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Combating racist symbols

State officials support hate education bill

By BRIANA BONFIGLIO and RONNY REYES

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Local lawmakers gathered for a news conference in Rockville Centre on Aug. 13 to announce a bill proposed in the State Senate aimed at curbing hate crimes. The measure would direct all middle and high schools in New York state to teach their students about the history of hate symbols like swastikas and nooses.

The proposal came in the wake of an incident in Oyster Bay on Aug. 8, when seven 10-inch swastikas, scrawled in purple marker, were discovered on the walls of the picnic pavilion at Oyster Bay's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park. An investigation into the vandalism is continuing.

State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, a Democrat from Long Beach, wrote the bill and received input from State Assemblyman Charles Lavine, a Democrat from Glen Cove. Lavine said he had worried about the rise of hate crimes over the past five years. Last year, the FBI released a report indicating that there had been a 17 percent spike in such crimes across the U.S. in 2017, continuing a three-year rise. Anti-Semitic hate crimes also

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City, schools locked in \$1M tax dispute

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By RONNY REYES

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The City of Glen Cove and the Glen Cove School District are negotiating a possible settlement

payment for roughly \$1 million that the city contends the district owes it over a complicated tax lien dispute.

In 2017, the city took over the payment of a tax lien for a property now owned by Spectrum Group Management. The 22-acre parcel, at 31 Sea Cliff Ave., is a chemically contaminated site that was once owned by Photocircuits

Corp., a computer circuit board manufacturer. Photocircuits went out of business in 2007, and the property has been abandoned ever since.

A tax lien is imposed on a property for failure to pay taxes on it. Normally, Nassau County assumes tax lien payments. Glen Cove, however, as a city with its own assessment department, is responsible for its tax liens.

In 2018, Spectrum successfully challenged the city's assess-

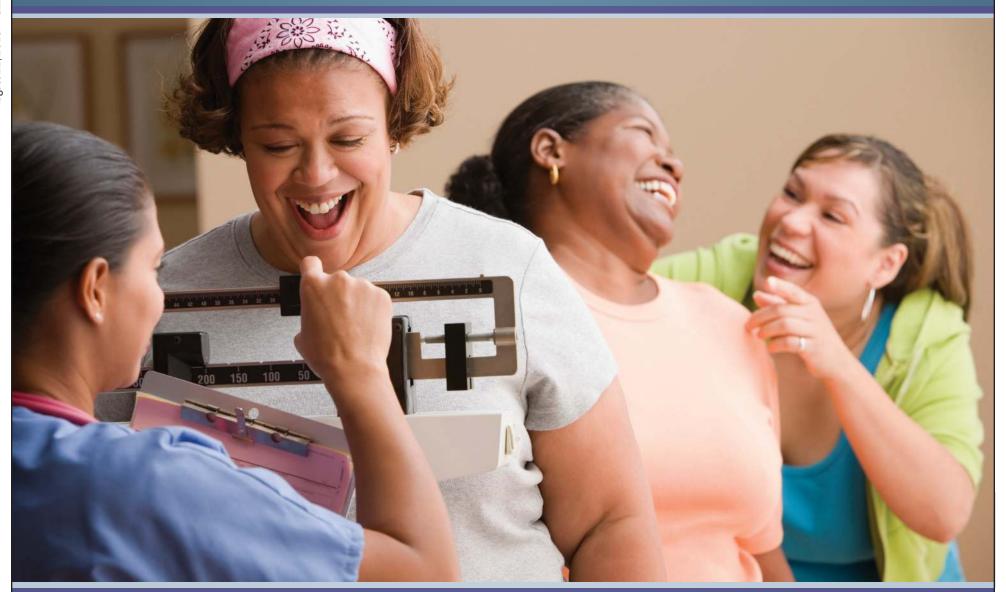
ment for the Sea Cliff Avenue property, causing its assessed value to drop from \$8 million to \$2.5 million. The city, as the lien holder, paid the property taxes. including the school taxes. Last year it paid school taxes based on the \$8 million assessment, even though the property's value had dropped precipitously.

