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## Making the most of a summer night

Kathy and Glen Paganetti shared some popcorn while enjoying a night of music and dancing during the annual Downtown Sounds summer concert series. Story, Page 9.

# Nassau officials urge residents to participate in 2020 census

By **MIKE CONN** and **RONNY REYES**  
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"It is incredibly important that every single resident — every single person — who lives in Nassau County is counted in the 2020 census," Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said at a news conference at Glen Cove City Hall on July 23. Curran, alongside U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, of Glen Cove, brought together a host of county and state repre-

sentatives to reiterate the significance of the census coming up next year.

The census is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau every 10 years to determine the allocation of federal funding and the number of congressional seats a state may have in Washington. The population data gathered also helps local entities, such as schools and businesses, best serve their communities by having a comprehensive under-

standing of the people who live there.

However, Curran said, Nassau County did not benefit from the 2010 census as much as it should have, in large part because of the lack of responses from an estimated 23 percent of county residents. If that shortfall were to be repeated in 2020, the needs of over 315,000 people would not be taken into account

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# 'We can't lose this lot'

## City files appeal on behalf of Glen Cove Senior Center

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With a membership of about 2,000 seniors from all over the North Shore, the Glen Cove Senior Center plays an important role in the lives of the area's elderly residents. It offers a lunch program, a library, a thrift shop and dozens of events and courses aimed at seniors.

Barbara Stanco, 79, a volunteer, knows how busy the center can be, because she helps screen movies for her fellow seniors. While the most difficult part of Stanco's work should be getting the films together for viewing, she and all of the other seniors face the daily challenge of finding parking near the center.

"It's difficult to find an open space at the parking lots," Stanco explained, "but driving here gives us our independence."

While seniors have had reserved spaces in municipal lots in front of and behind the

center, a series of legal back-and-forths between the city and the front lot's owner, Car Care Co. Inc., could remove more than a dozen parking spaces now set aside for them. In December, State Supreme Court Judge Julianne Capetola barred Car Care

from evicting the city from the parking lot, which allowed the city to continue leasing the lot on a monthly basis. The City Council even discussed plans to purchase the lot at the beginning of the year. But Car Care filed an appeal, and State Supreme Court Judge Jerome Murphy ultimately overturned Capetola's decision and

allowed the lease to be terminated. In response, the City Council voted unanimously on July 23 to file its own appeal in State Supreme Court in an effort to regain the city's leasing rights to the lot.

"We all know how important those spaces are for our seniors,"

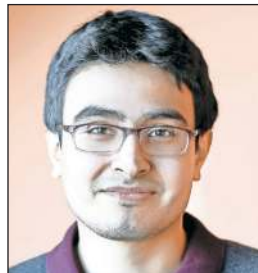
**I**f we lose this parking lot, we lose participation. And if we lose participation, we lose funding.

**CAROL WALDMAN**  
Executive director,  
Glen Cove Senior Center

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# Meet your new assistant editor

Hello, my name is Ronny Reyes, the new assistant editor for the Glen Cove Herald Gazette. Although I've only been to Glen Cove a hand-full of times now, I look forward to making more frequent visits and getting to know the area and the residents who make up this community.



RONNY REYES

While I am new to Glen Cove, I am not new to the Long Island Herald newspapers as I previously reported for the Franklin Square-Elmont Herald. During my year there, I wrote about the proposed Belmont hockey arena project for the Islanders, community efforts to create a school speed zone in an area plagued with accidents and the sudden deportation of an Albanian immigrant. My time there helped me grow as a journalist, and I was also able to win several honors, including the Press Club of Long Island's Cub Reporter of the Year award.

I first arrived in the U.S. from Ecuador in 2000 with my family. We eventually bought a home in Elmont on News Avenue, and unrelated to that fact I decided to pursue a career in journalism. I attended SUNY Stony Brook and graduated with a degree in journalism in May 2017. After graduating, I completed a fellowship at WSHU, the NPR station for Long Island and Connecticut. While radio journalism was fun and engaging in its own right, I wanted to focus my career on writing stories for print and web, which is why I joined the Herald.

I plan to bring my best reporting to the Glen Cove Herald Gazette, so if you spot me walking around the city with my press pass on, feel free to say hello and tell me what you'd like to see more coverage on.

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GLEN COVE RESIDENTS enjoyed a night of hits by Bennie and the Jets, an Elton John tribute band, which was one of the offerings at Downtown Sounds.

## Music concerts in Glen Cove

Glen Cove's Downtown Sounds and Morgan Park free summer concerts continue throughout the month of August.

Downtown Sounds, which was originally called Jazz in the Square back in 1997, spans throughout July and August, bringing in a free concert every Friday at Village Square. The Hey Nows party-rock band will perform on Aug. 2, and the globetrotting Right on Band will perform the following week on Aug. 9 with a full repertoire of Funk, Disco and Motown classics. The Morgan Park Summer Music Festival

celebrates 60 years of free concerts in Glen Cove. Originally, the summer Morgan Park Concerts hosted a few musical acts on its old gazebo until the stage was eventually built through the efforts of the festival's former chairwoman Marguerite Souzzi. The Arena Rock band will play at that stage on Aug. 4 as they perform music by Queen and other rock n' roll greats. The musical "Mame," will be converted into a concert format by Plaza Productions for the following Sunday on Aug. 11.



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# New online bakery brings sweet treats to G.C.

By MIKE CONN

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Carina De Castri, Ricky Podzialdo and Travis Stern are all smiles as they hustle around after hours in the back of the Heritage Bakery in Glen Cove. Every Thursday, they spend their evenings crafting and baking delicious treats, fulfilling the orders received on their online bakery, Pudgy Owl, which officially opened for business on May 23.

The company sells a variety of cookies and brownies, all of which are made from scratch and never frozen. De Castri serves as Pudgy Owl's lead baker, crafting hundreds of delicacies by hand each week using minimal ingredients to create maximum flavor. After everything is baked and cooled, the three package their products and personally deliver them to their customers' doors the next day.

De Castri and Podzialdo came up with the idea for an online bakery in early 2017, enlisting Stern to help them out from time to time. A special education teacher in Queens by trade, De Castri has always loved to cook and bake, helping her mother and grandmother in the kitchen throughout her childhood. She carried this passion into her adult years, bringing an assortment of cookies and brownies to social functions.

"Being Italian, we like to feed each other and 'mangia,'" De Castri explained. "[We've] always got a good appetite, so I like to feed people and make them happy."

The two business partners met when De Castri was dating Podzialdo's brother. Whenever she would bring her baked goods to parties, they would always be gobbled up immediately. Podzialdo, who works in cyber-security and owns a collection of businesses, took notice and eventually suggested she sell them.

Combining Podzialdo's business background and De Castri's baking abilities, the two formed Pudgy Owl in May of 2017. The name came from Podzialdo's lifelong love for owls and months of throwing around various adjectives that they felt could properly represent their product. They decided on "pudgy" thanks to the word's informal, humorous way of describing indulgence in food that isn't exactly diet-friendly.

With their business in its infancy, De Castri and Podzialdo said they are still working out the kinks and learning more about the baking industry as they



**CARINA DE CASTRI** pressed her thumb into dough rounds to create thumbprint cookies, which would soon be filled with different flavored fruit jams.



**PUDGY OWL BAKERS** Carina De Castri, left, Ricky Podzialdo and Travis Stern shared some of the freshly baked goods they prepared for customers.

go along. De Castri is looking to add to Pudgy Owl's menu, with her current mission centering around bringing her homemade caramel brownies out of her kitchen and into the bakery. On the business end, Podzialdo is using the experience he has gained over the last two months to gauge things such as the best possible price for their products.

"My whole thing is you can sit down and plan, do margins and this, that and the other thing," Podzialdo said, "but at the end of the day, just doing it is what really pushes you farther."

Currently, individual batches of 36 cookies or 32 brownies cost between \$35 and \$40. Batches of 12 thumbprint cookies or chocolate cherry bomb cookies run for \$22.

According to Podzialdo, an average week will see Pudgy Owl bake around eight batches of goods for its customers. However, he said that more people find out about the company every day thanks heavily to social media, and its customer base is steadily growing. De Castri said she is thrilled that orders come in from people outside of their friends and family, with local residents and businesses expressing interest in their products.



**PUDGY OWL'S SIGNATURE "FUDGE YEAH!"** brownies come chock full of fun ingredients like M&M's and homemade icing.

One of those customers is Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke, who raved about Pudgy Owl's treats. "They make some of the best brownies and cookies I've ever tasted," he said. "My only fear is that they start sending cookies or brownies to City Hall because, as big as I am, I'll be twice the size."

As this customer base grows, Podzialdo said, he and De Castri will have a better understanding of the demand for their product. This, in turn, will help them determine how to best manage Pudgy Owl's future and to satisfy more

and more people from Glen Cove and beyond.

"We're a small business that makes things with love," he said. "We're really passionate about it, we try to use the best ingredients that we can, and when people try our product, we really want to make them feel happy and good about it."

For more information on Pudgy Owl and how to order from its menu of delicious baked goods, visit [www.pudgyowl.com](http://www.pudgyowl.com).

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# Census results vital for minorities

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by the federal government. Since the federal funding a county receives is based on its population, a lack of census participation would leave Nassau well short of the funding it needs.

An estimated 40 percent of the non-respondents in 2010 were people of color, and 15 percent live in or near poverty, according to the Long Island Counts 2020 Census Report. Curran explained that much of that population is made up of immigrants, documented and undocumented, who may be hesitant to participate in the census because they see it as enabling government agencies to question their citizenship. Counting Americans accurately could be an even more daunting challenge in 2020, given the heated rhetoric now dominating the national conversation about citizenship.

