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### Police meet and greet community

Coleen O'Donnell, from left, Ella Castonoro and Shannon O'Donnell played inside a Glen Cove police cruiser as the city celebrated its 13th annual National Night Out. More photos, Page 9.

## Night of solace and unity

### Glen Cove holds candlelight vigil for victims in El Paso and Dayton

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Aug. 4 was a somber Sunday across the U.S., when nine people died in a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, just hours after 22 people died in another shooting in El Paso, Texas. Jennie Rosado, who attended Mass at the Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio in Glen Cove, said her congregation was not only saddened by the news, but also worried after media outlets reported that the El Paso shooter was specifically targeting Latino immigrants.



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**THE REV. ROGER** Williams of the First Baptist Church of Glen Cove said the U.S. should serve as a beacon of cultural unity for the rest of the world.

“There’s a lot of hate nowadays, and we need to unite to stand against it and remind ourselves that we are one community,” Rosado said.

That was what Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke had in

mind when he announced a candlelight vigil for the 31 victims of the shootings on Aug. 8 at the Robert M. Finley Middle School. Tenke, who invited local religious leaders to help unite the attendees, said he was tired of the mass shootings that continue to plague the country.

According to the Gun Violence Archive, which tracks every shooting in which four or more people are killed or injured, there have been more than 255 such shootings in 2019. The year is on track to become the first since 2016 to average more than one mass shooting

per day. “Is this the new norm in our country?” Tenke asked. “How many of us are now afraid to go to a mall, the movie theater or

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## ‘She empowered us all’

### Glen Cove gym raises funds in trainer’s memory

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Inside Glen Cove’s Garcia Muay Thai gym, owner Anthony Garcia, 45, pushes his students to reach ever-higher levels of athleticism and fitness. Garcia said that he has a good eye for talent, and one of the most talented people he ever came across was Lisa Margaritis, of Albertson.

When she first entered Garcia’s gym in 2009, Margaritis was

looking for a way to get into shape, which had been a life-long struggle for her. After two years at the gym, however, she was thriving, and her body fat had dropped to 10 percent.

But Garcia was more impressed by Margaritis’s sociability. He watched as she helped strangers, gave tips to kids and so thoroughly absorbed all of Garcia’s lessons in the Thai combat sport that she was able to replicate them for others. It

wasn’t long before Garcia asked her to become a regular trainer at the gym, and Margaritis became the second face of Garcia Muay Thai.

“She always used to ask me, ‘Why did you make me a trainer?’” Garcia recalled. “It’s because she had the ability to communicate with others in a personal way. That’s something you can’t teach, so I wanted her

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# Mayor Tenke not alone in paycheck error

By **RONNY REYES and MIKE CONN**

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After holding a news conference outside City Hall at the end July, Glen Cove City Mayor Timothy Tenke called for the resignation of the City Controller Sandra Clarson after her office disclosed documents to *Newsday*, under a Freedom of Information Law request, which revealed that there had been no health care deductions taken out from Tenke's paychecks since he took office in January 2018. Tenke, a Democrat, stated that he had not been made aware of the deduction error before *Newsday* published a story about it, claiming that Clarson, who was hired by former Mayor Reggie Spinello, a Republican, tried to undermine him after he fired her last December.

While most of the focus was placed on the mayor's paychecks, which he offered to write a check to pay for the \$4,795 that weren't deducted, the *Herald Gazette* filed its own FOIL request to the city and learned that the mayor was not the only

employee who experienced the error.

According to a search conducted by the City of Glen Cove, Department of Public Works employee Andres Munoz, a registered Blank (meaning he is not a member of any political party), had the same error on his paychecks. Munoz, who owes the city \$1,755.89, did not respond to the *Herald Gazette's* multiple requests for comment. The city's payroll department said it would notify Munoz of the error and "make arrangements for timely recovery of [the] funds."

During the July news conference, Tenke said, the city's Human Resources Department had submitted bimonthly reports to Clarson's office, which detailed all of the deductions that needed to be taken out of paychecks, and that she failed to make them.

"I called for her immediate resignation based on these actions," Tenke said, "because I've lost all confidence in her ability to do her job."

Clarson, who still serves as controller because no replacement has been hired

yet, did not respond to the *Herald Gazette's* request for comment, as she was outside of the office from Aug. 5 to Aug. 16. The controller's office would not respond as to why it was only the mayor's erred paycheck information that was released to *Newsday*. Although she said she liked to stay away from party politics in Glen Cove, Democratic City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman found it concerning that personnel information was made public to the press without first trying to resolve the issue with the person affected.

"People are calling this a whistleblower case, but if it was whistleblowing, then we would have learned about the second person who this happened to," Silverman said. "The fact that they named only one person, [Tenke], shows that it was a political action."

Republican City Councilman Joe Capobianco, who described Tenke's call for Clarson's resignation as "inappropriate," said he was unaware that there was another employee facing the same error.

"What's important is that the city gets its money," Capobianco said.

During a City Council meeting on July 23, resident Nancy Hawkins expressed her frustration over the incident between Tenke and Clarson, asking the City Council to approve a new controller so the city could move on. Although Councilman Kevin Maccarone said that they had yet to find a suitable replacement, Hawkins replied that council members, who, with the exception of Silverman, are all Republicans, have stonewalled Tenke on several personnel decisions, preventing him from bringing in people whom he believed could help the city.

Maccarone said that the council does not participate in party politics. Both he and Capobianco suggested that the state audit the city's Human Resources Department, to which Tenke agreed to after he sent a formal request to State Comptroller Tom DeNapoli to conduct an audit of the controller's office. DeNapoli's office received the request on July 23.

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# Gym creates charity fund after trainer's death

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to use that talent."

Margaritis's spirit always seemed invincible to Garcia, which is why he couldn't believe that she died on Aug. 2, at age 49, in a paddleboarding incident on Mill Creek and Hashamomuck Pond in Southold. In a grief-stricken effort to preserve her legacy, Garcia created a GoFundMe page to raise \$10,000 for the Church of St. Aidan, where she often volunteered.

## 'She was made to help'

On the morning of Aug. 2, Margaritis headed out to Hashamomuck Pond, along with two other women, for a paddleboard yoga class. Southold police said that as the trio made their way under a Long Island Rail Road bridge, one of the women got caught in a strong current. Margaritis, an experienced paddleboarder, paddled over to help the woman, but her own board was taken by the current, and it knocked her off into the water near the bridge piling. Because she was still tethered to the board, which was stuck on the piling, police said, Margaritis was unable to free herself.

As she struggled underwater, a passing jogger jumped into the water, freed her and brought her to shore. Southold police officers, members of the Southold Fire Department Rescue Squad and a Stony Brook Hospital paramedic responded and initiated CPR. Margaritis was rushed to Eastern Long Island Hospital in Greenport, where she was later pronounced dead.

"I was destroyed, heartbroken, when I found out," Garcia said. "But I know that if she could replay that scene 100 times over, she would go in to help that woman 100 times."

He said that Margaritis would always help anyone who needed it, as evidenced by her work as a cardiac nurse at Northwell Health Hospital, in New Hyde Park.

She was also an instructor at Lifetime Fitness in Garden City. Annie Rose, a student of Margaritis's who donated to the GoFundMe page, described her as a source of inspiration who was as tough as she was kind.

"At the gym, she fiercely believed in everyone who came through the door, and empowered us all to be our best selves," Rose wrote on the fundraising page. "I'm so grateful for the opportunity to have met her and to be the recipient of so many of her wonderful and encouraging hugs."

Garcia added that the hugs were Margaritis's signature move at the gym, and she offered them frequently to anyone who was struggling with something. She also led the gym's programs for kids, which expanded to include lessons for children with disabilities.

Susan McCormack, one of Margaritis's best friends, who met her in a kickboxing class in 2012, said that she and others wanted to honor her memory and the work she did with children. McCormack, of Glen Cove, is in the early steps of founding a nonprofit organization called Luv Like Lisa to raise money for yoga and Muay Thai classes for children with disabilities.

"She will forever be my hero, and I hope we can all learn to love like she did," McCormack said.

Garcia added that he created the GoFundMe page in order to help Margaritis's family cover the cost of her funeral. She is survived by her husband, Peter, and their 15-year-old son, Andrew. "But they told me they would pay for it, and that they wanted the money to go to St. Aidan's," Garcia said. "It's like she's still giving to the community. She was made to help others."

At press time, the page had raised more than \$7,500 for the St. Aidan's Scholarship Fund. Luv Like Lisa will hold a Yoga and Boxing Under the Stars event at Lifetime Fitness, in Garden City, on Aug. 22.

## A long resume

- Muay Thai Level 1 trainer
- Muay Thai competitor
- Judo Shodan first-degree black belt
- Empire State Games judo gold medalist
- National Academy of Sports Medicine certified personal trainer
- NASM mixed martial arts specialist
- Spartan Strong instructor
- USA Weightlifting Olympic lifting coach
- Aerobics and Fitness Association of America certified specialist



Courtesy Garcia Muay Thai

**LISA MARGARITIS HELD** training sessions at Garcia Muay Thai seven days a week while also working as an instructor at a Lifetime Fitness gym and a cardiac nurse at Northwell Hospital in New Hyde Park.