So, the city argues, the school district now owes the city about \$1 million in school taxes that it overpaid.

Glen Cove Schools Superintendent Maria Rianna, however, does not believe the district owes the city anything.

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G.C. Planned Parenthood won't close

BV LAURA LANE

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A decision by Planned Parenthood on Monday to withdraw from the federal program Title X, which granted the agency nearly \$60 million annually, is cause for concern, said Saskia Thomson, vice president of development and marketing of Planned Parenthood of Nassau County. It will affect the agency's centers in Glen Cove, Massapequa and Hempstead, but at this point it's unclear to what extent.

"We allow for low-income and the uninsured to have family planning here," Thomson said. "The majority of people who come to Planned Parenthood in Glen Cove have been assessing their care from Title X, but they don't know it."

Most of the services the center in Glen Cove provides are for birth control and testing for sexually transmitted infections and treatments, Thomson said. It also offers a full range of reproductive health care, HIV testing and cancer screenings. But the Planned Parenthood in Glen Cove also offers medical abortions by way of medication, which means it is no longer eligible for Title X funding unless it performs the abortions in a separate facility, which it would be unable to refer its patients to.

According to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Title X, enacted in 1970, "is the only federal grant program dedicated solely to providing individuals with comprehensive family planning and related preventive health



Courtesy Planned Parenthood of Nassau County

A MEDICAL PROVIDER at Planned Parenthood assisted a patient. Even though the agency has lost a large portion of its federal funding through Title X, which assists the low income and uninsured, it will not close.

services. The Title X program is designed to provide access to contraceptive services, supplies, and information to all who want and need them. By law, priority is given to persons from low-income families."

The Trump administration introduced new rules to Title X in February, stripping federal funding from reproductive health providers that perform abortions or offer abortion referrals.

Thomson said that Planned Parenthood had to pull out of Title X. "We are not going to lie to our patients," she said. "The government is asking us to withhold information."

Abortion is legal in the country, she reasoned, and patients have the right to the procedure.

"Our doors will stay open, and we will not turn anyone away, but it's getting harder," Thomson admitted. Marie Coyle, of Glen Cove, said she supports the changes to Title X.

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"I think abortion is so wrong," she said. "I equate it to exterminating a generation. My belief is that children are gifts from God, and I can't wrap my head around their destruction."

Planned Parenthood she said she believes does not address the psychological damage that women suffer after they have had an abortion, a decision that she said is usually made while under stress.

And although Coyle said she knows that Planned Parenthood provides other services, she believes it has one main objective. "Planned Parenthood's goal will always be about abortions," she said. "That's their money."

Planned Parenthood has had conversations with Gov. Andrew Cuomo to ask for help, Thomson said. With his support, she said, she hopes the state will help with the agency's financial burden. "But we don't know how it will be managed," Thomson said. "In the meantime, we are fighting this in court."

Losing federal funding will make a difference in stopping Planned Parenthood, Coyle insisted. "The more Planned Parenthoods that close down, the better," she said.

But Thomson said that people had been calling in recent days to offer their support, financial and otherwise. "We need donations more now than ever before," she said. "This is an attack on reproductive health nationwide."

New paid parking raises concern in Glen Cove

By RONNY REYES

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Everything seemed normal for Karen Truzzolino, as she made her way to her dentist's office at 70 Glen Street, until she came up to the back parking lot and found that the once-free lot was now charging patrons for any visit longer than 30 minutes. The rates, which start at \$10 an hour and goes up to \$60 for 12 hours, she said was upsetting.

"It used to be great," Truzzolino said. "But my appointments last at least 45 minutes. I won't get free parking, and I don't want to pay those rates."

The change in parking policy at the Pistilli Metro Center building has caused an uproar in Glen Cove as dozens of residents complained on social media about what they called an overcharge in parking at a building that houses mostly medical facilities that tend to serve older patients.