“Just the climate in the country in general has caused fear,” Curran said. “Our concern is that more and more people will go into the shadows and not be counted.”

“There is a factor of intimidation in immigrant communities, even under the best of circumstances,” said State Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove who grew up in an immigrant household. “What the president and the secretary of commerce [Wilbur Ross] have done to threaten the immigrant community, by attempting to include a question on citizenship in the census form, is nothing less than an embarrassment to our democracy.”

Nassau County Comptroller Jack Schnirman said that \$675 billion could be granted countrywide if all U.S. residents are accounted for by the census. An undercount would take money away from schools, infrastructure and health care services. Additionally, he said, an undercount of just 0.6 percent on Long Island would cost New York two congressional seats in Washington.

At a census panel at the Nassau County Legislative building in Mineola



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**U.S. REP. TOM** Suozzi and Nassau County Executive Laura Curran spoke about the importance of taking part in the 2020 census at a news conference on July 23.

that evening, representatives of several minority communities shared their views on why the 2020 census would be especially important to their populations. Theresa Saunders, president and CEO of the Urban League of Long Island, said it would be crucial for urban communities to be counted accurately, because they require as much federal funding as any other Americans.

“If we don’t stand up and be fearless,” Saunders said, “just not being counted isn’t going to be the worst thing that’s going to happen, because when the resources dry out, we will look like the nation where people are laying on the streets and babies are starving.”

“Black and brown communities are always saying, ‘We don’t have what we need,’” said Mimi Pierre Johnson, president and CEO of the Elmont Cultural

Center. “Well, this is our chance now to make it count. We’ll be able to say, ‘I need this for my community because this is how many people live here.’”

County officials plan to sponsor job fairs across Nassau, enabling residents to become census takers so long as they are U.S. citizens and will be 18 or older by February 2020. They will visit members of their communities who have not responded to census inquiries, with the goal of increasing those communities’ chances of receiving the representation and funding they need.

“This is an important issue at the federal level, this is an important issue at the state level, but it’s most important here at the local level,” Suozzi said at the news conference, “and that local folks are involved in making sure that every single person is counted. We only get one shot every 10 years to get this right.”

*Natalie Deshombres contributed to this story.*

## Latino community views

The Latino Glen Cove residents the Herald Gazette interviewed insisted on remaining anonymous because they feared their identities would be revealed to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“Not even we know how many Latinos are in the community, and we’re the ones who help this population. Questions about immigration status and the recent ICE raids have made the community wary of opening their doors to strangers, and I’m afraid the Latino population will be undercounted [next] year because of that. People are even wary of me because I have light skin . . . and they don’t believe I’m actually Latino.”

— Alberto Munera  
Executive director,  
La Fuerza Unida Inc.

“If the city and county want us to participate, then they need to hold conferences, workshops and seminars in our community and in our language so that the people are informed about what the census actually is. Only when they build trust will we participate.”

— Ana

“I had no idea what the census was. I’m worried about why they would ask questions about how many people are living in my household or how much income we have. But I would be more comfortable speaking to someone I know and who speaks Spanish.”

— Sofia

“I don’t mind participating, but I don’t think everyone around here feels the same. They’re all scared because of the current political climate around immigration. It would be great if our elected officials could get the Latino community more involved.”

— Cecilia

## Hard to count

Nassau County is the fifth-most-difficult county in New York state to count accurately. Among the hard-to-count populations are young children, racial and ethnic minorities, non-English speakers, those in low-income households, people who distrust the government and undocumented immigrants.

In Nassau:

- About 23 percent of people did not initially respond to the census in 2010.
- Nearly 40 percent are people of color.
- About 5 percent are children under 5.
- More than 6 percent speak limited English.
- About 15 percent live in or near poverty.

Parts of Sea Cliff and Glen Cove are labeled hard to count by the U.S. Census Bureau, where only 65 to 70 percent of the total population initially responded to the 2010 census.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Nassau County comptroller’s office

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Nearby things to do this week

#### Summer singles

North Shore singles can enjoy dinner and mingling at St. Josaphat's Retreat House, 1 Beast Beach Drive, Glen Cove, on Aug. 3 at 5 p.m. Explore the grounds while meeting new single friends. Hot, homemade Italian buffet. The evening is \$25 with an RSVP and \$30 without. (347) 738-7398.



#### Animals of the Universe

Enjoy this hands-on family program at the Glen Cove Library presented by Green Meadows Farm. It features frogs, bugs, reptiles, a fluffy chicken, bunnies and more. All animals can be safely touched and are displayed in colorful petting tubs. People of all ages can come visit the animals and learn about their habitats. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.

#### "Summer of '69" reading and book signing

In his book "Summer of '69," author Todd Strasser draws from his teenage years to revisit a tumultuous era and takes readers on a psychedelically tinged trip of a lifetime. He will be reading from his book and signing copies for readers at the North Shore Historical Museum on Aug. 7. Strasser will begin his reading at 7 p.m. at 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. (516) 801-1191.



#### Historic "Base Ball" Tournament

Experience baseball's glorious past when vintage Old Time Base ball clubs from throughout the northeast play Old Bethpage Village's teams, on the grounds of Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3-4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teams will compete during the two days of friendly matches, played with 19th century rules, uniforms and equipment. Info: (516) 572-8400.



#### Come out to play

Long Island Children's Museum's popular outdoor exhibit, "Our Backyard," has reopened for the season, on Museum Row in Garden City, daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Everyone will enjoy exploring the sensory garden experimenting with the properties of water. The interactive garden is a great place to let loose, have fun, and explore the natural world. Info: (516) 224-5800 or [www.licm.org](http://www.licm.org).



## NEWS BRIEF



Photo courtesy North Shore Land Alliance

**NEW STANDARDS WILL** require all public water systems on Long Island to be tested for carcinogenic chemicals.

### A big moment for New York water

The New York State Health Department has recommended new drinking water standards that will improve drinking water quality on Long Island. Once the new standards are codified into law, every public water system in the state will be required to test for three carcinogenic chemicals — Perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctanesulfonic acid and 1,4-dioxane. If levels of these contaminants exceed the new maximum contaminant levels, public water systems will be required to act.

In addition, important legislation was passed that awaits Gov. Cuomo's signature that will limit 1,4-dioxane in household products, effective at the end of 2022. It will also ban PFAS and PFOA from being used or manufactured for firefighting foam in New York and allow public water authorities to take water polluters to court in New York and recover the cost of treating water for these chemicals.

1,4-dioxane, which may be found in detergents, shampoos, baby products, lotions and more, is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In a recent study conducted by Citizens Campaign for the Environment, 1,4-dioxane contaminated 81 percent of products tested. Nassau and Suffolk water suppliers have reported the highest levels of 1,4-dioxane contamination in the nation. For a list of products

containing this chemical, visit [www.citizenscampaign.org](http://www.citizenscampaign.org).

PFOA and PFOS, which may negatively affect prenatal development and the immune system and may cause kidney and testicular cancer, have been used to make household products resistant to water, grease or stains, firefighting foam and much more. These "forever chemicals" are particularly dangerous due to their stable chemical structure and resistance to breaking down. They linger in the environment and in the human body, resulting in bioaccumulation — the build-up of a chemical overtime — and can take years to excrete.

In the mid-20th century, 1,4-dioxane, PFOS and PFOA were introduced to Long Island to meet the growing needs of the agricultural, industrial and manufacturing industries. They have entered its water from decades of improper use, disposal and storage and continue to travel down drains into septic systems and leach into groundwater.

A public comment period is open until the end of September during which residents can urge the Department of Health to address declining water quality by sending an email to [regsqa@health.ny.gov](mailto:regsqa@health.ny.gov). Residents can also visit the North Shore Land Alliance's website to view its sample tips on what to do to help protect Long Island's precious water sources.

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Summer hoops leagues remain popular

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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The ultra-popular girls' basketball summer league at Freeport has served as a tremendous outlet for high school athletes for more than two decades and continues to do so.

"You see such a development in teams as the season unfolds and the league builds camaraderie," said Meredith Jones, Freeport's varsity head coach of 14 years. "It's a nice, relaxed atmosphere. A lot of girls play AAU during the summer, so in a league like ours the younger kids get a ton of game experience."

Former Lady Red Devils head coach Ernie Kight has long been associated with the league and remains active in helping it run smooth. This summer, Jones said the varsity consists of 14 teams, including six-time defending Nassau Class AA champion Baldwin, as well as defending Class A champion Sewanhaka, Massapequa, Holy Trinity and Sacred Heart.

"I've been around the league since I'm coaching here and it keeps growing," Jones said. "We're playing three nights a week now, in two gyms, and capped it at 30 teams between varsity and JV."

Games consist of two 20-minute halves with running time until the last two minutes of each half. Each team plays a 10-game season that'll conclude next week, with the playoffs scheduled for Aug. 12, 13 and 14. Nassau County High School officials are used and also benefit from the experience, Jones noted, and have utilized three referees on the court at the same time to model a playoff game.

Another destination for summer hoops is Carle Place, which concludes its 16-team girls' league this week. Among the schools competing are Seaford and Mepham. Seaford varsity head coach Bob Vachris said the Lady Vikings have 19 girls playing, with one of their two teams in the league strictly comprised of incoming sophomores and coached by Stephanie Bartkus. "It's really encouraging," Vachris said of the turnout.



**SEAFORD'S JAMIE MCSORLEY**, left, tried to work around Mepham's Dominique Delutri during a summer league game at Carle Place on July 25.

Mepham has 13 girls on the roster, head coach Jim Mulvey said, and has been a part of the Carle Place league for a dozen years. "We have a lot of multi-sport athletes at Mepham, so you want

the girls to pick up a basketball as much as possible," he said. "We've had very good attendance all summer. I'm proud of the commitment they've shown."