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# CRIME WATCH

## Arrests

- A male, 32, of Florida, was arrested on Aug. 4, on Mason Drive, for menacing.
- A male, 20, of Westbury, was arrested on Aug. 5, at Morgan Park, for non-resident use.
- A male, 62, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 6, on Shore Road, for public lewdness.
- A male, 53, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 6, on Valentine Avenue, for criminal mischief.
- A male, 25, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 7, for criminal sale of a controlled

- substance, criminal possession of a controlled substance and violation of parole.
- A female, 26, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 8, on Cedar Swamp Road, for three counts of aggravated unlicensed operation and equipment violation.
- A male, 18, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 9, on Glen Cove Road, for obstructing governmental administration and resisting arrest.
- A male, 37, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 10, on Glen Street, for obstructing governmental administration, resisting arrest and carrying an open container of alcohol.

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

# Police arrest man for selling opioids

Glen Cove City Police arrested a man wanted for selling opioids in the city on Aug. 7.

Glen Cove Detectives Brian Glennon and Eddy Linares had investigated a non-fatal drug overdose on July 12 when they suspected that the overdose had been triggered by the potent drug, fentanyl, which has caused thousands of fatal overdoses throughout the U.S. The detectives continued their investigation and purchased a quantity of Oxycodone pills from Glen Cove resident Adrian Seubarran, 25. The pills were then tested and found to contain fentanyl.



Adrian Seubarran

with criminal sale of a controlled substance and criminal possession of a controlled substance, as well as violating his parole. He was arraigned at the Town of Hempstead's First District Court on Aug. 8 and held on a \$250,000 cash bail.

"The Glen Cove Police Department is committed to identifying, locating and arresting those who choose to sell illegal drugs to the Glen Cove community," Det. Lt. John Nagle said. "Anyone who believes they have information regarding illegal drugs being sold in and around the Glen Cove area

are urged to contact the Glen Cove Police at 516-676-1000. All calls will be kept confidential."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



### Shore Road Neighbors waterfront cleanup

Shore Road Neighbors will host a street and waterfront cleanup on Aug. 17. Volunteers will receive a care bag and raffle ticket before collecting litter along streets and the waterfront. Complimentary kayak rentals for waterfront cleanup. The cleanup starts at 9:30 a.m. at the Brewers Marina entrance, 128 Shore Road, Glen Cove. (516) 721-7394.

### 'Free Solo'

The 2018 documentary "Free Solo" follows Alex Honnold, the world's most accomplished free soloist climber, as he prepares for his most daring adventure — scaling the 3,200-foot El Capitan in Yosemite without a rope or safety gear. If he succeeds, it would mark the largest wall anyone has ascended without equipment. Film starts at 2 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the Glen Cove Library at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.



### Ed Sullivan Show trip

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### Buggy adventures

Enjoy some family time at Old Westbury Gardens, Saturday, Aug. 17, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Go on a "Bug Safari" and hunt elusive grasshoppers, butterflies, and other creepy, crawly creatures. Bring a butterfly net and collecting jars. Also, everyone can enjoy wandering through the colorful gardens. Info: (516) 333-0048 or [www.oldwestburygardens.org](http://www.oldwestburygardens.org).



### Dancing through the garden



Planting Fields' Coe Hall celebrates summer with an inspired performance by Lori Belilove and the Isadora Dance Company, Friday, Aug. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. The troupe will perform "Wild Beauty" in the historic cloister garden. The 45-minute dance reflects the beauty and harmony of form apparent throughout the gardens. Info: (516) 922-8600 or [www.plantingfields.org](http://www.plantingfields.org).

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# HERALD SPORTS

## Nassau CC football prepares for kickoff

By **TONY BELLISSIMO**

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Nassau Community College's football program produced a strong finish in 2018 under then-second-year head coach Jamel Ramsay, who guided the Lions to eight wins in 11 games capped by a dominant 46-6 victory over Northland Community Tech in the Red Grange Bowl.

Two of Nassau's defeats — to Monroe College and Army Prep — were by a field goal, while all but one of its wins was by greater than a touchdown. "We accomplished our main goal of earning a bowl game invitation and the guys really came out focused and played well," Ramsay said. "Now we're looking to build off last season. We have a lot to get done in camp. Every opponent on the schedule is competitive."

The Lions will be challenged out of the gate by Georgia Military, which visits Mitchell Athletic Complex on Aug. 31 at 1 p.m. It's the first of six home games. Other visitors are Hudson Valley CC, Army Prep, Erie CC, Hocking and Navy Prep. "Georgia Military is traditionally a powerhouse and it'll be a good measuring stick for us right off the bat," Ramsay said.

Nassau's offense averaged better than 30 points per game in 2018, led by the quarterback tandem of former Freeport High School star Rashad Tucker (747 yards rushing, nine total touchdowns) and Steven Genova (1,447 yards passing, 16 touchdowns), and tailback Jeremiah Nelson (1,014 yards from scrimmage, 14 touchdowns), who's now at Temple University.

Headlining the competition for the vacated signal-caller job are redshirt freshmen Steven Sanchez (Valley Stream Central) and Nathan Serrette (Lawrence.) Also in the mix is true freshman Mason Booth. "Steven and Nathan are familiar with the offense and we'll see how the next few weeks of practice goes," Ramsay said. "We expect to surround the quarterback with enough firepower."

Nobody on this year's roster had any of the Lions' 26 rushing touchdowns in 2018, but Ramsay is excited about the potential of a backfield featuring three local high school stars. Sophomore Chris Collier (Lawrence) gained 78 yards on 14 touches for Nassau and is joined by Farmingdale's Jordan McLune and Freeport's Aaje Gray-



Photos by Tony Bellissimo/Herald

**JAE LIN HOOD, A** former standout receiver at Freeport High School, had a big freshman campaign at Nassau CC with 591 yards and nine touchdowns.

son. "All three are going to contribute," Ramsay said. "We know the vision and speed McLune and Grayson bring."

Grayson's high school teammate, Jaelin Hood, was a key factor in last season's success. He led the Lions in receptions (35), receiving yards (591) and touchdown receptions (nine) as a freshman. "We're looking for Jaelin to continue to make big plays," noted Ramsay, who also expects production from speedster Maurice Teachey (Malverne) and slot La'Mark Jones Jr. "We're

hoping to create a situation where opposing defensive backs are going to have their hands full," he added.

Center Jake Pohl and guard Thomas Fleming (Holy Trinity) serve as the veterans of an offensive front molding into shape, Ramsay said.

On the defensive side, the Lions appear strongest on the line with Josh Cruz, Brandon McLaren, Henry Garrison, Luca Salerno (Long Beach) and Prince Williams. Sophomore linebacker Nick Hunter, who's



**LUCA SALERNO, A** product of Long Beach High School, will help lead the Lions' defensive line.

### Schedule

<b>Sat. Aug. 31</b>	Georgia Military	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Sept. 7</b>	at Monroe	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Sept. 14</b>	at Louisburg	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Sept. 21</b>	Hudson Valley CC	1 p.m.
<b>Fri. Oct. 4</b>	Army Prep	7 p.m.
<b>Sat. Oct. 12</b>	at DuPage	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Oct. 19</b>	Erie CC	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Oct. 26</b>	at Lackawanna	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Nov. 2</b>	Hocking	1 p.m.
<b>Sat. Nov. 9</b>	Navy Prep	1 p.m.

joined by talented freshman Baraka Yabidi, ranked third on the squad in tackles with 70 and plays physical. In the secondary, sophomores Nick Olivier (Freeport) and Joe Connor will set the tone.

Ramsay handles special teams coaching duties and has plenty of options in the return game such as Hood, Teachey and Jones Jr. Andrew Cuchel (Seaford) is leading the depth chart at kicker/punter. "We take a lot of pride in special teams," Ramsay said. "It's one of the most important aspects of the game."

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# Glen Cove becomes a Purple Heart City

BY RONNY REYES  
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In a celebration outside City Hall, Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke formally declared Glen Cove a Purple Heart City on Aug. 7. According to the Military Order of The Purple Heart, the status serves as a way for a city or municipality to acknowledge its citizens who have been awarded the Purple Heart and pledges to honor and support them.

“I’m proud to represent a city that values its veterans as much as Glen Cove does,” Tenke said. “Veterans are the cornerstone of our community, and I am honored to be able to thank them with this declaration.”

The Purple Heart award is presented as a result of serving as a member in, or with the Armed Forces of the United States, and having been killed or wounded, or died of wounds while engaged in combat with an enemy force, or as a result of international terrorism, or being a Prisoner of War. Nassau County Legis-

lator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton said that those who earned the Purple Heart deserved the gratitude and recognition of their community after they had “put their lives on the line for their neighbors and nation.”

“Glen Cove is a compassionate community that especially cares about our veterans, and we want to make sure all of their physical and emotional needs are met,” said DeRiggi-Whitton. By becoming a Purple Heart City, Glen Cove is committing to this principle in both word and deed.”