Dr. Michael Kotkin, of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery on the building's third floor, said he was shocked and outraged when he first saw the new payment options at the parking lot, which starts at \$10 for the first hour. Kotkin explained that since the front of the building lacks any ramps, older patients who choose to avoid parking in the back will still have to go through the lot to get to the back entrance where the elevator is easily accessible. He feared patients might decide to go to another doctor because of the change.

"They're destroying our practice," Kotkin said. "No one in Glen Cove charges for parking. Seniors can go to the parking garage across the street, and that might be okay during the summer, but what happens when it rains or when it snows. It's hazardous for our elderly

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A NEW PAID parking policy at 70 Glen Street offers free parking for only 30-minute visits at a building that houses mostly medical facilities.

patients."

Lawrence Greenberg, the property manager of the

Pistilli Metro Center, said that changes needed to be made to the parking lot to prevent non-patrons of the building from parking there. Greenberg said there had been a long history of people taking advantage of the free parking lot, sometimes leaving their cars there for 13 hours despite having nothing to do in the building. Greenberg added that there had even been fist fights at the lot.

"We are trying to control a problem," Greenberg said. "We're not doing this to monetize the lot. We're starting out high because we're hoping the charge is a deterrent for those who don't belong here."

But this solution didn't seem fair to Dr. Alan Morris, a colleague of Kotkin, who had reached out to management about the problems at the lot before. Morris said that while the tenants had hoped that there would be more active monitoring at the lot, with tickets given to those who did not have business at 70 Glen Street, the hefty price felt like too much of an overcorrection.

While Greenberg said that there were spots reserved for the tenants and some of their customers, Rosa Alessi, an accountant at James P. O' Day Certified Public Accountants, said that two of her coworkers don't actually have parking spots at the moment. And she said that while the lot used to be full on Mondays and Thursdays, it was now practically empty then.

"Right now, it's probably going to affect the medical business in the building, and come tax season in January, it'll affect our business, too," Alessi said.

"There was always a spot open but now I'm just staying away from it," Truzzolino said. "I'll stick to street parking from now on."

Greenberg said that the prices are subject to change in the future.

City gets \$20k for upgrades

Nassau County Legislator Delia ed between 34 and 40 School St. The same DeRiggi-Whitton secured \$20,000 in capital funds from the county's Community Revitalization Program in order to pay for upgrades to two walkways in downtown Glen Cove. Patricia Holman, the executive director of the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, said the money would go a long way to improve the city.

"Through this Community Revitalization Program grant, the Glen Cove Downtown BID will be able to purchase a pergola, benches and lampposts," Holman said. "This will not only add to the beauty of our downtown, but it will also serve as a welcome to our community and visitors. We look forward to seeing members of our community sitting on a bench enjoying a refreshment under the pergola."

The new decorations and lampposts would be installed at the walkway locat-

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decorations would be added between 27 and 19 Glen St. That walkway would also see new sidewalks and streetscaping. The two streets were chosen as they connect the downtown business district to the city's municipal parking garage.

"By making our downtown business district safer and more inviting, we support small businesses that make the City of Glen Cove such a unique and wonderful place," DeRiggi-Whitton said. "Glen Cove has a vibrant business community thanks to its outstanding restaurants and first-class entertainment exemplified by the Downtown Sounds concerts. I thank the Glen Cove Downtown BID and the City of Glen Cove for working closely with me to secure this funding.

"Thank you to Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton for continuing to be a great Nassau County partner for the City of Glen Cove," Mayor Timothy Tenke, said.

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GLEN COVE DOWNTOWN Business Improvement District Executive Director Patricia Holman, left, Mayor Timothy Tenke and Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton secured a grant for walkway improvement in city's downtown.



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- A male, 27, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 11, on Brewster Street, for unlawful possession of marijuana, aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle and failure to signal.
- A male, 26, of Yonkers, was arrested on Aug. 12, on Arterial Highway, for criminal possession of a controlled substance, criminal possession of marijuana, aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, false personation and multiple vehicle and traffic law violations.
- A male, 22, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 12, on Danas Highway, for DUI, aggravated DWI with a child passenger, unauthorized use of a vehicle, aggravated unlicensed use of a vehicle, leaving the scene of an auto accident and multiple vehicle and traffic law violations.