**MEPHAM'S JULIA RAWLINSON**, center, had a beat on a loose ball.



**SEAFORD'S AMANDA WILLIAMS** put her shooting form on display.

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# Teacher from Sea Cliff arrested in FBI sting

By MIKE CONN

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A former teaching assistant in the Locust Valley Central School District was arrested on July 24 in Melville after allegedly going to a hotel intending to have sex with a 13-year-old boy he met online, according to multiple news sources.

Charles Bull, 53, of Sea Cliff, worked with the district for two years, Pam Kaplan, the LVCSO director of communications, said. During the 2017-18 school year, he was a teaching assistant in the music department at Bayville and Locust Valley intermediate schools. In 2018-19 he was a leave-replacement music teacher at Locust Valley Middle School.

"The district has been notified by law enforcement authorities of the arrest of Charles Bull for allegedly soliciting online sex with a minor," a statement provided by the district read. "Bull ... will not be hired back. The safety and well-being of our students is our top priority. This individual passed all necessary background checks in accordance with New York State Law prior to working with the district."

Bull is the second music teacher from the district to be arrested on child predation charges in the past decade. Elementary music teacher John Benstock admitted in county court in February 2013 that he had inappropriate sexual contact with 14 students under age 11 in both classrooms and in their homes, where he gave them private lessons.

Bayville parent Jen Jones, who has a son entering Locust Valley High School this fall, said that she and other parents are now wondering about whom the dis-



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**CHARLES BULL WORKED** at Locust Valley High School/Middle School last year as a middle school leave replacement, teaching music.

trict is bringing into its schools. "Most of us are really concerned that this is not the first time this has happened in our district," she said, "and it really makes us question the hiring process in our schools."

It is particularly troubling, Jones said, that both Benstock and Bull worked in the music department. Music teachers often work with students one on one or in small groups, she added, which is of great concern to her. She also said that there needs to be more than a simple background check when vetting potential hires,

because she believes that is not enough to keep district children safe.

The FBI began tracking Bull in a chat room called "LongIslandDLMenOnly" on mobile-messaging app Kik on July 23, according to Newsday. He spoke to an undercover FBI agent who Bull thought was a father vacationing on Long Island with his 13-year-old son. Bull asked about the father's and son's sexual orientation, and said he was interested in having sex with the child, said the reports.

Reports stated Bull and the undercover agent met at a Farmingdale coffee shop

under FBI surveillance, and the agent told him that the boy was in a room at a Melville hotel. Bull arrived at the hotel room the next day with three condoms and an Xbox gift card, and was arrested.

Former Bayville Village Trustee Tim Charon, a father of two children who will start third grade at Bayville Intermediate and first grade at Bayville Primary next month, said he was "speechless," and thankful that no children were hurt. "It's absolutely terrible," Charon said. "It's every parent's worst fear that there are predators around your children."

James Versocki, a Sea Cliff father of an 11-year-old, said he usually feels secure about his son's safety, because village parents do a good job of taking care of one another's children. Nonetheless, he said, it is still important to monitor who comes into contact with them.

"Parents have to be vigilant," Versocki said, "and as much as we live in a safer world, you've just got to know who your neighbors are."

According to a person with knowledge of Bull's career who declined to be identified, he worked as a music teacher in the East Williston school district for two years earlier this decade, but was denied tenure after a number of parents complained that his demeanor around students made them uncomfortable.

At a hearing in federal court in Central Islip on July 25, Bull was charged with using electronic media to have sex with a minor, and held without bail. If convicted, he would face a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison.

*Laura Lane contributed to this story.*

## Gaughran secures funds for immigrant legal services

By LAURA LANE

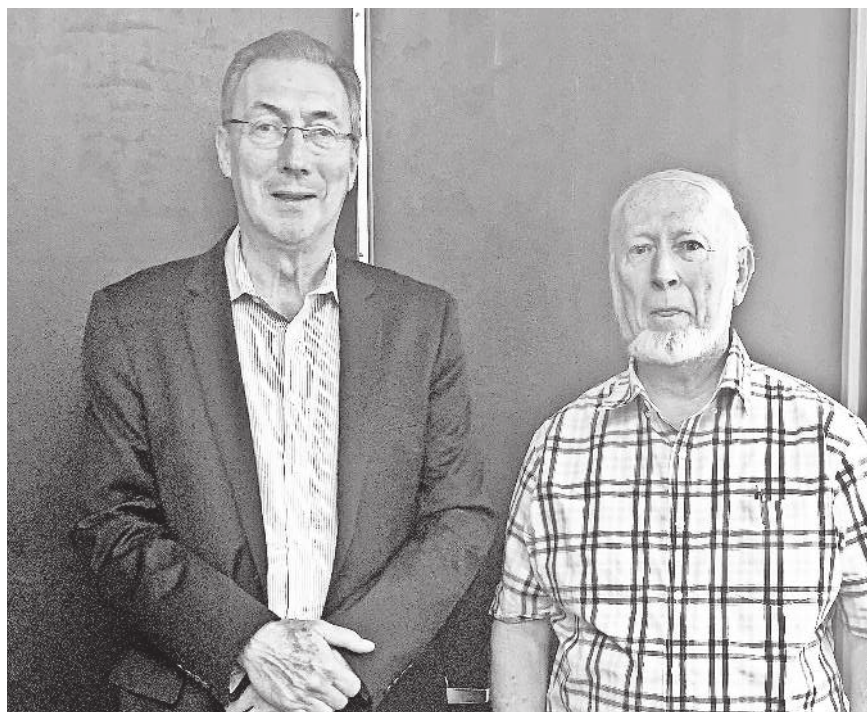
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Glen Cove's La Fuerza Unida, a non-profit multi-service agency that provides a gamut of services annually to 11,000 Spanish-speaking residents, has received government assistance in the form of funding in the past. But it has never received it for its immigrant legal services.

When the state Senate adopted its recent budget, they included a lump sum for legal services for immigrants, State Senator Jim Gaughran said. The funding went on to be included in the final budget crafted by the Senate and Assembly. Checking to see who would benefit most in his district Gaughran found La Fuerza Unida, the sole provider of legal services in Glen Cove for Spanish-speaking residents. He was pleased to offer the agency \$20,000 in grant funding.

"There are a lot of issues within the immigrant community for legal services," said Gaughran, a Democrat from Huntington. "including some people who might be trying to get legal status."

Gaughran said that similar funding was adopted last year when Republicans held the majority in the Senate, but this



Courtesy Senator Gaughran's office

**STATE SENATOR JIM** Gaughran, left, spoke to Alberto Munero, the director of La Fuerza Unida, about the grant that he was able to secure to help the agency

is the first time that the funding has come to Long Island. It went to Manhattan last time, he said.

"This is important because there are

a lot of families struggling on Long Island including those in immigrant communities," he said. "This will provide for those who can't afford legal ser-

vices on their own."

Alberto Munero, the director of programming for La Fuerza Unida for the past 40 years, is pleased. The agency offers a comprehensive network of legal services free of charge, he said, including seminars and classes to prepare for citizenship.

The agency, which does not engage in fundraising, receives 60 percent of its funding from government sources and 40 percent from private donations. Even so, La Fuerza Unida's budget is not large. "People are reluctant to fund programs that benefit the undocumented or non-citizens," Munero explained. "Because Senator Gaughran is supporting our program it will help us to get more funding from private sources."

And this is important, he said, because the agency needs for the private funds to increase so it will not have to depend upon the "political wave."

When they do receive the grant, which should be soon, Munero said there are plans for a discussion with the agency's pro bono attorney to determine how to get the most out of the funding. La Fuerza Unida is committed to helping as many Spanish-speaking residents as possible, he said, which the grant will help it to do.



# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE** gathered at Village Square to enjoy a night of music during the Downtown Sounds summer concert series.

## City parties with Downtown Sounds



**VIVIAN ARONICA, LEFT,** and Patricia Holman, top far right, took the center stage to dance.



**LORI AND JOHN Ciotoli, top,** toasted to another successful summer concert in Glen Cove.



**THE CROWD, RIGHT,** danced along to the music of Peat Moss and the Fertilizers.

Downtown Sounds continues to thrive in Glen Cove as dozens of residents gathered at Village Square to dance and enjoy the musical performance of Peat Moss and the Fertilizers.

Downtown Sounds, which was originally called Jazz in the Square back in 1997, spans throughout July and August, bringing in a free concert every Friday at Village Square. This year the concert had almost been cancelled after the city announced it would not be able to contribute its \$25,000 fund for Downtown Sounds because of budget restraints. It was Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, a Democrat from Glen Cove, who ultimately helped secure the money in the form of a grant from the Legislature.

Downtown Sounds will continue with The Hey Nows party-rock band performing on Aug. 2. The globetrotting Right on Band will perform next week on Aug. 9 with a full repertoire of Motown, Disco and Funk classics.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, August 1

### Out of this world parfait

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Children from kindergarten through fifth grade can make a delicious s'mores parfait and play the four corners astronaut game. Everyone that comes to this program will have a chance to win an autographed picture of John Glen, the first astronaut to orbit the earth. (516) 759-8300.

## Friday, August 2

### Animals Alive

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Children ages 3 to 6 will use hands-on learning techniques to learn about animal classifications, habitats and adaptations. The program includes mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians. (516) 676-2130.

### Downtown Sounds: Hey Nows!

Village Square, Glen and School streets, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Hailing from the Hudson Valley, the Hey Nows! will bring their high-energy rendition of Top 40 hits to downtown Glen Cove. Attendees will hear today's most popular hits like they never have before from a group that has remained a fan favorite for years. (516) 759-6790.