Along with the designation, the city will put up signs at the entryways of Glen Cove that state its status as a Purple Heart City. These signs will also go up near monuments throughout Glen Cove. The signs were shown off during an adaptive bicycle tour around Glen Cove

with Purple Heart recipient Chris Levy and local Boy Scout Genalie Prezeau.

In a show of support for the local veteran community, Tenke designated a number of parking spots in the city

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**TIMOTHY TENKE**  
Glen Cove City Mayor



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**THE CITY OF** Glen Cove declared itself a Purple Hearts City on Aug. 7.

as Combat Wounded Veteran parking. New York Director of the Military Order of The Purple Heart Robert Chiappone, said he was proud to accept Glen Cove’s proclamation and added that both Nassau and Suffolk counties are Purple Heart Counties.

“[The City] of Glen Cove came through for the combat wounded veterans and all our veterans, to show that we are not forgotten,” Chiappone, a Vietnam Veteran, said. “Seeing these signs make us all proud.”

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**FROM LEFT, OFFICERS** Russell Learch, John Pacino and Henry Lentino showed Henry Lentini, left, how their boat works during National Nigh Out.

## National Night Out at Glen Cove



**JEREMY SMITH TRIED** to dunk Officer Frank Vezza.

**KIDS FLOCKED TO** the bounce house beside police headquarters.

**NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATOR** Delia DeRiggi-Whitton thanked Pete Prudente and his wife, Allison, for all their work in Glen Cove.

**FIREFIGHTER JUSTIN VALEO** came to National Night Out with his wife, Stacie, and son, Justin.



Glen Cove residents came out to a night of celebration and unity with local law enforcement and first responders as the Glen Cove Police Department held its 13th annual National Night Out on Aug. 6.

National Night Out is a nationwide program that promotes the partnership between police departments and the communities they serve. The night is designed to raise awareness on drug prevention and crime, as well as issues related to violence.

Glen Cove's event featured bounce houses, a dunk booth, face painting and several photo ups from all of Glen Cove's first responder units. Glen Cove's City Council and local elected representatives, including Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, New York State Senator Jim Gaughran and U.S. Representative Tom Suozzi, also came out to honor fire fighter Pete Prudente, who was named the City of Glen Cove's 2019 Person of the Year.



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, August 15

### Sea Cliff Beautification meeting

St. Rocco's Bakery, 4 St. Rocco Place, Glen Cove, 8 a.m. Join the Sea Cliff Beautification Committee for its monthly meeting to discuss how to preserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area. (516) 671-0080.

## Friday, August 16

### Movie star trivia

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Movie buffs of all ages have the perfect chance to test their Academy Award knowledge. Join host Saul Schachter as he challenges two teams on Oscar Jeopardy. (516) 676-2130.

## Saturday, August 17

### 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.

### Birds, Butterflies & Blooms

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Families can enjoy looking for birds and butterflies throughout the museum's gardens. Adults are \$4, and children ages 5 to 12 are \$2. (516) 571-8010.

### Exploring the Universe program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Charlie Eder, an astronomy educator from the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium, will take attendees on a journey through space. Learn all about space, solar astronomy, gravity and black holes. Participants will be able to explore the sun using a solar telescope. (516) 676-2130.

## Sunday, August 18

### Johnny Cash tribute

Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Walk the line between past and present as Tom Cavanagh brings an authentic Johnny Cash sound to Morgan Park. (516) 671-0017.

## Monday, August 19

### Disposal of medication lecture

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Medications which are no longer needed should be disposed of immediately. Consumers and caregivers should remove expired, unwanted or unused medicines from their home as quickly as possible to avoid any accidental misuse or abuse. Learn more about how to safely dispose of medicine at this lecture. (516) 759-9610.



Zach Gottehrer-Cohen/Herald Gazette

## Mayor's Snapper Derby with the Glen Cove Anglers Club

Children ages 6 to 16 are invited to the fishing pier at Prybil Beach in Glen Cove for the Mayor's Snapper Derby, an annual fishing competition that serves as a perfect way for local kids to approach the end of the summer. Participants are required to bring their own rods and they will receive a tee shirt, hot dog, soda and raffle ticket for other prizes while supplies last. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of every division, as well as to the day's top overall angler. Competitors can cast their reels at 8 a.m. on Aug. 17 at the northern end of East Beach Road for an event that always brings in a big crowd.

## Tuesday, August 20

### End of summer reading program

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Enjoy refreshments and the company of other book lovers. Attendees can share their thoughts on their favorite books, listen to what others have to share and get ideas about what they want to read next. They will also be entered for a chance to win an Amazon Kindle. (516) 676-2130.

### Fruit burritos and fun s'mores

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Children from kindergarten through fifth grade can learn how to make healthy fruit burritos and delicious s'mores. (516) 759-8300.

### Glen Cove Pre-Council meeting

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 6:30 p.m. Join the Glen Cove City Council as it discusses which issues will be addressed at the next City Council meeting. (516) 676-2000.

### End of summer title swap event

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Get together with other summer readers to discuss the books that kept everyone captivated throughout the summer while also discussing what to read in the future. (516) 759-8300.

## Wednesday, August 21

### Sunshine Music Duo performance

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Enjoy a wonderful performance from The Sunshine Duo

with Diane Menzel and Helen Kotzky. The performance will encompass songs that inspire audience participation, accompanied by guitar, mandolin, piano and flute. (516) 759-9610.



Courtesy Flickr

## Downtown Sounds: Abbadabra

Abbadabra pays tribute to ABBA, the greatest pop supergroup from Sweden, electrifying audiences of all ages, with hits like "Mamma Mia," "Dancing Queen" and more. The New York City-based touring act will take audiences back to the happy and groovy times of the 70s at Glen Cove Village Square as part of the Downtown Sounds concert series on Aug. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Glen and School streets in Glen Cove. (516) 759-6790.

## Cartooning with Mike Early

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4:30 p.m. Through guided drawing exercises, children grades 3 through 6 can learn how to easily transform letters and numbers into cute cartoon characters that they will be able to draw in a book for them to take home and show off. (516) 759-8300.

## Thursday, August 22

### Luau celebration

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12:15 p.m. Grab a lei and join the center for a luau celebration with special guests. (516) 759-9610.

### STEAM edible constellations and aliens

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 4 p.m. Children from kindergarten through second grade can learn about star constellations while making their own using pretzels and marshmallows. They also make yummy aliens with the help of frosting and candy just for fun. (516) 759-8300.

## Friday, August 23

### Kingfisher at Sea Cliff Beach

Sea Cliff Beach, The Blvd, Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Philadelphia-based Kingfisher will bring its unique combination of instrumental fusion, rock, jam and funk to Sea Cliff Beach. The ensemble of eight accomplished musicians brings a fun energy to every show it plays, taking an old school feel into the modern age, appealing to listeners of all ages. (516) 671-0080.

### Kamellot and Misty Mountain

Village Square, Glen and School streets, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Join Downtown Sounds for its penultimate concert of summer 2019. One of Long Island's premier tribute bands, Kamellot's music celebrates classic rock and blues with energetic shows that enrapture anyone who listens. Misty Mountain will also head to the stage for a Led Zeppelin cover show, for which all fans of the legendary rock band will have a whole lotta love. (516) 759-6790.

## Saturday, August 24

### Native Americans of Long Island

Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove, 11 a.m. Families will learn all about the lifestyles of Native Americans during this educational program. Adults are \$4, and children ages 5 to 12 are \$2. (516) 571-8010.

## Sunday, August 25

### A Band Called Honalee at Morgan Park

Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. A Band Called Honalee will transport listeners back to the 1960s as they play a blend of folk music that takes the tunes of that era and bringing them into the modern day. (516) 671-0017.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.



Courtesy North Shore Soup Kitchen

ALMOST 200 PEOPLE were present to celebrate the North Shore Soup Kitchen's 30th anniversary.

## Soup kitchen celebrates 30th year

Nearly 200 guests attended a gala event at the Webb Institute on July 18 to celebrate the North Shore Soup Kitchen's 30th anniversary of feeding hungry people all across the North Shore.

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a light supper prepared by Webb's Executive Chef Rob Weiner. Early in the evening, Webb's president, R. Keith Michel, welcomed guests, and Estelle Moore, who has led the soup kitchen as its president

for 10 years, spoke of the vital role the North Shore Soup Kitchen plays for so many in the community.

Many generous community businesses and individuals helped make the event a resounding success. Donors provided wine, flowers and an array of gift certificates for the raffle baskets. Community support for the soup kitchen's important mission continues to grow.

## Glen Cove ladies award scholarship

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 8 of Glen Cove recently presented Maury Lynch, of Glen Head, with their annual scholarship award. The LAOH is a national organization of Catholic women of Irish heritage who participate in charitable and social activities.

Lynch was recognized for her academic record, as well as her activities in school and around the community. Lynch graduated from Kellenberg Memorial High School this school year and will be attending Siena College this fall to study nursing.



Courtesy LAOH Division 8

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# Spiritual leaders stress unity amid tragedy

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even our own church because of this?"

