a society in which forgiveness is possible or mistakes brand you as irredeemable, as Harvard has decided for me." He pointed out that in its history, Harvard faculty "has included slave owners, segregationists, bigots and anti-Semites. If Harvard is suggesting that growth isn't possible and that our past defines our future, then Harvard is an inherently racist institution."

What are the lessons for the rest of us? For high school students: Don't do stupid stuff, and that includes posting inappropriate material online, because it *will*

**A** survivor of the Parkland, Fla., shooting was accepted by Harvard. Until . . .

come back to bite you. You can invoke the First Amendment; you can litigate your claim; you can argue that you are a changed person. But you will pay a price.

For the rest of us, who aren't caught up in the college acceptance carnival? We need to think about higher education in America. Who gets educated, and at what cost? What strings are pulled, and for whom? Do we really want to live in a society where only rich kids can get a quality education?

Should bad language ever disqualify you from any school, including Harvard? And how far back should we look? Today, 5-year-olds are posting on Facebook.

I think Harvard missed a singular opportunity to teach. If the school is as enlightened and embracing and diverse as it claims, let it take in Kyle Kashuv and educate him. Let the most renowned professors in America engage him in debate and help him become a productive member of our increasingly complex society. Let his classmates challenge his alleged racism.

The prospect of Harvard opening its door to him seems so much more progressive than shutting him out and reinforcing his bias.

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For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our Government:

For suspending our own legislature, and declaring themselves invested with Power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy of the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free People.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War; in Peace Friends.

**W**e, therefore, the representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

*The Declaration was signed first by John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress, and then by 55 others representing the 13 original states.*



## OPINIONS

## Multifamily housing caught in its own 'Groundhog Day'

Remember Bill Murray in "Groundhog Day"? He played a TV reporter caught in a time vortex, repeating Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, Pa., again and again. I often feel the same when I look back at my 20 years of public meetings and debates about multifamily housing's effects on Long Island schools. People make the same arguments, as if Long Island were stuck in its own Groundhog Day.



**MATTHEW  
WHALEN**

The not-in-my-backyard crowd predicts dire consequences for schools if multifamily development is allowed. Yet developers cite years of research proving that high-end apartment projects

actually positively affect school districts.

On June 30, I will end my AvalonBay career on Long Island, where I have worked in multifamily development for more than two decades. In that time I have overseen the construction of numerous projects with thousands of units for AvalonBay Communities. All of these developments have improved surrounding neighborhoods while providing much-needed, high-quality apartments for young professionals and empty-nesters. Now I want to draw attention to the strange and difficult reality in which Long Island multifamily

development exists.

On May 5, SUNY Stony Brook's Real Estate Institute unveiled a highly anticipated white paper on the effect of new apartments on school enrollment. It examined 14 multifamily communities (including four built by AvalonBay) on districts' populations over 15 years. The study reaffirmed that upscale multifamily construction has no appreciable impact on school enrollment. The study found that multifamily developments housed an average of 0.09 students per apartment unit — almost negligible.

Dr. Pearl Kamer, formerly the Long Island Association's chief economist who retired in 2013, thoroughly studied the issue in 2010, reviewing data for 326 multifamily communities with over 35,000 housing units on Long Island, and concluded that multifamily housing generates far fewer children per unit than single-family homes. Eighty-five percent of new multifamily developments were either tax-positive or tax-neutral for school districts.

In 2017, the Village of Patchogue commissioned a study on the economic impact of multifamily housing on its economy. Seven multifamily communities had just 40 students enrolled in the Patchogue-Medford School District over 10 years, at a cost that was one-sixth of the average per-student cost. During that same period, the

school district collected a net surplus — taxes raised less the cost of educating students — from these multifamily communities of \$5.4 million.

This information isn't new, but it is consistent and quantitatively verifiable. Time and again, the findings have been replicated in research reports. Yet time and again, the NIMBYists have made nonsensical predictions based on alternative facts. They warn of classroom overcrowding and the financial burdens that come with more teachers and expanded facilities. Most distressing is seeing elected officials ignoring independent data and using those alternative facts to pander to the vocal minority.