## Saturday, August 3

### 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

### Stretch and sketch

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 6 p.m. Teens from grades 6 through 12 can enjoy a unique program that combines yoga and painting into one relaxing and fun Saturday night. Participants will start the night off with beginner's yoga and end it by creating a summer-themed painting to take home. (516) 759-8300.

## Sunday, August 4

### The Original Psychic Fair

Glen Cove Mansion, 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Meet clairvoyants, clairaudients and mediums while enjoying psychic readings, vendors, Tarot, angel cards, psychometry, animal communications and much more. Admission is free and readings are \$45. (516) 781-4954.

### Final day of St. Rocco's Feast

The Church of St. Rocco, 18 3rd St., Glen Cove, 6 p.m. Enjoy the final day of the "Best Feast in the East" with a huge variety of food, music, games and so much more. (516) 676-2482.

### Arena Rock Tribute at Morgan Park

Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Arena Rock Tribute



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## Garvies Point Museum Day

Enjoy a day of fun for the entire family at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve thanks to a packed schedule of nature walks, workshops, tours, movies and more on Aug. 3 at 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove. People of all ages will be able to learn everything they can about the nature of the North Shore and beyond with a wide variety of programs to enjoy. These programs and films are scheduled throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and craft projects will be ongoing. \$5 per person, free for members and children under 5. (516) 571-8010.

has traveled the country playing the hits of bands like Queen, Van Halen and the Who. Let this quartet rock you at Morgan Park as the summer music festival moves into its second half. (516) 671-0017.

## Monday, August 5

### Out of this world summer cooking

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Liz Perone invites attendees to join her as they get ready for summer entertaining. Sample "out of this world" tasty summer treats that are easy to make and delicious to eat. (516) 676-2130.

## Tuesday, August 6

### Cosmic nightlight and galaxy pillow

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4:30 p.m. Children from kindergarten through fifth grade can learn to create a cool galaxy nightlight to cast a colorful glow all night long and stuff around cosmic printed pillow to decorate their rooms. (516) 759-8300.

### Shaping the universe with hypnosis

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 6:30 p.m. Join hypnosis practitioner Carolyn Mahon as she discusses what hypnosis is, its applications and benefits, and then ends the program with a group session. (516) 671-1837.

## Wednesday, August 7

### Baby Start

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 9:15 a.m. Caretakers can

bring their children of 6 to 17 months to join "A Time for Kids" as they engage the littlest learners in this program designed to introduce your babies to the wonder-



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## End of summer reading party

Celebrate the end of summer reading at the Gold Coast Library with pizza, music, crafts and more. Attendees will receive additional raffle tickets to win the prize basket of your choice. The library will also spend some time taking suggestions about what readers would like it to offer in the future, including special programs and events and types of community service/ 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.

ful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, finger plays, fine and gross motor development and circle time. (516) 759-8300.

## Thursday, August 8

### My solar system box

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Children from kindergarten up can decorate their very own box with paint, markers and other fun stuff. They can use the box for school or their own special treasures. (516) 676-2130.

### Downtown Sounds: Right On Band

Village Square, Glen and School streets, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Right On Band will bring its talented roster of 10 musicians to Downtown Sounds for an evening of fun, energetic music that is perfect for listeners of all ages. Attendees are sure to be on their feet for the entire show. (516) 759-6790.

## Friday, August 9

### AARP Smart Driver class

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 9 a.m. Learn how to become a better driver while learning about any new rules to the road. \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members payable by check or money order to AARP (516) 676-2130.

### RiDE at Sea Cliff Beach

Sea Cliff Beach, The Blvd., Sea Cliff, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the rocking tunes of RiDE as the quintet covers a variety of classic rock songs from different eras of the genre's history. (516) 671-0080.

## Saturday, August 10

### Cosmic Craft: Constellation scarf

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Artist Doris Benter will teach attendees how to make a unique silk constellation scarf, using metallic markers that capture the magnificence of the stars in the night sky. (516) 676-2130.

## Sunday, August 11

### Water erosion demonstration

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, 11 a.m. The stream table will be on display to show the effects that water erosion can have on a coastline much like the North Shore's. (516) 571-8010.

## Sunday, August 11

### 'Mame' at Morgan Park

Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. "Mame" is a musical which follows the life of Mame Dennis whose life of luxury and eccentricity is upended when the son of her late brother comes to live with her. Performed by Plaza Productions. (516) 671-0017.

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Courtesy Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce

**MAYOR TIMOTHY TENKE** and Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Cohn, right, swore in the chamber's newest board member, Matilde Tyzs.

## New member joins G.C. Chamber

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce installed Matilde Tyzs, from The Max Challenge of Glen Cove, as its newest board member in July. Tyzs has previously helped the Chamber of Commerce during their 22nd Annual Culinary Delights event and in donating \$100 to the Glen Cove Child Day Car

Center in May.

The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce has served the community since 1920 to help meet the needs of local businesses in the city. The Chamber recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Phil's Pizza & Restaurant on July 29.

## Community rallies for young runner

Glen Cove residents helped raise more than \$2,500 on GoFundMe to help 9-year-old Ashton Morales, of Deasy Elementary School, compete in the U.S.A. Track and Field National Junior Olympics in Sacramento, CA, from July 22 to July 28.

Morales previously came in sixth during the USATF Long Island Championship men's 200-meter dash for the 9 and 10-year-old division. Although Morales did not win a medal at the national junior Olympics, his parents, Tiffany Marie Morales and Joey Gold thanked their neighbors for their help.

"Joe and I would like to thank everyone who donate to Ashton," Tiffany wrote on the GoFundMe page. "You all got him here. We truly appreciate all your help and support."



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**DEASY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S** Ashton Morales competed in the Boy's 100-meter dash at the USATF National Junior Olympics.



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# City Council mulls safety at Morgan Park jetty

By **RONNY REYES**

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The Glen Cove City Council kicked off a fierce debate about safety issues and fishing after it debated whether or not to issue a new ordinance that would prohibit fishing off the Morgan Park jetty at the start of a city council meeting on July 23.

Mayor Timothy Tenke, who introduced the proposed ordinance, said fishing at the jetty has caused dozens of complaints from city police and firefighters as fishermen often get stranded at the jetty and require saving. "This is a public safety issue and it's about the safety of our first responders," Tenke said.

Drew Lawrence, a Glen Cove resident, said he once made a call to the police when he saw a fisherman head down to the jetty during a storm, where he was eventually left stranded during a change in the tide. Glen Cove Deputy Police Chief Chris Ortiz said these rescues were not rare occurrences. One of the largest rescues happened last fall as the Glen Cove Harbor Patrol, the Volunteer Fire Department and Nassau County Police Department mounted a large rescue of about 24 fishermen who were stuck on the jetty.

Although city officials said the majority of those who get stuck on the jetty are not Glen Cove residents, Ortiz said this was not an issue of residents vs. non-residents. He added that the jetty was designed to handle beach erosion, not for



Courtesy Mitch Schlimer

**A NEW MOON** tide left two dozen fisherman stranded on the Morgan Park jetty last year.

people to traverse on and fish off of. "It is inherently dangerous," Ortiz said. "People have died on these jetties."

But local residents don't want to see their access to the jetty banned. Frank Peña, who's fished off the jetty for years, said it wasn't right to take away the fishing spot as it would leave residents with the Prybil Beach pier as one of the few alternatives to use. John Schepanski, of the Hempstead Harbor Club, said that members of the club have fished their for 25 years and added on Facebook that members of the club will advocate to keep the jetty open during the next city council

meeting.

"You can't tell everyone from Glen Cove that we can't fish there," Peña said. "If it's mostly people from out of town, then why should the people of Glen Cove have to pay for that?"

While some residents argued that the city could not do anything unless they get approval from New York State, State Department of Environmental Conservation spokesperson Bill Fonda said that the jetty was within the city's jurisdiction, not the state's. Fonda said the city was free to put up any signs around the jetty to warn any would-be trespassers, and that the

state would only intervene if any major construction or structural changes would be made to the jetty.

Although Tenke decided to table the ordinance until more research could be done, Vincent Martinez, of the Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department, said now that the city council has been made aware of the problems at the jetty, it stands on them to do something about it.

"I've gone down there to rescue people," Martinez said. "And you're putting my life and others at risk because someone wants to catch a fish? Something needs to be done."

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# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

## Goo Goo Dolls are back at Jones Beach Robby Takac reflects on how the band has grown in its 33 years

It wouldn't officially be summer on Long Island without Goo Goo Dolls visiting Northwell Health at Jones Beach Theater. The popular rock band returns on Saturday, Aug. 3, co-headlining a concert with Train, at which Goo Goo Dolls will showcase their hits and their new single "Miracle Pill." Bassist/vocalist Robby Takac is looking forward to taking the stage in Wantagh, where he has fond memories of performing for ecstatic crowds (more often than not in the rain).

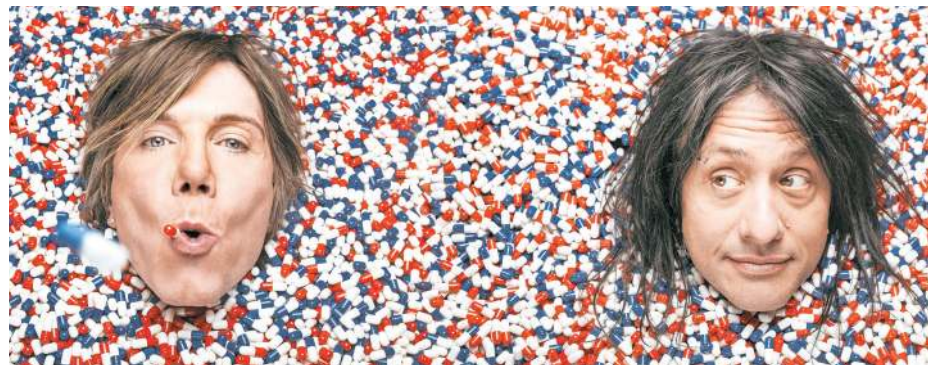
"Jones Beach has always been a special place for us to go because the crowd there has been with us for a very long time," he says. Despite the fact that the band originated in Buffalo, Takac says that being at Jones Beach always feels like he is getting closer to home. "The northeastern vibe feels very much like something we understand. It's always a great show."