"It's saddening and disappointing that this keeps happening in America," said John Blazich, a member of Boy Scout Troop 6 in Glen Cove.

After dozens of residents gathered for the vigil, the city held a moment of silence as the names of all 31 victims were read. The Rev. Juanita Lopez, of Iglesia Ciudad de Refugio, asked the attendees to hold hands and introduce themselves to one another as a show of unity. Lopez said she believed that the racist ideology espoused by the shooter in the El Paso attack has threatened to divide communities, so she asked her neighbors to fight racism and remind themselves that they all love the same city and country.

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## RABBI IRWIN HUBERMAN

Congregation Tifereth Israel

Rabbi Irwin Huberman, of Glen Cove's Congregation Tifereth Israel, echoed those words. When he heard about the shootings, Huberman said, he had a sense of apathy, fearing that nothing would ever be done to curb the frequency of violent attacks in the U.S.

"I've been to Parkland and Sandy Hook," he said. "Nothing was done after that, so I thought, 'What's the use?' All people ever do is offer their thoughts and prayers."

It wasn't until Huberman paid a visit to the Rev. Roger Williams of the First Baptist Church of Glen Cove that he regained his hope, he said, which was the most important thing to hold on to amid tragedy. But, like Tenke, Huberman noted the need for gun reform, saying there was no need for civilians to own semi-automatic weapons. He said that those like the El Paso shooter, who published a manifesto online, follow a doctrine of white supremacy that always ends with violence.

"When people like that talk about an 'invading army' . . . they're talking about African-Americans, Hispanics, Jews and Muslims," Huberman said. "We need to put an end to this. Thoughts and prayers must be combined with action."



Tab Hauser/Herald Gazette

**DOZENS OF GLEN** Cove residents gathered for a candlelight vigil on Aug. 8 in honor of the victims of the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio.

State Sen. Jim Gaughran, who held a rally on Aug. 7 to advocate "common sense" gun reform, said the U.S. was seeing an epidemic of gun violence. U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, who joined Gaughran at the rally, said that there was a growing sense of urgency to pass gun control laws in Congress. Gaughran said that things could improve if more laws like those recently passed in New York were enacted.

"This year, New York led the way by passing common-sense gun reforms to protect our children and the public," Gaughran said, "including a red flag law, expanded background checks and safe-storage laws. Now Washington must step up and follow our lead."

Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke, who endorsed the pledge, said it was a step in the right direction and more far-reaching than the usual rhetoric after a mass shooting, which tends to focus on mental illness issues.

# Vilai celebrates first year in Glen Cove

By **RONNY REYES**

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When he first came to the U.S. about 20 years ago, Greek immigrant Petro Charamis, then 22, found himself working in the restaurant business almost immediately. Charamis said he had always been drawn to the industry since he was a kid, so after years of working for a number of restaurants in Suffolk and Manhattan, Charamis decided to settle down and establish a restaurant of his own last year in Glen Cove.

Replacing the short-lived, Greek Captain, Charamis opened the Greek Cuisine restaurant Vilai on Glen Street in 2018. But while the Greek Captain had a short run of only six-months in an area littered with restaurants, Charamis recently celebrated Vila's one-year anniversary, thanking the city of Glen Cove for its patronage.

"It took me sometime to get used to this city," Charamis, of Jamaica Heights, said. "But I owe my success to the people who come in and return with their friends and family."

When Vilai first opened up in July, Charamis faced hectic days where he would scramble to secure fresh ingredients for the day while also apologizing to customers for an initially underwhelming selection of drinks in the restaurant's bar. Charamis recalled an incident where a customer asked for three different kinds of drinks only to be told over and over that the restaurant did not carry any of those brands. Despite what he called an "embarrassing day" the restaurant was soon able to expand its catalogue of drinks. And when it came to the food, Charamis sought constant feedback from his customers to build a menu that served a wide variety of Mediterranean dishes, with a speciality in seafood.

Vilai has received an average of 4.5 stars on food review sites, such as Yelp and Open Table, where customers have written positive reviews about the food and atmosphere at the restaurant. Charamis said he wanted Vilai to become a staple in the Glen Cove community and added that the restaurant even provides catering for parties.

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Ronny Reyes/Herald Gazette

**PETRO CHARAMIS, 42**, opened Vilai in the summer of 2018.

## Make America Safer Pledge

Following the mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, Gov. Andrew Cuomo called on all Democratic presidential candidates to take the Make America Safer Pledge, a four-point plan to bring gun reform to the U.S. The plan mimics laws that have already been passed in New York state.

It includes:

- Outlawing assault weapons and high-capacity magazines.

- Creating a mental health database to prevent the dangerously mentally ill from purchasing a firearm.

- Passing universal background checks to close the private-gun-sales loophole.

- Passing "red flag" legislation to prevent people who pose a risk to themselves or others from purchasing firearm.

Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke, who endorsed the pledge, said it was a step in the right direction and more far-reaching than the usual rhetoric after a mass shooting, which tends to focus on mental illness issues.

"This is more complicated than mental illness," Tenke said. "And the culture of violence and hatred and the availability of guns are at the top of the list."

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# VIEWFINDER

By MAUREEN LENNON

## THE QUESTION:

What kind of food truck would you like have and operate?



Since I have experience in the food industry, I would love to have a barbeque truck with specials like pulled pork topped with melted cheddar, bacon and cole slaw.

**Steve Sciortino**  
Caterer



I would love to have an ice cream food truck, "Smile — it's Ice Cream Day Everyday", with smoothies, banana splits, sundaes on any day.

**Barbara Popelaski**  
Clerk



I would love to run a barbeque truck. I would serve smoked brisket sandwiches, pulled pork. So many delicious recipes delivered daily.

**Russell Brower**  
Sanitation



I would love to run a vegetable food truck. I think a healthy food truck that serves veggie smoothies, veggie wraps, and other fresh fruits snakes would be great.

**Jonathan Davis**  
Grounds Worker



I would love to run a special food truck — The Sweet Read. I think people would enjoy a rolling library that serves both donuts and books.

**Michael Ambrosio**  
Special Needs



I would love to run a Columbian empanadas truck. Tasty compact comfort foods of meat, chicken or vegetables could be customized with special fillings for everyone.

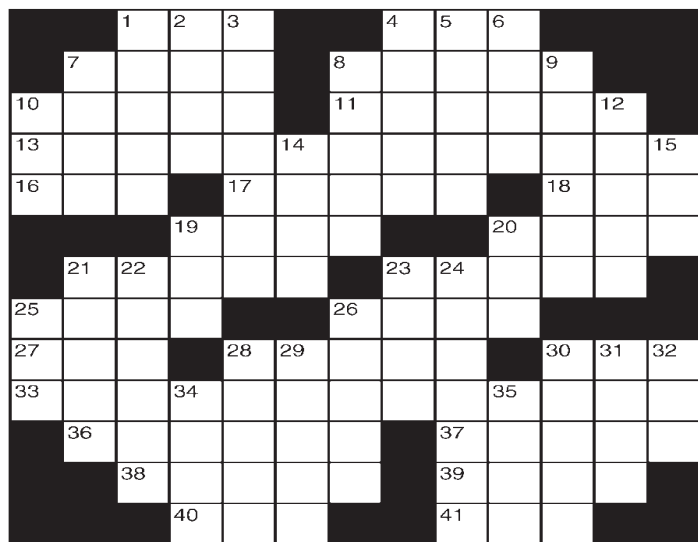
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# HERALD Crossword Puzzle

## King Crossword

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- 10 Sound portion
- 11 Peter of Peter, Paul and Mary
- 13 Fairy tale footwear
- 16 " — the ram-parts ..."
- 17 Frogs' kin
- 18 Also
- 19 Flowerless plant
- 20 Perches
- 21 Worship
- 23 Nothing
- 25 Elbow counterpart
- 26 Hardly brawny
- 27 And so on (Abbr.)
- 28 Liniment targets
- 30 Second person
- 33 Lawn-trimming tools
- 36 Blazing
- 37 Cheer up



- 38 Cobbler's supply
  - 39 A rate or tax
  - 40 Type squares
  - 41 Tit for —
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Writer Kingsley
  - 3 Rocket stage
  - 4 Make pigtailed
  - 5 Military group
  - 6 Dutch village
  - 7 "Psych" actor
  - 8 "The Times They Are A-Changin'" singer
  - 9 Beautifully imaginative
  - 10 Way back when
  - 12 Very angry
  - 14 Peeved
  - 15 "Help!"
  - 19 Adversary
  - 20 Crafty
  - 21 Bone cavities
  - 22 Coffee shop
  - 23 New Mexico tribe
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  - 29 Pinnacles
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Courtesy Nassau County Legislature

**LEGISLATOR JOSH LAFAZAN** led a press conference to address the anti-Semitic incident in Oyster Bay. Legislator Kopel, far left, and Assemblyman Lavine, far right, spoke.