- A male, 38, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 13, on Continental Place, for criminal possession of a controlled sub-
- A male, 40, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 14, on Ellen Court, for
- A male, 24, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 14, on Charles Street, for criminal contempt, aggravated unlicensed use of a vehicle and multiple vehicle and traffic law violations.
- A male, 25, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 14, on Forest Avenue, for criminal possession of marijuana.
- Four males and two females, ages 17 to 20, were arrested on Aug. 16, on Waters Edge, for criminal trespass.
- A female, 48, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 16, on Brewster Street, for assault.

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



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week



Tomato tasting and seed saving demo

Join the Glen Cove Library on Aug. 24 for tomato tasting. Try a selection of delicious tomatoes and vote for a favorite. Learn also how easy it is to save tomato seeds to start a personal tomato seed library. "Ketchup" with the latest tomato knowledge at 10 a.m. at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.

Hurricane preparedness

In 2018, the Atlantic Hurricane Season was the third in a consecutive series of above average and damaging hurricane seasons. On Aug. 26, Town of Oyster Bay Deputy Commissioner Leonard Symons will discuss the risks and how hurricanes can affect the community at 7 p.m. at the Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.



NEW YORK AMERICAN WATER GATE

Public water town hall

Join local civic associations and North Shore Concerned Citizens in the auditorium of North Shore High School on Aug. 28 for a town hall meeting. Residents will discuss the associations' efforts to rid of privatized water from New York American Water and establish a municipal public water supplier. The event starts at 6:30 p.m. at 450 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head. (516) 277-7000.

Old-fashioned amusements

As summer winds down, enjoy those waning days in the spirit of the mid 19th century at Old Bethpage Village Restoration's annual music festival, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24-25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The historic setting features rousing tunes by the village's brass band, with contra dancing and other activities. Info: (516) 572-8401 or www.obvrnassau.com.



Rock on New Orleans-style

Groove to the sounds of the Big Easy, when the Hoodoo Loungers visit Long Island, on Tuesday, Aug. 27, at 8 p.m. It's always Mardi Gras for this lively ninepiece band, inspired by the rhythms, sounds, history and spirit of New Orleans.



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City Council finds issue in budget and vacations

By RONNY REYES

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There was a discussion at the Glen Cove City Pre-Council meeting on Aug. 21 regarding the approval of transferring more than \$52,000 to the city's pedestrian improvement and Western Gateway Strategic Plan projects. But the efforts were halted, because approval from the city controller is required and Sandra Clarson recently resigned from the position. The City Council did interview a replacement for Clarson after the meeting, but whether the candidate was hired was not available by press time.

Maureen Pappachristou, the Glen Cove Police Department's secretary, shared an error that she found in the vacation accrual time of several police employees. She told council members that as she went through old paystubs and records she discovered an error that had occurred in 2009 during a switch in the city's paycheck system, which mislabeled the amount of vacation hours some employees were accruing. She then shared the full list of affected employees with the council.

"It came to my attention when an employee wanted to take his 25 days vacation but found that he only had 20 in the system," Pappachristou said.

Council members said they would review Pappachristou's findings and if there were an error, would work to find a solution to ensure that the employees receive their correct vacation time.

"I'm surprised that it wasn't caught sooner if it's been going on for 10 years now," said City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman.



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HERALD SPORTS Hofstra seeks another CAA title

By ANDREW COEN

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After repeating as conference champions last year, Hofstra is aiming to make history this fall as the first Colonial Athletic Association women's soccer program to achieve a three-peat.

Hofstra graduated some important pieces the 2018 team that went 16-6-1 en route to a second straight CAA title before knocking off 22nd-ranked Boston College in the NCAA Tournament, but returns some major offensive weapons from that historic season. Eleven newcomers entered Hofstra University Soccer Stadium in August geared up to continue the Pride's championship momentum.