Goo Goo Dolls' 65-minute set will feature fan favorites such as "Iris," "Black Balloon" and "Slide," but with the exception of "Miracle Pill," fans will have to wait to hear more from their new album, which drops later this year. Takac says that "Miracle Pill" is a reflection of how Goo Goo Dolls interacts with the world.

"People's attention spans certainly seem to be getting shorter and shorter, and [lead singer] John [Rzeznik] and I laugh and say songs tend to lead with the chorus these days. People don't have time for an introduction, a first bridge. It's a different way of consuming music."

According to Takac, the album also explores people's need for instant gratification. "With the internet you can always find exactly what you want, so it has become an on demand world," he explains of the band's thinking process.

"That [hinders] your ability to roll with the punches. You're used to getting what you want when you want it. Life's not that



Courtesy Ed Gregory and Dan Cooper

The band teases their new album, performing "Miracle Pill" on their current concert tour.



Courtesy Mark Dellas

Robby Takac and his bandmates are ready to rock Long Island.

way. I think that ends up being really disappointing to people. They're trying to find their way into avenues that make it feel like they're getting what they want."

These themes spoke to the band so strongly that they wrote too many songs for the album, a problem they haven't had in the past. "It felt like it happened very naturally this time, as opposed to it feeling like you're trying to do dental surgery on yourself," he laughs of his tedious writing experience.

"It was the first time we had to go through all of these songs we recorded and

pick out just some of them for the record. It was a really interesting process for us. We got to craft what the record sounded like a little bit more than usual."

Takac considers how Goo Goo Dolls concerts have changed since the band first began performing at Jones Beach. "We'll be playing 'Iris' and that's generally when all of the phones go up. I think to myself sometimes, 'Wow. No one is actually watching us. They're watching us on their screen,'" he marvels. "It's exciting in a way because when someone is sitting in front of the stage texting someone, you know

they're probably telling them that they're enjoying the show, spreading the magic around a little bit. At the same time it's distracting."

When so many bands tend to split early in their careers, Takac partially credits the Goo Goo Dolls' longevity to the fact that he and Rzeznik never broke up and then tried to reunite. "That's not us and would never be us. We have made it because of a general attitude of getting to the next day and getting to the next thing. Keeping that in our heads is what keeps us rolling."

Takac also challenges himself with side projects, such as a record label (Good Charamel Records), voiceovers and commercials, which he says help "the other part" of his psyche get a workout.

"It's all about staying relevant as a human being, and being able to feel like you're still moving forward within this unit," he says. "You have to find other outlets to remain a whole person and then you can do this for 33 years and feel good about it."

As for Goo Goo Dolls' current tour, Takac says that it has been one of their best. "Train and [opening act] Allen Stone are amazing, and I think the three bands are different enough from each other where it's a great vibe." Goo Goo Dolls had a very difficult task ahead of them when they were narrowing down songs for their set, as they realized they have too many hits for the given timeframe. "We have five top 10 songs that we're not even playing!" Takac says, still in awe of the bands' conundrum.

"What a weird juxtaposition of problems. As a musician, you never expect that in your life." One thing they can expect? "Rain at Jones Beach," he laughs. "With our history? Most definitely rain."

— Iris Wiener  
kbloom@liherald.com

### IN CONCERT

#### Scott Sharrard

The acclaimed guitarist is joined by London Souls guitarist and vocalist Tash Neal on his current tour. Best known as lead guitarist and bandleader for the late Gregg Allman, Sharrard continues to showcase his dynamic



talents to much enthusiasm. His personal artistic journey – which includes singing, songwriting, producing and arranging – began long before he first teamed up with the rock icon. It's a mission that resumes with "Saving Grace," Sharrard's fifth album – and his first since Allman's death. Sharrard's deep respect for Allman factored heavily into the 2018 release date for "Saving Grace." Tracking was completed in December of 2016. But Sharrard – knowing Allman's health was

## WEEKEND Out and About

failing chose to delay its unveiling. He's now begun a new chapter with an album he consciously wanted to summarize the last 20 years of his work – and one that showcases the totality of his artistry: as guitarist, singer, songwriter, producer, arranger and bandleader. "Saving Grace," with the blues at its core, bears a distinctly southern spirit, seamlessly assimilating the sounds of American roots music that Sharrard has long embraced.

Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. \$40. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northem Blvd., Roslyn. (516) 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

### AT THE MOVIES

#### L.B. International Film Festival

The Long Beach International Film Festival is underway, celebrating its eighth anniversary with an action-packed line up of independent and studio films from



around the globe. The festival will screen an international slate of over 50 films, including feature-length narratives, documentaries, shorts and animated films that will compete for Festival Honors and Audience Awards. During its run, the event features an array of daily and nightly special events, including red carpet premieres, gala celebrations, filmmaker receptions, compelling filmmaker Q & As, international spotlights, industry seminars and musical performances. Among the highlights, Chefs and Shorts on Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m., pairs gastronomy and short films at the beach-front Allegria Hotel; Films and Music, on Aug. 2, starting at 6 p.m., includes concerts on the beach, culminating in the popular Shorts on the Beach showcase; along with a slate of feature-length films at various venues at the Long Beach Library and Regal Lynbrook 13 through Aug. 3. Now through Aug. 3. Times vary. Visit [www.longbeachfilm.com](http://www.longbeachfilm.com) for schedule and further information.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

### Performances/ On Stage

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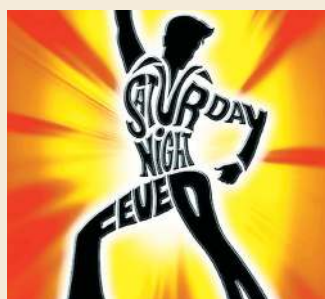
The cover band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Sea Cliff. [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### Jay Pharoah

The SNL star on tour, Thursday, Aug. 1, 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).

#### Jim Dawson

The singer-songwriter in concert, with Rebecca Angel, Thursday, Aug. 1, 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).



#### Saturday Night Fever

Musical adapted from the popular film, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 1-2, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 3, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 4, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### The Secret Comedy of Women

An immersive theatrical experience about the challenges of womanhood, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2 and 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 3, 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 4, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 7, 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).

#### Air Supply

The '80s soft rock duo in concert, Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

#### Alex Torres and His Latin Orchestra

The renowned salsa/jazz band in concert, Friday, Aug. 2, 5-10 p.m. Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### Cats Down Under the Stars

The Jerry Garcia tribute band in concert, Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or [www.stillpartners.com](http://www.stillpartners.com).

#### Scott Sharrard

The blues-R&B guitarist in concert, Friday, Aug. 2, 8 p.m. With Tash Neal. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### Trilogy & Friends

The band in concert, as part of the Sum-



### Oh Solo Wainwright

Rufus Wainwright visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Wainwright has established himself as one of the great male vocalists and songwriters of his generation. Melding both the beautifully moving with the powerful and bombastic, the broad spectrum of his talents are on full display as he performs his most beloved songs.

In a prolific career, the New York-born, Montreal-raised singer songwriter has released nine studio albums of critically acclaimed chamber-pop. His acclaimed first opera, "Prima Donna," premiered at the Manchester International Festival in July 2009 and has since been presented in London, Toronto and BAM in New York. The Canadian Opera Company commissioned Wainwright's second opera, about Roman Emperor Hadrian.

Tickets are \$77 \$67 \$62; available at 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org). Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

mer Music Series, Friday Aug. 2, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff.

#### Trip Kings

The band in concert, Friday Aug. 2, 8 p.m. West Harbor Beach, Bayville.

#### Arena Rock

The cover band in concert, Sunday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

#### Julius Caesar

Shakespeare's tale of politics and ambition, Sunday, Aug. 4, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 7, 8 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### McCarron Brothers Quartet

The jazz ensemble in concert, Sunday, Aug. 4, 3 p.m. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or [www.oldwestbury.org](http://www.oldwestbury.org).

#### Crown the Empire

The metalcore band in concert, featuring Atila, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. With Veil of Maya, Gideon, Hawk and Life Right Now. 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).

#### Kal David

The blues-R&B guitarist-songwriter in concert, with Lauri Bono and the Real Deal, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 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).

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#### Gavin DeGraw

The singer-songwriter in concert, Tuesday, Aug. 6, p.m. With special guest Hannah Ellis. 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, Aug. 7, 7 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Live Stock

The roots rock band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Sea Cliff. [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org)

### For the Kids

#### Beach Storytime

Enjoy a story, craft and song, hosted by Seal Cliff Public Library, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 10:30 a.m. For all ages. Registration

required. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).

#### Drop-in Art

Young artists are invited to create works of art under the guidance of professional museum educators, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; also Friday, Aug. 9. For ages 5-10. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org)

#### Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Aug. 9, 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

#### Energy: The Power of Art

The science of art meets the art of science in this unique interactive exhibition. Working with the Brookhaven National Laboratories and the Tesla Museum, this innovative project juxtaposes masterworks in many media with images produced by the most advanced scientific instruments, and even an active "cloud chamber" to explore the supposedly "invisible" world of energy. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Drive, Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org). The

#### Harlem Hellfighters

A groundbreaking exhibit about the World War I African-American Army unit, consisting of 33 men from the Glen Cove area. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or [www.nshmgc.org](http://www.nshmgc.org).