# Different takes on cause of anti-Semitic incident

By **LAURA LANE**

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For some, the anti-Semitic incident in the hamlet of Oyster Bay that prompted an Aug. 9 press conference outside the Nassau County Legislature was personal. The police's discovery of seven 10-inch swastikas scrawled in purple marker on the walls of the picnic pavilion at Theodore Roosevelt Park on Aug. 8 brought back memories for some of the speakers, who had family members that had been killed and tortured by the Nazi's during World War II.

The purpose of the press conference, spearheaded by Legislator Josh Lafazan, an Independent from Woodbury, was to announce that a \$20,000 reward was being offered for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the act.

The Legislature's youngest member, Lafazan, 25, spoke of his grandfather, Boris, who was a holocaust survivor. The swastika, he said, has brought much pain to his family and families like his.

Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove, shared Lafazan's pain, recalled an incident when his grandmother watched while hiding in a hay wagon as her friends were butchered by the Nazis. His other grandmother was fortunate. She was able to make her way to the United States after all of her 14 brothers and sisters were killed by the Nazis. Their "crime," he said, was being Jewish.

Deputy Presiding Officer Howard Kopel, a Republican from Lawrence, said that he too had relatives who suffered during the holocaust, and some who died.

But the speakers did not all agree on what caused the incident.

Lafazan said that words and actions matter. "More importantly inaction matters," he said. "If you hear a friend make a derogatory comment speak up."

Kopel, who represents the largest Jewish community in Nassau County, said that people should "stop pointing fingers.

It is not the fault of the white supremacists," he said, or the fault of politicians that people suspect support white supremacy. "We have to look to ourselves, our community, our schools. It starts at home and at schools."

Kopel even went as far as to say that he doesn't feel there is discrimination or anti-Semitism in Nassau County.

Lavine disagreed, saying that there is "too much hate speech in our nation and it comes from the top and seeps down to local levels."

After the press conference Lavine said he and others were upset by Kopel's remarks.

"While Legislator Kopel was speaking I was looking out at the faces of people and I could tell some were distressed at his remarks as was I," Lavine said. "Saying white supremacists are not to blame? I can't stand by and not take issue to that. They feel enabled and President Trump does everything he can to empower them."

Bayville Deputy Mayor David Wright, who along with Bayville Trustee Bob Nigro, was invited to participate in the press conference said that everyone spoke appropriately. "They were a very diverse group of people with their own take," Wright said. "I don't agree that hate speech is the problem. I think it was kids who don't understand how hateful that symbol is. If it was an adult, I think they are a disturbed individual."

He added that he hasn't seen an increase in hate speech.

Nigro agreed that the perpetrator of the swastikas was probably a child. "I think it's a stupid kid who doesn't have any concept of what it signifies," he said. "But that doesn't excuse it. They have to learn. I'm disappointed in a system that doesn't teach kids what happened during World War II."

People need to be reminded of what the swastikas symbolized, he added.

"I believe in free speech but that's not what this incident was." Nigro said.

# STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

## Fall arts preview **Tilles Center's** 2019-20 season will surprise and delight



Courtesy Tilles Center

**Jerry Seinfeld**



Courtesy Whitney Thomas

**Patti LaBelle**



Courtesy Tilles Center

**Bernadette Peters**



Courtesy Tilles Center

**Cirque Mei**

Long Island audiences can find a vibrant cultural scene close to home. One popular local venue, LIU Post's Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, unveils an exciting slate of entertainment for its new season, which opens Sept. 7.

Perhaps the biggest event of the fall is the appearance of Jerry Seinfeld, who performs at Tilles Center's annual gala on Oct. 12. The Massapequa-raised Seinfeld hasn't done a public show on Long Island in many years. His last performance was a Superstorm Sandy benefit at NYCB Theatre at Westbury in 2012.

"Coming off the success of last season, we're excited to build on that momentum and bring a wide range of programming that appeals to a variety of ages and interests for the Long Island community," says Executive Director Bill Biddle.

"We are especially thrilled to include Long Island's own legendary Jerry Seinfeld in our lineup this year along

### SEASON SNAPSHOT

- 🎵 **Creedence Clearwater Revisited** – Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **Star Wars Film Concert Series: Star Wars: A New Hope** – Saturday, Sept. 21, 2 and 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **Gala 2019 featuring Jerry Seinfeld** – Saturday, Oct. 12, 8:30 p.m.
- 🎵 **Patti LaBelle** – Saturday, Nov. 9, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **Bernadette Peters** – Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **The SpongeBob Musical** – Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 27-28, 7:30 p.m.
- 🎵 **Dave Koz & Friends Christmas** – Sunday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **Disney in Concert: The Little Mermaid** – Saturday, Jan. 4, 2 p.m.
- 🎵 **Royal Philharmonic Orchestra** – Sunday, Jan. 12, 3 p.m.
- 🎵 **Rent National Tour** – Saturday, Feb. 15, 2 and 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **America** – Friday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **Bandstand National Tour** – Sunday, March 15, 4 p.m.
- 🎵 **Itzhak Perlman** – Saturday, April 4, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **The Guess Who and Rare Earth** – Friday, April 10, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **An American in Paris** – April 17, 8 p.m.
- 🎵 **The Underwater Bubble Show** – Saturday, May 9, 2 p.m.

with other recognizable names such as Itzhak Perlman, Carol Burnett, Patti LaBelle, Bernadette Peters and strong national Broadway tours like "Rent" and "The SpongeBob Musical." The

classic and pop shows continue to be in demand so look for performances from America, Guess Who, Ambrosia and Poco."

He adds that "an exciting rock legend

that will be announced at a later date."

The season also includes series of films with live orchestra beginning with the Star Wars Film Concert Series, "Star Wars: A New Hope," in September and "Disney in Concert: The Little Mermaid," in January.

There's also plenty more to come. The schedule includes, as always, holiday entertainment, additional theater and family programs throughout the season, which finishes up in May.

Pre-show entertainment also continues in the Goldsmith Atrium prior to each event, as an ongoing way of showcasing Long Island's local talent.

For information and tickets, visit [www.tillescenter.org](http://www.tillescenter.org) or [www.tickmaster.com](http://www.tickmaster.com) or call (516) 299-3100 or (800) 745-3000. The box office, located at 720 Northern Blvd., (Route 25A) in Brookville, is open Monday-Saturday from 1-6 pm.

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### ON STAGE The Sixties Show

That influential decade returns in the form of the Sixties Show's Woodstock 50-Year Celebration. This dynamic night of nostalgia features all the sights and sounds of the decade, which in addition to the concert experience, is powerfully dramatized by a combination of narration and '60s archival audio and newsreel footage. The lively ensemble of accomplished musicians have played for Bob Dylan, James Brown, Ray and Dave Davies and the SNL band, among others. They know their way around the great hits of the '60s and salute Woodstock with note-for-note recreations of some of the greatest songs from that concert and that memorable era. Take a trip back to another time and place that was the 1960s, where an AM radio is blasting out the latest sounds from a convertible, on a warm summer starlit Saturday night on



### WEEKEND Out and About

any street USA. Experience the stripped-down pulsating two guitar, bass, drum and vocal harmony-laden British invasion up to the pivotal transition of late '60s orchestrated blasts of harmonious rapture. It's all meticulously recreated in this high-energy musical trip back in time.  
Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m. \$35-\$55. Madison Theatre, Molloy College, 1000 Hempstead Ave., Rockville Centre. (516) 323-4444 or [www.madisontheatre.org](http://www.madisontheatre.org).

### SEASONAL EXPLORATIONS Nature Walk

"Explore the Ruins" on hike through Muttontown Preserve's fields and trails and estate grounds during a guided tour with a naturalist. Examine the preserve's fascinating history, including the remains of a former estate once owned by King Zog, the last monarch of Albania. Visit what's



left of the ruins on the property; also see and identify the preserve's many floral treasures. Cobbled together from three separate estates, the remains of King Zog's 150-acre Knollwood Estate, remains one of Long Island's curiosities. King Zog, who fled Albania after the Italian invasion of 1939 and lived in

England, Egypt and France in the years after, acquired the estate in Muttontown in 1951. It included a magnificent 60-room granite mansion originally built for Wall Street investor Charles Hudson in the early 20th century. But King Zog never moved to the U.S. and sold the estate in 1955. After he sold it, a few years later, rumors spread about treasures hidden there, leading to the mansion's demolition.  
Sunday, Aug. 18, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Enrollment is limited and registration is required. Bill Paterson Nature Center, Muttontown Preserve, Muttontown Lane, East Norwich. (516) 571-8500.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

### Performances/ On Stage

#### In the Light of Led Zeppelin

The tribute band in concert, Thursday, Aug. 15, 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).

#### Janis Ian

The singer-songwriter concert, with Livingsston Taylor, Thursday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

#### Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Thursday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).

#### Vinny St. Marten and Blind Boy Blues

The singer-songwriter in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

#### Dancing Dream

The ABBA tribute band in concert, part of the Downtown Sounds summer concert series, Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30 p.m. Village Square Plaza at Glen, School and Bridge St., Glen Cove. Visit [www.glencovedowntown.org](http://www.glencovedowntown.org) for more information.