"We have set the bar to compete for CAA titles every year," said 14th-year head coach Simon Riddiough, who has led the Pride to four conference crowns and six NCAA Tournament appearances. "We want to make history and get the three-peat and I think we have the talent to do so."

Hofstra brings back the bulk of last year's scoring, which was led by 13 goals from Sabrina Bryan and 11 tallies by Lucy Porter. Lucy Shepherd, Miri Taylor, Jordan Littleboy and Bella Richards also return to provide the Pride some additional veteran frontline scoring punch.

"We have a lot of different weapons this year," Riddiough said. "We have a very good core returning."

Porter was named to the 2019 Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy Watch List after earning CAA First Team, United Soccer Coaches Association All-Region First Team, and All-ECAC accolades during a banner sophomore season. She was named CAA Preseason Midfielder of Year and was joined on the Preseason All-CAA team with Bryan.

"I think we could do some great things this season," Porter said. I'm excited."

Hofstra graduated the bulk of its starting defense, but will have experience on the backline from graduate student Monique Iannella, who logged 2,022 minutes and registered seven points. The Australia native, who transferred from the University of Texas after the 2016 season, was seventh in the CAA in assist with seven and netted the game-winning goal in a 2-1 win at Columbia last year.



MIDFIELDER MIRI TAYLOR was named Rookie of the Year in the CAA in 2018.

The Pride will also have a new starting goalkeeper after the graduations of Ashley Wilson and Jenna Borrensen, who both split time in net. Freshman Skylar Kuzmich has emerged as the leader for the starting job following a standout four-year high school career at Massachusetts. Sabrina Painter, Grace Watson-Carr and Gabriella Naletilic are competing hard for the backup goalie role.

Riddiough's roster is a mix of veterans and newcomers, and he's excited about the potential of his 11-member freshman class that features three players from Germany. The large freshman group features three from Long Island, including North Shore High School graduate Cailey Welch, who scored 36 goals during her three-year varsity career.

Hofstra has a diverse collection of players from eight states and five foreign countries. The 10 Long Islanders who chose to play close to home includes Merrick's Taylor Curcio, who was named to the CAA Spring Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll during her freshman year on the Hofstra campus.

"The depth is probably the strongest it has ever been," Riddiough said. "We have 16-17 players competing for a starting



Courtesy Hofstra Athletics Communications

MIDFIELDER LUCY PORTER scored 11 goals and added four assists last season on the way to earning First Team All-Colonial Athletic Association honors.

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Hofstra launches its new season this Friday night at Monmouth before traveling to sixth-ranked Penn State on Sunday. The Pride's home opener is set for Sept. 1 against Fordham followed by another challenging Big Ten road match at Rutgers on Sept. 5. The non-conference schedule is also highlighted by a Battle of Long Island match at Stony Brook on Sept. 8 and home tilt with Columbia on Sept. 15.

The CAA season kicks off with home matches against Drexel on Sept. 26 and Elon on Sept. 29. Hofstra, which was picked to win the CAA for the second straight year in the conference's preseason poll, battles James Madison at home on Oct. 10 in a rematch of last year's league title game.

All Hofstra home matches are free of charge. For further information on the schedule, visit gohofstra.com.

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Harbor Child Care debuts new playground in school

By RONNY REYES

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Since 2017, Harbor Child Care has been working on the construction of a play-ground for the families that they serve at the Glen Cove location on Forest Avenue. The Glen Cove Harbor Child Care, part of the non-profit organization HCC, provides family and school services for more than 100 children, ages 12 weeks- to 12-years-old.

Harbor Child Care Executive Director Arnold Goldberg said that the playground was necessary for the local children and would provide a much needed space for them to play in. Goldberg, HCC staff, and local elected officials and members of the community gathered at the school for the grand opening of the playground on Aug.

"This has been a dream two years in the making," Goldberg said after the ribbon cutting ceremony. "It shows that we offer more than just educational services and that we are real members of the City of Glen Cove."