#### Horror Vacui

An exhibition that explores the visual representation of the fear of the empty. Artists on view include Anjipan, Eiman A., Melanie Berardicelli, Holly Black, Mary Brodersen, Doris Diamond, Richard Froman, Bill Grabowski, Brian Grandfield, Chrysoula Highland, Libby Hintz, Melissa Johnides, Jacques LeBlanc, Yossi Manor, Jeanette Martone, Latifa Mazza, Kristen Memoli, Emily Mintz, Kasmira Mohanty, Maria Oliveira, Toxic/Nature Studios, Alisa Shea, Meredith Smith, Pamela Waldroup, Stephen Wyler, and Nancy Yoshi. Through Aug. 24. Main Street Gallery, 213 Main St., Huntington.

#### 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).



#### 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).

#### 60 Years of Music in the Park

An exhibition tribute to the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival. Through Sept. 7. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or [www.nshmgc.org](http://www.nshmgc.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 "Fighting With My Family," the biopic that depicts the WWE career of professional wrestler Paige, Thursday, Aug. 1, 2 and 6:30 p.m. also "Cold Pursuit," the black comedy action thriller about a snowplow driver whose beloved son dies under mysterious circumstances, Thursday, Aug. 8, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Friday Flick

See "Vice," the biopic about Dick Cheney's influential role as vice president, Friday, Aug. 2, 1:30 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

#### On Your Radio

News 12 anchor Carol Silva shares outrageous stories about WLIR's heyday. Saturday, Aug. 3, 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).



### Having an event?

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**ABOUT 2,000 SENIORS** from across the North Shore enjoy a range of activities at the Glen Cove Senior Center.

# Parking lot helps keep senior center thriving

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Councilwoman Marsha Silverman said, "so we have to do what we can for them."

Jablonski and Jablonski, the law firm representing Car Care Co. Inc., did not return the Herald Gazette's calls requesting comment. Judge Murphy wrote in his decision that because the city had failed to renegotiate a lease with the company by April 20, Car Care was free to terminate its lease with the city. Murphy ordered that the city vacate the lot by September.

The fight over the lot has been a constant concern for Carol Waldman, executive director of the senior center. While the center operates in Glen Cove, she said, it serves commuters from Glen Head, Sea Cliff, Glenwood Landing, Roslyn and Bayville as well. Although it has offered shuttle services since 2015, its bus can't leave the city. Waldman added that even Glen Cove residents opt to drive to the center so as not to be dependent on the shuttle schedule.

Waldman said she feared that if the seniors were to lose the parking spots, the center might see fewer and fewer of them. Its afternoon luncheon, which tends to draw the biggest crowd, helps maintain support from Nassau County, but the parking lot is often packed. Waldman said that having access to fewer spaces would most likely negatively impact the center's membership.

"If we lose this parking lot, we lose participation," she said. "And if we lose participation, we lose funding."

Mimi Simonetti, 92, agreed, and said she likes to come to the center at least five times a week. Because parking can be such a hassle, however, she carools with other seniors in order to take up fewer spaces. Despite her love of the center, Simonetti reluctantly acknowledged that if she couldn't find a parking space, she would probably just go home.

Sophie McCabe, 83, was much more adamant. "If they take away that lot from us, I won't come," she said.



Ronny Reyes/Herald Gazette

**THE CITY OF** Glen Cove filed an appeal on July 23, hoping to continue to lease 18 parking spaces for the center.

McCabe, a lifelong resident of Glen Cove, said that with no city or county bus, the senior shuttle would be the only alternative, but she wouldn't want to limit herself to its schedule. Rather than lose the front lot, McCabe wanted to see more parking spaces added to accommodate the facility's large membership.

Waldman said she was grateful for the City Council's efforts, and added that the retention of the parking lot was the center's best hope to continue thriving.

"Our seniors are very active here, and they like to go back and forth to the center all day," she said. "They like to socialize and stimulate themselves here, and that can't happen without the lot."

## VIEWFINDER

By MAUREEN LENNON

### THE QUESTION:

What is your favorite summertime fun thing to do?



One of my favorite things to do during the summer is to go boating. I love to bring the boat to Jones Beach.

**Dennis Londino**  
Retired



I love to cruise around town in my classic 1967 Chevy Chevelle Super Sport. I go down to the beach, and watch the sunset.

**Steven Burke**  
Car Service



I love to go to the many classic car shows on Long Island with family or friends. I drive my 32 Ford Roadster.

**Jim Ristano**  
Director



During the summer, getting together with friends to go to see the Mets play or going to New York City is always a lot of fun. This is a great time, especially when we are all going to different colleges.

**Bryan Geasor**  
Student



I love to walk on the Long Beach boardwalk. There is so much to see and do in Long Beach, like the free concerts.

**Mariela Laponzina**  
Administrative Assistant



During the summer, when I have free time, I like to stay local at home to clean and organize things around the house. I also love to have barbecues with family and friends.

**Robert Levitt**  
Toy Manufacturer

# HERALD Crossword Puzzle

## King Crossword

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- 21 Fairy tale villain
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- 24 Three-striper
- 28 Dueling sword
- 31 Opposite of "post-"
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- 22 Finished
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- 25 Blunder
- 26 Tend a dead battery
- 27 Bullfight VIP
- 29 Chow down
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- 33 Whip mark
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# THE GREAT BOOK GURU

## The jury is out

**D**ear Great Book Guru,  
Last week I attended an amazing event — the Great Gatsby Gala. Lovers of this great American novel gathered to enjoy a dramatization of the book, participate in a detailed discussion of its main themes, and then tested their knowledge in an extended trivia contest. We all went home with prizes, favors, and desert treats from Sleepy Jean's. While at the party, someone mentioned a fast-moving literary thriller set in a Florida courtroom. Any thoughts?

—Great Gatsby Gadfly

Dear Great Gatsby Gadfly,  
I just spent the afternoon reading,

“The Body in Question,” by Jill Ciment. This short (200 pages) novel opens as a panel of jurors are being chosen for what they soon find out is a sensational murder trial. A teenage girl from a wealthy family is accused of murdering her toddler brother and her twin sister is testifying against her. The jurors are sequestered for three weeks and we come to learn much about them all especially Juror C-2 (we do not learn their names until the last pages of the book). She is a 52-year-old successful Prius-driving photographer married to an 86-year-old man in poor health. She



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and Juror F-17, a forty-year-old medical school professor, begin an affair that is soon discovered by the rest of the jury. There are many questions posed: is the accused indeed guilty, what role did her domineering twin play in the death, how does C-2's affair cloud her judgment, and finally, what role does the media play in our justice system? A very powerful and disturbing read. Highly recommended!

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

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## THE WELL-APPOINTED HOME

# Time to tackle some home improvement projects

By **LOLA TUCKER**

We made it! It's summertime and the livin' is easy. Now that the days are longer and the sunshine more plentiful, perhaps you are ready to tackle some home improvement projects? Flooring may not come to mind as a "sexy" project but it can make a dramatic difference and have immediate impact in your home. It lays the foundation for the entire look of a space, color, style, texture, and pattern. A new floor can be a big investment, so you want a surface that will last for years.

With so many flooring options, it's important to ask yourself a few questions before you begin your search.

### Consider your lifestyle

Think about how you use the room. Will you be standing at the stove or sink a lot? Then wood would be a better option than tile because it has a give to it. Do your kiddos get water all over the floor when bathing? Then tile would be much better than wood. Your floor will need to be able to stand up to your family's lifestyle while blending with your current decor.

### Calculate your budget

Keep in mind that along with the cost of the floor material, you may need to incorporate the cost of underlayment, delivery, and installation, as well as removal and disposal of your previous flooring. Don't forget to factor in any

additional materials such as baseboards, stains, or adhesives.

After answering the above questions, it's time to go shopping. Today we are going to discuss the difference between porcelain and ceramic tiles. You may have noticed the popularity of the tiles that mimic a wood floor. They are everywhere. But, what are they? Porcelain or ceramic and how do you choose?

### Porcelain tile

In general, porcelain tile is harder than ceramic tile and offers greater design flexibility. Although both porcelain and ceramic tiles are made from clay and other naturally occurring materials fired in a kiln, the clay used to make porcelain tile is more refined and purified. Porcelain tile is fired at a higher temperature and a greater pressure, resulting in an extremely dense and hard material. Because of this process, porcelain is known as the most durable tile on the market. Porcelain tile is virtually impervious to water damage, even after prolonged exposure, making it an ideal choice for bathrooms, laundry rooms, patios and other moisture prone areas.

There are both glazed and unglazed porcelain tiles. It is important to know the difference, as the glazed variety is usually a little easier to clean. Typically, glazed porcelain tiles have filled in

microscopic holes that could be present in the unglazed tile. On the other hand, unglazed porcelains may have better slip resistance.

Some people refer to unglazed porcelain tile as "through body" (i.e., the color on the top goes all the way through). Even in extreme applications, these tiles tend not to show wear as the porcelain is quite durable (harder than granite), and the color goes all the way through.

Many glazed porcelains also have extremely good durability. Although the color in the glaze layer may be different from the body, the surface is usually sufficiently resistant to abrasion to not show wear in typical applications.

Despite its strength and versatility, porcelain has two potential drawbacks. On average, porcelain tile is approximately 60 percent more expensive than its ceramic competitors. Also, due to its density and hardness, porcelain tile typically requires the use of a wet saw with a diamond blade to cut through the material. If you are looking to DIY your flooring project, then ceramic tile would be easier to cut and install.