#### Elvis Tribute Spectacular

Elvis impersonators Shawn Klush and Steve Mitchell in concert, Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### John Restrepo Quartet

The jazz ensemble in concert, Friday, Aug. 16, 9:30 p.m. Cinema Arts Centre, Sky Room Cafe, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or [www.cinemaartscentre.org](http://www.cinemaartscentre.org).



#### Saturday Night Fever

Musical adapted from the popular film, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 15-16, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 17, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 18, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Julius Caesar

Shakespeare's tale of politics and ambition, Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 21, 8 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### Rusty String Band

The Americana-bluegrass band in concert, as part of the Summer Music Series, Friday, Aug. 16, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff.



### Ann Hampton Callaway and Susan Werner

An epic display of dazzling musicianship and wit arrives at the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Friday, Sept. 20, at 8 p.m.

Cabaret star Ann Hampton Callaway joins forces with jazzy singer-songwriter Susan Werner for an unforgettable evening, "Alone and Together." They'll perform separately and together, showcasing their beloved talents as a "dream team" of song.

Tickets are \$50, \$42, \$35; available at 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org). Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

#### Sugar Mountain

The Neil Young tribute band in concert, Friday, Aug. 16, 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).

#### Unforgettable Fire/Fix You

The U2 and Coldplay tribute bands in concert, Friday, Aug. 16, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).



#### Hot Tuna Electric

The iconic blues band in concert, Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### Julian Junior Marvin

The reggae guitarist-singer in concert, Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).

#### Sal Valinetti

The vocalist in concert, in a tribute to Sinatra and the Rat Pack, Sunday, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. With special guest Anna Maria Villa. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountry.com](http://www.paramountry.com).

#### Tom Cavanagh

The band in concert, with a Johnny Cash tribute, Sunday, Aug. 18, 7:30 p.m. Mor-

gan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

#### A Celebration of Two Leonards

A concert honoring the centennial of Leonard Bernstein, with Dr. Leonard J. Lehrman, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 7 p.m. Registration required. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### The Stoller Brothers

The rock-jazz duo in concert with White Collar Crime, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 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).

#### RiDe

The band in concert, as part of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

## For the Kids

#### Beach Storytime

Enjoy a story, craft and song, hosted by Seal Cliff Public Library, Wednesday, Aug. 21, 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. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; also Friday, Aug. 23. 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. 21, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Aug. 23, 12 p.m. (for children entering Kindergarten in 2019) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Regis-

tration 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).

#### 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).



#### 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).

#### At the Movies

See "The Mustang," a prison drama about a violent inmate at a Nevada prison who is selected to take part in the Wild Horse Inmate Program where wild horses are trained to get ready for auction, Thursday, Aug. 15, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; also "Greta," a psychological thriller that tells of a young woman who befriends a lonely widow who becomes disturbingly obsessed with her, Thursday, Aug. 22, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Exploring the Universe

Journey through space with astronomy educator Charlie Eder, Saturday, Aug. 17, 11 a.m. Learn about solar astronomy, gravity and black holes. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

#### Plants Etc.

Take a leisurely hike through Caumsett State Park to focus on botany and usage of plants, Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:45-11:30 a.m. Registration required. Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Rd., Huntington. (631) 423-1770.

#### Afternoon Movie

See "The Aftermath," the romantic drama set in post World War II Hamburg about a lonely British military wife who falls for a German widower, Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1:15 p.m. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).



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# Save the Sound: North Shore beaches are getting cleaner

By MIKE CONN  
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With the sun shining and a breeze blowing across the shoreline at Theodore Roosevelt Park in Oyster Bay, those who gathered for Save the Sound's news conference on Aug. 2 couldn't have asked for a better day to learn the results of the foundation's Long Island Sound Beach Report. The weather was emblematic of the news, as Save the Sound's representatives said that the quality of the water at North Shore beaches has generally increased, with only a few minor exceptions.

Save the Sound is a nonprofit organization based in New Haven, Conn., dedicated to preserving the Sound and all of the communities on its coastlines. Director Tracy Brown said that researchers had spent the last three years periodically filling small jars with water samples from 204 beaches across Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, New York City and Connecticut. The samples were tested for bacteria harmful to humans, and each beach was given grades for 2016, 2017 and 2018 based on their bacteria levels.

According to the study, nearly every one of the 17 beaches from Sea Cliff to Laurel Hollow received at least a B. Two of the three exceptions were Lattingtown Beach and Beekman Beach, which received a C+ and B-, respectively. Crescent Beach, in Glen Cove, which has been closed for roughly 10 years due to dangerous levels of bacteria, received a D.

"We love our waters," Oyster Bay Town Supervisor Joe Saladino said, "and we want to do everything to continue to protect them and bring the quality of our water to the finest that we can bring about."

Brown said that 93 percent of all water samples taken over the last three summers passed state criteria for safe swimming. But water quality can vary from day to day, she added, explaining that Beekman Beach, just down the shoreline from the conference, would have been



Mike Conn/Herald Gazette

**SAVE THE SOUND** Director Tracy Brown, at lectern, was joined by state and county officials as she discussed the foundation's findings.

closed the day before the event due to heavy rain. As rain flows down toward the shore, it picks up litter and fecal matter, along with storm and waste water. When that runoff makes it to the Sound, the water becomes temporarily unsafe for humans.

With more rains coming as a result of climate change, Brown said, it is more important than ever to improve local water infrastructure. One beach can be significantly more polluted than the one next to it because of the difference in local infrastructure, as well as actions by residents as simple as disposing of litter and picking up after their dogs.

"It can inform an otherwise unaware public of the conditions in their communities, Brown said of Save the Sound's study. "It can educate and motivate our legislators about the importance of the associated issues. And it can create a collective movement to focus on our efforts and our actions on pollution reduction,

bringing about better beach improvement and better beach days for everybody."

Dr. Greg O'Mullan, a professor at Queens College who worked with Save the Sound in compiling the report, said beach grades were awarded based on two main criteria — the percentage of unsafe water samples and the highest quantity of fecal bacteria in a sample. Samples were taken during prolonged dry weather and shortly after rainfall, and researchers found that there was a higher failure rate after rain than during dry weather. However, the maximum amount of fecal bacteria in a sample results was less consistent, which O'Mullan said reflects differing sources of pollution in different areas along the Sound.

As a whole, the study found that the water quality in the western reaches of the Sound, which includes Nassau, improved in 2018, while different pollution problems plaguing the eastern waters have lowered the beach grades

there. O'Mullan said the study results were preliminary, and that he hoped they would inspire people to better care for the local environment to protect the Sound.

"The tough work is still ahead of us," he said. "We need to take action to improve the quality of beaches and to maintain the high quality of water at our beaches."

U. S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, a Democrat from Glen Cove, said he was excited to see Nassau's area of the Sound healthier than it has been in decades, although there is still more work to do. One of the key issues he cited was the fact that not all communities on Long Island have sewers, but instead rely on cesspools, which add greatly to runoff. He used Sea Cliff as an example, attributing a great deal of the success of its beaches to the village's recent increase in sewer infrastructure.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran said the county had received a \$1 million grant from the state to begin replacing the North Shore's failing cesspools and septic systems. She said it was vital for Long Island's beaches to remain destinations for residents and tourists alike, because they are a significant part of the area's identity.

"We really are an island," Curran said. "Boating, fishing, swimming, just hanging out by the water is part of our identity, and it's part of our culture."

Carol DiPaolo, the executive director of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor, said she was pleased to see so many dignitaries come out in support of studies of North Shore waters.

"We all have a part to play," DiPaolo said, "and anything that is done in [the] Long Island Sound benefits Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, the Town of North Hempstead, all of Hempstead Harbor, and vice versa. Anything we can do to make conditions better in Hempstead Harbor tremendously benefits Long Island Sound."

For more information on Save the Sound's Long Island Sound Beach Report, go to [www.soundhealthexplorer.org](http://www.soundhealthexplorer.org).

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# HERALD EDITORIAL

## Tone down the rhetoric – and pass tougher gun laws

In the wake of the country's three most recent mass shootings, one of which has been classified as a hate crime, a conversation about white supremacy has entered the national narrative.

On Aug. 3, 22 people were killed when a gunman opened fire in a Walmart in El Paso, Texas. The next day, another gunman murdered nine people in Dayton, Ohio. The week before, a man shot and killed three people at a food festival in Gilroy, Calif.

The El Paso shooting was the seventh-deadliest in modern U.S. history. Authorities discovered what they believe to be the El Paso shooter's racist manifesto online, which, in many ways, mirrors President Trump's recent rhetoric.

"This attack is a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas," the white gunman wrote. "I am simply defending my country from cultural and ethnic replacement brought on by an invasion."

"This is an invasion," Trump said at a rally in Panama City Beach, Fla., in May, referring to asylum seekers arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border. An audience member responded, "Shoot them!" Any other president would have immediately condemned the remark. Not Trump. He laughed and joked about it, quipping, "Only in the Panhandle can you get away with a statement like that," according to The Washington Post.

After the El Paso shooting, many elected officials around the country condemned the president's hateful rhetoric. But when states try to enact their own laws and restrict access to assault weapons to create safer environments in lieu of swift federal action, they are met with backlash. Many people claim that knives should then be banned, because they, too, can be used as tools for murder. But a knife can't kill 20 or 30 people in under a minute.