Despite easily accessible, accurate data, I actually heard one school superintendent, speaking with an air of authority, opine in a public meeting that multifamily developments yield one child for every bedroom on the property. Such an irresponsible allegation flies in the face of all research.

Why is there still such vociferous opposition to multifamily housing on Long Island, even after a 20-year record of success? Why is government making it harder to develop apartment communities, despite the studies? Perhaps it's ignorance of the data showing the beneficial financial and social effects of such housing on communities. Perhaps the NIMBYists are unaware

of that data. Perhaps they don't realize that Long Island faces a housing shortage that is driving young professionals away and hurting the economy.

Or perhaps people fear what the NIMBYists call "Queensification," often code for a desire to keep diversity at bay. If this is indeed the case, then, sadly, that would explain why no data — no matter how conclusive — would change their minds.

This ignorance of such a key issue is even more egregious when school superintendents and their districts are empowered by villages and towns to dictate land-use policy. The role of school districts should be the subject of serious study by municipalities. Rather than give undue weight to districts — whose positions are often driven by NIMBYists with children in the schools — villages and towns should adopt a range of impact criteria into their planning and zoning codes.

I may be unable to convince the NIMBYists that their fears are unfounded. But, just maybe, one more well-constructed research study done by REI at SUNY Stony Brook will hammer one more nail in the NIMBYist coffin. Maybe one more irrefutable set of research findings will finally set the record straight. After 20 years, I haven't given up hope. Maybe Long Island's multifamily industry will finally be set free from its own long-running Groundhog Day.

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## LETTERS

## Bravo for Dennis Galante Protecting the Island's water

To the Editor:

I drive past the Forest Avenue/Dosoris Lane intersection quite often and am impressed by the professionalism of the crossing guard there, Dennis Galante. I am sure other crossing guards also do an excellent job, but I see Galante at work almost every day.

The intersection is a complex and busy one, and Galante has totally mastered it. He concentrates 100 percent on his job. Watching all the children, he leads them safely across the streets, staying with them until they reach the other side. Galante knows the timing of the lights and also understands the flow of traffic. He interacts with the children but appears to always be in charge. He is aware of all of the surroundings — the waiting children, the lights and the location of all the cars.

Galante is the epitome of a fine public servant, and we are fortunate to have someone of his caliber watching over our children. He cares very much for each one of them.

DONALD DERIGGI  
Glen Cove

To the Editor:

Earlier this month, a report was released naming Long Island's water the most contaminated in New York state. The culprit? The chemical 1,4-dioxane, classified as a "likely carcinogen" by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

I was beyond disturbed. We expect pristine water to flow from the faucet, as water is essential to life. Shockingly, many household cleaning, hygiene and cosmetic products we use daily contain this carcinogen, and when it goes down the drain, it further contaminates our drinking water.

That's why I introduced legislation to ban the sale of household products containing 1,4-dioxane in New York. It is long past time that we took the bold steps necessary to protect our water and our community's health. I am proud to report that the State Senate and Assembly both passed this historic bill of mine last week, which now heads to Gov. Andrew Cuomo's desk for his signature.

For the first time, the state will tackle this problem head-on at the source. Hard-working Long Islanders deserve nothing less than clean, safe water.

TODD KAMINSKY  
State senator, 9th District

## FRAMEWORK by Daniel Dieckmann



From atop the Eiffel Tower, a view of the Champ de Mars — Paris



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**11 Wedgewood Ct, Glen Head**  
SD #1. MLS# 3137057. \$1,649,000.  
Laura Algios, c.516.578.6750



**10 Ridge Rd, Glen Cove**  
SD #5. MLS# 3135237. \$1,275,000.  
Laura Algios, c.516.578.6750



**10 Townsend St, Glen Head**  
SD #1. MLS# 3137963. \$799,000.  
Laura Algios, c.516.578.6750  
Catherine O'Brien, c.516.242.7382



**18 Eastland Dr, Glen Cove**  
SD #5. MLS# 3105558. \$1,285,000.  
Linda Faraldo, c.516.984.9049



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**June 30th | 11:00am – 1:00pm**  
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SD #5. MLS# 3140869. \$689,000.  
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**17 Lattingtown Ridge Ct, Lattingtown**  
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