### Ceramic tile

Ceramic tiles are kiln-fired at a lower temperature than porcelain tiles, making them less dense, softer and more

porous. The clay used in its composition is also less refined, making it a more affordable option. Ceramic tile is not as durable as porcelain and homeowners must clear away spills quickly due to its relatively high absorption rate. It's best to avoid using ceramic tile in areas often exposed to moisture. Also, because of the porous nature of ceramic tile, it requires weekly deep-cleaning versus monthly. What is most agreed upon though, is that ceramic tile should not be installed outdoors. Ceramic tile is not durable enough for exterior use because it absorbs too much water. If you live in areas which freeze, your tile would likely crack within the first few freeze-thaw cycles. Ceramic tiles are coated with a glaze and if the tile chips or cracks, the material underneath the glaze will show through. Ceramic tiles are best for areas with low to moderate foot traffic. Ceramic tiles definitely have their place in a home, they are substantially cheaper than porcelain tile and easier to cut and install.

Both porcelain and ceramic tile come in a huge variety of colors, shapes and sizes, making them both a fabulous choice to update your flooring. It is up to you, the homeowner, to decide which floor covering works best in your home. And guess what, the faux wood look tile you see everywhere — it comes in porcelain or ceramic tile. There is truly something for every taste, style and budget when considering a tile floor.



Lola Tucker

## NEWS BRIEF

### Join the Census team

By **LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON**

Although the 2020 Census won't begin to collect information until the beginning of next year, Nassau County and other local governments are getting ready by holding job fairs and otherwise reviewing resumes of people

interested in temporary work. Although these are temporary jobs solely for the 2020 census, the hourly pay is excellent, ranging from \$17 to \$23 an hour, depending on the position. Both full- and part-time positions are available.

To be eligible for one of the posi-

tions, applicants must be at least 18 years of age when the job starts, have a valid Social Security number and be U.S. citizens. New hires will be paid while being trained.

Applications are being accepted online at [2020census.gov/jobs](http://2020census.gov/jobs), but job fairs for these positions are also being conducted. For example, Glen Cove

Mayor Tim Tenke, County Comptroller Jack Schnirman and I have organized a job fair that will take place on Saturday, August 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Glen Cove Youth Bureau, located at 128 B Glen Street. There is no need to register in advance.

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## OBITUARY

### Margaret Gonzalez

Margaret Gonzalez, 85, a former Glen Cove resident, died on July 13. She was survived by her children, Michael, Albie, Margie and Michelle, and her grandchildren Albie Jr., Nicky, James, Chelsea, Kellie, Steven and Megan. Margaret's funeral was held at McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home on 220 Glen Street.

## OPINIONS

# No jail for Venditto, but a political death sentence

What happened to John Venditto? He had it all — power, money and a lovely family. A supervisor of Oyster Bay from 1998 until he resigned in January 2017, he had been in charge for a long time. And his work on behalf of the town began much earlier. He first served as a councilman in 1981, and did so until he became the town attorney from 1991 to 1997.



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LANE**

Now he is a felon, having pleaded guilty in Nassau County Court last week to the corrupt use of his position, a felony, and a misdemeanor for official misconduct.

It's safe to say that most people in Oyster Bay knew who Venditto was, but some, including me, may be wondering how someone so successful could fall so far.

I know his daughter, Joanna. We once worked together at a television station. Kind, soft-spoken and polite, Joanna is the type of person who doesn't stand out, but manages to be a leader in whatever job she pursues. I hadn't seen her in years when I spoke to her at her father's first trial in federal court in Central Islip. I told her how sorry I was for the pain the trial

must certainly be inflicting on her family. She gave me a hug, and introduced me to her mother, Christine.

I'd never met Joanna's brother, Michael, a former state senator, but my journalist colleagues said he was nice, intelligent and going places. Many were sorry when he lost his re-election bid in 2016.

Children generally emulate the values their parents pass down to them. Joanna and Michael appear to be successful, personable and ethical. What happened to their father?

I didn't work for the Oyster Bay Guardian during John Venditto's early days as supervisor. I came in near the end, the last few years before he resigned in 2017. When I watched him during town board meetings, his attention seemed to be elsewhere as if he had mentally checked out — except, that is, when a resident said something that he didn't like. On those occasions, Venditto spoke up with sarcasm, sometimes taunting the speaker as if they were on a playground.

In hindsight, I wonder if he knew that his run as supervisor was soon coming

to an end. Perhaps he'd already been contacted by police, or gotten word from someone that he was being investigated.

Maybe he knew that his twilight years were going to be pure hell.

Was he tired of being supervisor? Perhaps he was merely expressing how he had felt for years about certain residents, as inappropriate as his snarky comments were. Or maybe he just didn't care about decorum anymore.

At his trial, he never smiled. Former Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano, his co-defendant, smiled often, even waving sometimes to people he recognized in the courtroom. Unlike Mangano, Venditto always appeared to understand the gravity of the charges against him.

One day, as the court proceedings concluded, I walked out of the courtroom behind his wife and children. Venditto walked ahead of them, his eyes focused on the floor, his suit wrinkled. He looked to me like a defeated man. But he beat the corruption charges, at least on the federal level.

The people I spoke with in Oyster Bay

were outraged. "He cost us so much money," they lamented. "He has permanently ruined our town's reputation." I wondered if he cared.

On Friday, two months after the federal trial concluded, a different John Venditto entered Nassau County Court where, he now faced state corruption charges. He was slimmer, spoke with confidence and appeared relaxed.

He pleaded guilty to the charges. Why did he do that? Perhaps he knew he'd lose if he went to trial. He was offered a great deal — no probation, jail time, fines or even community service. By agreeing to plead guilty he was publically shamed. It was a political death sentence.

But maybe not. Other politicians have made memorable comebacks. Venditto is 70, but Joe Biden, Bernie Sanders and President Trump are older than that. And although Venditto is now a convicted felon, other politicians with criminal records have been re-elected.

Will Venditto try to mount a comeback? Probably not. But maybe he'll operate behind the scenes, working with those who are in power. Not if the residents of Oyster Bay have anything to say about it, but then again, politics being politics, who knows?

*Laura Lane is senior editor of the Oyster Bay Guardian, Glen Cove Herald Gazette and Sea Cliff/Glen Head Herald Gazette.*

## Teens launch rocket in Woodmere backyard

Well, there's a bit more to the story than the basic facts of the headline.

It all started when my 12-year-old grandson from California decided to visit us for a week. Meantime, the other grandson in Florida, 14 years old, injured his ankle the first day of basketball camp and asked if he could come to New York, too. What would you say? So the cousins got an unplanned extended visit in the Big Apple, and we got to have our two teenage grandsons in the house 24/7 for seven days, one



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of them in a boot and on crutches.

My husband immediately left for California. He said it was for business, but I think he took one look at these half-boys/half-men, with all the galumphing symptoms of pre- or incipient teenagery, and he bolted.

I had a few challenges, and only two priorities. I'll start with the latter. I wanted to send them home alive and in no worse shape than when they arrived. And I wanted them to have fun. The challenges

were: how to deal with the wicked hot weather, and how to keep them off their screens.

I should mention that before my husband ran away, he took the boys to Costco as an activity. They came home with 48 packets of applesauce and a rocket. The rocket was seven feet tall and, theoretically, could be launched with a hand pump and water.

That night, at dusk, we went to the Hewlett High School field and the boys set up the launch pad. They brought rocket fuel (bottles of water) and they were jacked on applesauce. The younger boy did the pumping while the kid on crutches did voiceover from Mission Control. There was a pop, screams from the boys, a fizz and the rocket keeled over.

Next day my husband left town, and I had to get creative. It was 98 degrees, so I took them to Roosevelt Field, where everyone else on Long Island had decided to escape the heat. One day we went to a movie, and another, to the supermarket. One evening we walked on the boardwalk, crutches and all. In a stroke of genius (desperation) I taught them how to play whist, a 19th-century card game, and they

totally loved it, a fact they will never reveal to a living soul.

How strange it is to have alone time with these young people who are the children of my children, as if someone were playing a trick by sending these boys, one of whom looks and sounds exactly like his father, and the other is an uncanny version of his mother. Early-teen boys are about-to-be. It's such a tricky time, with zooming bodies and minds addled by hormones and a real self-consciousness about how to be in the

world.

And, they can eat, big time, all the time. There were flocks of chickens flying through my kitchen. I splurged \$8 on a honeydew that was deconstructed in minutes while we stood and chatted before dinner.

My grandsons deployed their best manners, asked to leave the dinner table when they were finished, held doors for me. But all teens need continuing education in social skills. It isn't particular to my grandkids. Assuming life skills are taught at home, they should be reinforced in school. Kids aren't born knowing how to make conversation or how to reach out

**I**t's safe to say that most people in Oyster Bay knew who Venditto was, but some, including me, may be wondering how someone so successful could fall so far.

**T**he grandsons visited, and I hoped to send them home in no worse shape than when they arrived.

to a friend in need.

Schools should also be teaching practical classes, such as Being An Educated Consumer. The world of \$1,500 designer sneakers might be upended if kids learned that most sneakers are basically the same, except for the labels.

On their last night with me, the rocket men scheduled the relaunch. Could they shoot the rocket up in our backyard? Of course. Why not?

"How does the water actually make the rocket fly?" I asked.

"Grandma," the 12-year-old said with some irony, "I'm not a rocket scientist."

They set Phallic II on its launch pad. The older boy did the pumping. The younger cousin did the screaming and running around the backyard, and what do you know, the thing took off. It shot up into the trees and into the clutches of the big leafy branches. Hours, and many ladders and broomsticks later, it crashed back to earth.