## LETTERS

### Leadership needed to stop proliferation of guns

To the Editor:

We'll never know if the founders intended to create a nation with the long-term capacity to self-correct or precisely what the Federalists and anti-Federalists had in mind when they designed the Second Amendment.

But every American is certain that the men who "mutually pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor" would never have stood idly by as their children were ritually slaughtered.

We are disgusted by the abject butchery in Dayton, El Paso, Gilroy, Virginia Beach, Aurora, Thousand Oaks, Pittsburgh, Annapolis, Santa Fe, Parkland, and on and on.

## Who to contact

To show your support for tougher gun legislation, write to these federal lawmakers. The more letters and emails they receive, the more forcefully they can make the case that people at last want real change.

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In New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has been consistent in his efforts to stifle the violent pattern of mass murders, which has become a national crisis unparalleled around the globe. The U.S. has the 28th highest death rate from gun violence in the world, far greater than any other wealthy country, according to NPR.

In 2013, shortly after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., Cuomo shifted his focus to serious gun control legislation and signed the NY SAFE Act. The law stops criminals and the dangerously mentally ill from buying guns by requiring universal background checks, increases penalties for the illegal use of firearms and imposes the toughest assault weapons ban in the country.

"For hunters, sportsmen and law-abiding gun owners, this new law preserves and protects your right to buy, sell, keep or use your guns," Cuomo said.

The governor put forth a four-point plan last week to increase gun safety across the country. Congress should seriously consid-

er it. The plan, titled the "Make America Safer Pledge," has four goals: outlaw assault weapons and high-capacity magazines; create a mental health database; pass universal background checks; and enact "red-flag" legislation.

Red-flag laws authorize courts to issue special orders of protection that allow police to temporarily confiscate firearms from people who are deemed by judges to be dangers to themselves or others. They have been implemented in a few states around the country.

New York continues to make strides — the state recently passed legislation to ban arming schoolteachers. While this progress is commendable, we must all apply pressure to our federal officials to make much-needed changes across the nation so all Americans can once again live without fear. Contact your lawmakers and tell them to pass Cuomo's four-point plan.

To read more about gun safety and legislation, check out the Herald's 2018 investigative series "Safety and the Second" at [www.liherald.com](http://www.liherald.com).



## OPINIONS

# It's time to embrace 'micromobility' on Long Island

**F**or all the promise Long Island has, we're still held back by decaying infrastructure and congested roadways. If we want to usher in a brighter future, we have to embrace new mobility options that can serve as an alternative to cars and bolster connections to our commuter rail stations. We need to follow towns and cities across the



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world in welcoming "micromobility."

Thanks to our partners in the state, our SUNY campuses are seeing renewed investment, ridership on the Long Island Rail Road sets historic highs virtually every month, and there are encouraging

signs of growth in towns and cities that have embraced transit-oriented development.

All this could all be wasted, however, if we can't retain talent and make Long Island attractive to both new businesses and a young workforce. Failure to do so could result in a strained tax base as more Long Islanders retire and live on fixed incomes.

One thing is clear: if we want to avoid this bleak outlook, micromobility is key. Micromobility is the popular term for the electric bikes and scooters that populate urban centers everywhere. They can help clear up roads, make commutes greener

and enhance our downtowns, making them more vibrant than ever before. Gov. Andrew Cuomo first proposed legalizing electric bikes and scooters on streets throughout the state this session in Albany, and now, with the bill sitting on his desk, we're just a step away from having a real alternative to the car for short and medium-length trips.

Electric bikes and scooters are working in cities as relatively small as Spokane, Wash., and as large as Paris. Even other parts of New York are seeing the benefits of a variation on these vehicles, electric pedal-assist bikes. These bikes are helping White Plains and Yonkers achieve local sustainability goals.

In the Town of Hempstead, we're ready to embrace this future. We're proud to be the first township on Long Island to issue a request for proposals for an e-scooter program, with an understanding of the benefits they offer. I'm proud to be joined

by Town Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney in this push toward greener, less congested roadways.

These vehicles transform short, frustrating drives around town or to the train station into more pleasant experiences.

There's no need to look for parking, and you don't have to sit in traffic.

They're affordable, too, with most companies offering rides for only dollars, which you use to unlock an e-scooter. And best of all, they alleviate the need to buy gas or pay for parking, maintenance and insurance, and to replace them every few years.

Long Island is lucky to boast some of the best schools in the country. But once students graduate, many move away or to New York City because they don't see opportunity here. They don't feel like Long Island can help them build a career, settle down and start a family. We have to start providing a reason to stay, and getting with the times is a big part of that.

We're learning quickly that younger Long Islanders are less interested in buying and owning cars. A status symbol for older generations is seen by millennials and generation Z as a relic of the past.

Cars are a burden to them. They'd rather live close to the train and walk, bike or, when necessary, use Uber to get around. That's why certain areas of Long Island that incorporate transit-oriented development — the construction of housing and businesses close to LIRR stations — are successfully attracting and retaining young people, and their local economies are better for it.

Hempstead won't be left behind. We're ready to adopt this thoughtful approach to mobility and reap the benefits it yields. Once e-bikes and scooters are legalized, micromobility will help create more success stories in more places, boosting Long Island's overall economy, and we're ready to lead the way.

Long Island needs to shift the narrative and be seen as the domain of innovation and a multi-modal future that's desirable to the talented young people our first-rate schools produce. Micromobility is an essential ingredient to reaching this goal. As cleaner and more efficient transportation solutions gain prominence beyond our borders, we need to take advantage of the possibilities micromobility provides, and with Governor Cuomo's leadership, I'm confident that we can get it done. Our future depends on it.

*Laura Gillen is the Town of Hempstead supervisor.*

**E**lectric bikes and scooters offer us a realistic alternative to cars for short trips.

## LETTERS

As a young public defender in Manhattan in 1972, my very first case involved a charge of possession of a zip gun. My client was sentenced to jail.

Most Americans today have never heard of a zip gun, a device made of wood, metal springs and the automobile antennas of years gone by. These homemade weapons could kill, but as often as not succeeded in injuring the shooters themselves.

But by the mid to late 1970s, the world had undergone dramatic change. "Saturday night specials," cheap handguns were readily available.

Soon, the National Rifle Association was transformed from an organization of hunters and firearms safety instructors into a fully owned subsidiary of the arms manufacturing industry.

The rest is tragic history. America became a culture obsessed with firearms.

When such a spirit synthesizes with primitive ultra-nationalism, the product becomes exponentially more lethal.

No one in my family has yet been sacrificed to the nation's preoccupation with weapons. Nevertheless, I spent hours on the phone with Mark Barden, whose precious little son Daniel was buried after Sandy Hook, when I worked on the first "red flag" legislation. That was a difficult conversation for me, but infinitely and intensely more painful for Barden.

Years later, I met Linda Beigle Schul-

man, who lost her amazing son, Scott, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School.

But it isn't only the Bardens and the Schulmans who have lost their children. So many others have been lost to our collective American family.

Lincoln, whom I will always hold in deepest reverence, spoke of "our better angels," telling us that America is the Earth's "last best hope."

But it will not be the aspirational nation we want for our children unless we are prepared to fight for its integrity, its fortune and its sacred honor.

New York and other great states have enacted laws to curb the national culture of gun violence. I am proud to have fought for laws making it more difficult to possess and sell weapons in New York.

But your and my children will be victimized by other states that don't work to counter wanton gun violence. To the contrary, reacting to New York's enactment of the SAFE Act, too many of our sister states passed laws facilitating the sale of weapons that eventually find their way into New York.

The NRA owns too many of my colleagues in the national and state legislatures. They obsess and fetishize with gun culture. I have been criticized for writing that too many politicians are so deep in the NRA's pocket that they can only be found by brushing aside ancient lint and

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## FRAMEWORK by Christina Daly



Full moon over Crossroads Farm at Grossman's — Malverne

## OPINIONS

# 1969: watershed in a decade of change

**B**y now, nearly every publication has written about the iconic moments in the summer of 1969 when humankind seemed to take a collective breath and move forward: Neil Armstrong's step onto the surface of the moon, the lunar module reflected in his helmet's bronze visor; and the aerial view of hundreds of thousands



**TIMOTHY DENTON**

of young people gathered in a meadow in upstate New York for the Woodstock music festival.

Watching clips of the two events, I've been struck by the way each embodied a different perspective on American society. The moon landing was a triumph of

post-war U.S. dominance in science, technology and, yes, military power. At the same time, although the awe the landing engendered was nearly universal, Woodstock could be seen as a mostly good-natured thumbing of the nose at the "straight" society the space missions represented.

Woodstock is mainly remembered as an exuberant, harmless music festival peopled by long-haired, pot-smoking hippies. But the artists who performed there

and the audience that came to hear them were united in their condemnation of the war in Vietnam, then at its height, and in a desire for greater social freedoms. Performer after performer, from Janis Joplin to Joan Baez to Country Joe McDonald, urged the crowds to sing out their opposition to the war and their longing for change — and sing they did.

Memory conjures image after image of that fractious, inspiring time, like the quarter-million people gathered at the Lincoln Memorial in the summer of 1963 to hear the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. share his famous dream; or its counterpart, of police dogs and fire hoses scattering marchers in Selma, Ala., in 1965, as they tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in support of voting rights.

More images: of Soviet cargo ships transporting missile components to Cuba in October 1962, when the two superpowers came within days, or perhaps hours, of nuclear annihilation; or the Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc turning himself into a human torch of protest on a Saigon street corner in 1963. And, of course, the horrific images of a wave of political murders, from Ngo-Dinh Diem, in South Vietnam; to President John F. Kennedy, in Dallas; to Dr. King, on a Memphis motel

balcony; to Kennedy's younger brother Robert, lying on the floor of a Los Angeles hotel kitchen. It was a decade of agonizing funerals.

Yet for all the violent images, it was also a time of signal accomplishment.

Not since the Civil War had such advances been made in civil rights, and nearly every piece of important environmental legislation owes its genesis to that time as well. And real and — we thought — lasting progress on arms control began with the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty in August 1963.

What I remember best from that time — and what seems missing from the millennial generation — was a feeling of hope, of optimism that was more than the simple high spirits of youth. Symbolized by both the moon landing and Woodstock, it was a pervasive feeling of the possible, that society could achieve nearly anything if we would but try.

The summer of 1969 felt like a fulcrum, even as we were living it: a moment when the balance tipped definitively in the direction of change. At the time, we assumed that change would be permanent and positive, and some of what was fought for and attained during those years seems to have become part of

our society's DNA. But the new conservatism that began with Barry Goldwater's presidential run in 1964 seemed to take hold four years later with the election of Richard Nixon, a conservatism that continues to strip away at the freedoms won during and since the 1960s.

Even the modest American dream, embodied in President Franklin Roosevelt's 1945 Economic Bill of Rights and born of the Great Depression and two world wars, of a "useful and remunerative job," adequate health care and a secure old age has given way to what today feels like the Lotto-winner version of that dream and a greedy self-centeredness that has again made us fearful of outsiders and precluded even such simple improvements as regular cost-of-living increases to the minimum wage. The current federal rate of \$7.25 is less than half what I earned as a 12-year-old in 1964, in real terms.

Change is inevitable, of course. But it's hard not to wish for less of our current polarization in government and society and more of the '60s activists and activism, as we tap our feet and recall that wonderful season of optimism. Far out!

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## Aunt Ada's notes from Paris, August 1945

**I** never knew why my husband's Aunt Ada went into the Army during World War II, but my hunch is that the family thought it might tame her wild ways.

Recently, I discovered a trove of her letters, sent from Paris in the year after the liberation. She was a member of the Women's Army Corps, working in the uniform procurement division. Specifically, she worked for a colonel who was exploring whether silk yarn scavenged from captured German parachutes could be made into silk stockings. Turns out, the idea had legs. After the war, my father-in-law launched a



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hosiery business that lasted for 40 years. I can't even begin to connect the dots.

The tremendous good luck is that Aunt Ada was a natural-born writer.

Paris wasn't the only thing being liberated. She was billeted with three other WACS in one room of a seedy Paris hotel

commandeered by the Army. French perfume, black market German cameras and love affairs were in the air.

The evening of July 26, 1945, she wrote, "We decided to walk back to the hotel. At dusk the French close their shutters . . . I think they must swelter but they have been doing blackouts for so many years, that it is a custom with them."

She wrote to my mother-in-law (her sister) asking for brown shoes with nice heels and soap and canned food. At one point she said that all she had left to eat was anchovies.

She dated other soldiers: "We took the metro to the opera house. Grace Moore was giving a command performance there for de Gaulle . . . Outside there were thousands of French and allied military standing, and on rooftops and some on balconies of the surrounding buildings. Some balanced on top of the streetlights, like flagpole sitters. All we could get to drink was some raisin fruit juice, which is vile. We went on to the famous Café Rue de la Paix. They say that if you sit there long enough, you see somebody

you know . . ."

On July 16, she wrote: "Saturday was so exciting in Paris. In the evening the Champs was crowded with people from one end to the other, just walking and talking. At 11 p.m. the lights went on at the Arch and it looked like a huge wedding cake. With the moon and stars above it, it was the most beautiful sight I have seen in a very long time . . ."

She wrote: "The other night I opened a can of salmon for three girls and myself and when I finished opening the can, the girls wouldn't let me touch it, they just wanted to make a mental picture of that luscious red stuff floating in oil. It was delicious."

Many soldiers were being sent from France to the American Sector in Berlin. Ada assured my mother-in-law, "Don't worry. I am not moving to Germany as yet and I wouldn't believe all those newspapers stories you read. There is plenty of protection in Germany for the American girls . . . Send me some soap and good things to eat."

By mid-August, Ada wrote that she

was off to Frankfurt, Germany, and looking forward to the change. We have no letters after that. At some point she was in a jeep crash and sent home on a hospital ship that struck a mine. She became deaf in one ear but lived the rest of her life uneventfully. I suspect that her Army days were the best years of her life.

What amazes me is that her letters contain no hard news. No talk of the genocide in Germany, no news of the war in the Pacific, no mention of FDR's death just months earlier or Hitler's suicide that spring.

She wrote home on Aug. 6 and 9, chatting about pink feathered hats she bought in Paris. Between those two dates, the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, effectively ending the war with Japan. Did she not know what was happening in the Pacific or in Germany? Or did she only write fluff because of security and censorship?

The letters detail small moments of a heroic effort. Her last notes are dated Aug. 7, 1945, 74 years ago last week, when America and its allies finished up the fight and effectively saved our democracy for another generation.

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copper pennies.

Churchill said you can always count on the Americans to do the right thing, but only after all else has failed.

Count the names of our dead, and it is all too true that all else has failed.

Now is the time for the president and the Senate to fulfill their solemn responsibility of leadership to protect us from the proliferation of guns in our nation. Now is the time for the president to put an end to his propaganda of prejudice. The founders would have had it no other way. After all, isn't that what America's life, fortune and sacred honor are all about?

ASSEMBLYMAN CHARLES LAVINE  
District 13

to a new parking area on the main property that would be out of sight, concealed by shrubbery.

The home has clearly become the commercial center that we all objected to when the zoning variance was applied for. We realize that Padavan Law allowed for this commercial development, but there's no reason for Glen Cove to tolerate the abuse of our zoning regulations. Would we allow other businesses to park their vehicles day and night on private home properties?

It's time to enforce our city's codes and preserve the residential, non-commercial character of our neighborhoods.

MICHAEL SWIRNOFF  
Glen Cove

## The commercial center we feared

To the Editor:

Every day when I drive past the Monte Nido Group Home, at 1 St. Andrews Lane, the driveway is filled past the property line with parked cars. Many are parked on the circular driveway, which is on city property. Occasionally, cars are parked on Highland Road. We were assured at City Council meetings before the development of the home that parking would be restricted

## Left-wing politicians shouldn't volunteer at St. Rocco's Feast

To the Editor:

Each year it seems the annual St. Rocco's Feast in Glen Cove gets bigger and better. Congratulations to the parishioners and volunteers who work so tirelessly in staging such a great event.

With more and more publicity and popularity, the feast also seems to

attract more and more politicians. Although the feast is open to all, I question the sincerity of left-wing politicians like state Sen. James Gaughran and City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who appeared to be "working" at church-sponsored booths. They advocate positions that are anathema to church teachings, like partial birth abortion, so they should not be glad-handing behind a St. Rocco's sausage and pepper booth.

I have no problem with any elected official who belongs to the parish or any other religious institution volunteering at the feast. I am, however, offended that those who insult our faith 51 weeks a year are allowed to score political points at the feast for one weekend every summer.

JOANNE RICCARDI  
Glen Cove

## Voting based on rumors

To the Editor:

Depending on how you count, Reggie Spinello lost the last election for Glen Cove mayor by either one or three votes. It was that close.

Dozens of voters who were interviewed after claimed they opposed Spinello because, according to what they had heard, he was responsible for all the

development going on in Glen Cove and he was ruining the city.

In fact, every one of them was wrong and threw away his or her vote on misinformation. Spinello is not responsible for the redevelopment of the waterfront. That was started more than 20 years ago by then Mayor Tom Suozzi. Most of what's going up now was approved by Ralph Suozzi and other predecessor mayors. Spinello's only impact on the waterfront was that he successfully negotiated a reduction in the number and size of the buildings and added three acres of parkland.

The Villa project on Glen Cove Avenue is another project that Spinello had nothing to do with. Under the less than watchful eye of Ralph Suozzi and his City Council, the zoning laws were changed to permit the construction of too many homes. Again, Spinello negotiated a reduction in the heights of the buildings and the number of units that could be built.

So, for everyone who voted against Spinello because you thought he brought you the waterfront redevelopment and the crazy rezoning of the Villa location, you got it 100 percent wrong.

But you know who voted in favor of all that stuff that cost Spinello the election? Yep. Tim Tenke.

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