What a night. Boys running around the backyard, muddy feet pounding through the house, mosquitoes dive-bombing our dinner plates . . .

I believe that rocket made me a time traveler.

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Keep up the dialogue on equal pay

It's been a month since Team USA claimed the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup with a 2-0 victory over the Netherlands. The squad's dominance throughout the tournament reignited the national conversation on the gender pay gap. When the team was honored with a parade through Lower Manhattan to celebrate its second consecutive World Cup title, fans chanted, "Equal pay!" referring to the fact that the United States Soccer Federation, which employs the men's and women's national team members, has long paid men more money.

Once the confetti was swept up, however, and the TV and radio appearances ran their course, so did the conversation about equal pay among men and women in the workforce.

How did this happen? Where did that momentum go? It seems that because of Team USA's success, we, as a society, deemed it an appropriate time to raise the ongoing issue of the gender pay gap in the U.S. The problem is that the sheer excitement and drama of the American women's victories couldn't help but overshadow the less sexy topic of salaries in a nation with a woefully short attention span thanks to the what's-next mentality of much of the media.

Just imagine what might have happened if there had been no parade — if the U.S. squad had lost in the finals, or in an earlier round. The issue might have disappeared from public debate altogether, as we moved on even more quickly than we

did, looking toward the next highlight of the summer sports calendar.

It should be noted that in the world of international soccer, there is a practical reason for the wage gap between men and women: The men's game generates much more revenue through television deals and corporate sponsorships, which FIFA disburses to the national federations.

But among American soccer stars — as is the case in all of the other jobs and careers in this country — there's no reason for a glaring wage gap to continue to exist in 2019.

The average woman working full time earns 80.7 cents for every dollar a man working full time earns, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition, women's median annual earnings are about \$10,000 less than men's. On top of that, the Institute for Women's Policy Research reported in 2017 that based on the gradual change rate for earnings of men and women, the gender wage gap in the United States will not close until 2059.

If we want to show young girls that they can be strong, independent women, trends like this have to change sooner than later.

There is hope, however. The cultural climate on issues such as gender discrimination and equal pay is shifting, and it seems that there is more awareness of them now than ever before. We are seeing the trend in politics, with more women, for example, serving in the U.S. Congress than ever: 102 in the House of Representa-

tive and 25 in the Senate. Adding to this historical trend is the six women among the two dozen candidates seeking to be the Democratic Party's presidential nominee in 2020.

Unfortunately, disparities persist. A 2018 study titled "Women in the Workplace," by management consulting company McKinsey & Company, revealed the gap in managerial positions between men and women. It concluded that many companies have deprived women of career opportunities by failing to hire and promote them. Women are less likely to be hired into entry-level jobs despite the fact that they earn more bachelor's degrees than men. And if you look further up the career ladder, the disparity grows, because women are far less likely to be promoted. It's no surprise that men hold 62 percent of managerial positions.

We are making strides, but keeping up the dialogue is key. And this particular topic should be more personal, one we all must take responsibility for engaging in. The World Cup may be fading to a supremely satisfying memory, but those chants of "Equal pay!" should not be allowed to. The subject should still be trending on social media, and it should remain a focus of news outlets and many other editorial pages, because there are countless untold stories about the lasting effects of *unequal pay*. If we don't make the effort to continue this national discussion, the issue will continue to take a back seat in American society.

## LETTERS

### Thank you, Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, patrons, and members of the North Shore Historical Museum, I would like to thank Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton for securing a Hotel & Motel Occupancy Tax Fund grant of \$50,000 to help us complete our final phase of restoring the 1907 Justice Court building at 140 Glen Street, in Glen Cove. This third and final phase is to restore the ornamentation on the facade. It will complete the project to "Raise the Eagle," which is part of the ornamentation and will be the crowning glory that has taken 17 years to accomplish.

The 1907 building houses the North Shore Historical Museum which is in its 7th year of operation since opening the building with a mission to preserve the history of the North Shore. It is important to our community, both architecturally and historically, to restore and preserve the building which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1990.

Thanks to volunteers, fundraising, grants,



## OPINIONS

# Stop sleeping with Trump, Part Two

I hadn't intended for my words to be prophetic. They were meant as a warning.

In my June 1, 2016, column, "Note to media: Stop sleeping with Trump," I urged the national media "to stop repeating Trump's pejorative nicknames for his opponents.

"During the first seven minutes of one national morning broadcast ... I counted Trump repeating those nicknames 10 times," I wrote. "The broadcast was recycled eight times over four hours. That means the pejoratives were repeated at least 80 times in a single morning on a single network.

And that's a conservative estimate, given that I only watched seven minutes. With coverage like that, you might as well hand Trump the keys to the White House now."

Trump, of course, won.

The national media were not entirely to blame for Trump's ascendancy. The Democratic Party split at its national convention in Philadelphia three years ago this month. Bernie Sanders supporters were out in force, after the former independent socialist from Vermont was slow to offer a full-throated endorsement of the Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton. The party never really recovered after that.

There was the likability factor as well. Many Democrats were turned off by the notion of voting for a second Clinton, given President Bill Clinton's scandal-laden past, so they stayed home. Many millennials, a core constituency for Barack Obama, didn't vote. Ditto for many independents.

And then there was the Russia factor. There was lots of meddling there, we now know with certainty following the Mueller Report.

All of that aside, the national media, to my mind, did an especially poor job of reporting on Trump in 2016. Many outlets simply had no idea how to cover him in the Republican presidential primary or the general election.

Did the media ultimately sway the election? Perhaps. It was decided by such a razor-thin margin, who knows what the final factor was that put Trump over the top?

The media must decide on a clear set of ground rules for covering Trump. If outlets continue to cover him as they did in 2016, he could very well win the White House again.

Here's what I wrote less than a half a year before the 2016 election:

"Trump is a train crash, a tornado and a typhoon all rolled into one, a one-man wrecking machine, a destructive force beyond compare. Metaphorically speaking, he's spilled a lot of blood over the last year — and in the media, if it bleeds, it leads.

"To the media, particularly the national broadcast media, I say, cut it out. Stop acting as his unwitting shills, publicizing his hateful agenda. Here are my suggestions for covering Trump in day-to-day, objective reporting, which I distinguish from commentary (like this column):

"1. Stop referring to him

as Mr. Trump. Reporters refer to Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders or Trump's former GOP rivals by their last names only. Trump supporters add the honorific when referring to him, according him a higher degree of respect than he deserves. The media need not do the same.

"2. Stop interviewing him

in his penthouse, office, a hotel or a mansion. Speak to him in the same places that you do the other candidates. I was struck by CNN's pre-Indiana primary coverage, when Trump was shown more than once in his posh environs, while Ted Cruz was interviewed by a muddy river on a dreary, gray day. If Trump won't agree to your interview otherwise, don't interview him. You shouldn't pander away editorial control for the sake of cheap ratings. This isn't reality TV, staged to attract maximal viewership. This is the news.

"3. Stop repeating Trump's pejorative nicknames for his opponents, none of which I'll mention here. The media need not join in his steady chorus of middle-school bullying.

"Trump is a marketer par excellence, a

master brander — not only of himself, but also of his rivals. He repeats simple-minded insults again and again, until they stick in people's heads. He's exceptionally good at selling snake oil. The media shouldn't aid his campaign by repeating his awful nicknames. They have hours and hours of his seemingly endless droning from which to choose sound bites.

"4. Don't repeat his cute little campaign slogans. When speaking with his supporters (which, of course, you should), don't ask, 'So, why have you jumped aboard the Trump train?' Simply ask them why they support him."

I was taken aback by the national broadcast media's recent coverage of Trump's Twitter screed against the so-called "Squad" — U.S. Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, of New York; Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota; Ayanna Pressley, of Massachusetts; and Rhasida Tlaib, of Michigan. Again, no need to regurgitate his insults.

Many outlets labeled his tweets racist, without attributing the claim to a source. That is, the media decided the tweets rose to the level of racism. Hours were then spent debating whether Trump is, in fact, a racist. Lost in the verbal melee were the issues. (Are there even any issues to speak of at this point?)

That, I thought, was precisely how Trump planned it.

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### Vote for a new City Council

To the Editor:

It's almost time again to voice our opinions privately in the voting booth, which we have an opportunity to do in Glen Cove every two years. Last year we elected a new mayor. He accepted the responsibility only to find that at every turn he was met with opposition from a heavily one-sided City Council. It's a council that has agreed to sell off assets, give huge tax breaks, give developers incentive to over-develop and in addition, has agreed to a smoke and mirror budget based on anticipated revenues and one-shot influxes of money. This is the council we re-elected.

I urge you to support Marsha Silverman, the only Democrat on the council, and speak with the new Democratic candidates to hear some fresh ideas, their take on how together with our mayor they can bring about change but not at the expense of our community. Their ideas about zoning changes are fresh, their concepts of finan-

cial oversight and maintaining the infrastructure are needed, and they have a plan.

We have nothing left to sell, and nothing left to build. We should think about the future, not dwell on the past and elect new minds to the council, if not for your sake, then for the sake of every young family in Glen Cove.

MICHAEL SWIRNOFF  
Glen Cove

### What makes summer great in Glen Cove

To the Editor:

I want to thank Mayor Tim Tenke for his leadership in assuring that this year we will all be able to enjoy the Downtown Sounds concerts and our much-loved fireworks display on July 4th. I'd also like to thank Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who was able to get the funding for the Downtown Sounds concert series events.

This effort, along with Tenke's forethought in assuring that our beaches have an adequate lifeguard staff means we will all be looking forward to an activity filled summer, even while our city focuses on tight fiscal management efforts.

Thank you Mayor Tenke and team!


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