The new playground includes soft green turf, a jungle gym with a slide, benches for teachers and children and a Camp Walden, a fort-like structure with a corral of seven activity panels with options for children to enjoy. The playground is a part of HCC's new Creative Curriculum program, which encourages children to play and in doing so enhance their social skills and imagination.

The new benches were formatted to serve as an outdoor classroom and came to the playground as a part of Glen Cove High School senior Joseph Chebuske's Eagle Scout project. Chebuske, who hopes to find a career in construction, raised funds to purchase the benches and installed them in such a way that they could be moved to make room for future activities at the playground. Chebuske also plans to install a flower garden near the outdoor classroom.

"It's for the benefit of the kids who are going to come out here," Chebuske said. "What could be better for the community?"

The Glen Cove Center's Playground Committee also helped raise funds for the playground project.

With the completion of the two-year endeavour, Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke and Councilwoman Marsha Silverman presented Glen Cove Harbor Child Care with a certificate of recognition from the city.

"I'm glad to see that the playground is finally completed and hope that it will serve as a beautiful new space for our children and the community," Tenke said.



Photos by Ronny Reyes/Herald Gazette



GLEN COVE HARBOR Child Care Center Director Claudia Recarey cut the ribbon for the opening of the new playground.

THE PLAY-GROUND INCLUDES a jungle gym near the back corner of the play area.



Honoring veterans, the heroes among us

BY BRIAN STIEGLITZ

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When Virginia Cervasio decided to dedicate her life to helping veterans, she learned that they have an unspoken "bond that no one could break," she said. "There's just a mutual understanding and a trust that they are going to support one another and help each other out."

Cervasio, 61, of Glen Cove, said she wanted to strengthen those bonds when she launched a nonprofit called Heroes Among Us in 2014 to help veterans readjust

In the organization's most significant undertaking yet, it will host a 375-foot-long, three-quarter-scale mobile replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Eisenhower Park from Aug. 29 to Sept. 1.

Known as "The Wall That Heals," the memorial, and an accompanying education center, moves from one state to another each month, where it is hosted by a local organization, offering people a chance to see it without having to travel to Washington, D.C., to see the original.

"It's such an honor to be able to host the wall," Cervasio said. "We're committed to giving the public something they will remember for life."

Cervasio's activism began long before she launched Heroes Among Us. Her son Angelo joined the U.S. Air Force shortly after graduating from Locust Valley High School in 2000, and served as an Airman 1st Class during Operation Southern Watch in Iraq for three years before he was stationed in Oklahoma City for the remainder of

When he returning from war, Angelo "didn't want to talk about anything," his mother recalled. "His whole character was different." In 2006, six months after his discharge, Angelo died by suicide. He was 24.

'You're never going to know why something like this happens," Cervasio said. "But, personally, I wanted to make something good come of it. I wanted to continue his legacy.'



VIRGINIA CERVASIO IS the founder of the nonprofit Heroes Among Us. It will host a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Eisenhower Park Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

A native of Glen Cove, she lived in Lee County, Fla., from 2004 to 2014, and after her son died, she founded a nonprofit called Cares Suicide Prevention, sharing Angelo's story and hosting educational seminars on the signs she said she missed that led him to take his own life.

When she returned to Glen Cove in 2014, Cervasio dissolved Cares Suicide Prevention but continued her advocacy, volunteering for the Long Island Crisis Center, where she has overseen its suicide support group for three months. She earned a degree in sociology from SUNY Old Westbury, and founded Heroes Among Us.

The organization acts as a liaison between veterans and the resources that can help them and their families

when they return from service. Cervasio initially met with veterans at her home, but found office space on Old Country Road, between Westbury and Salisbury, four months ago.

"So many vets have trouble finding their footing, and there are so many resources available to them that they might not know about," said Gary Glick, the commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 652 and a veteran from North Merrick. "[Cervasio] has been doing so much to

Heroes Among Us has helped veterans pay their bills, helped them find therapists and organized school supplies drives for their families, among other services. "One vet came to us looking for a guide dog," Cervasio recounted. "We got him one from a breeder just by word of mouth."

Each May, the organization hosts a gala to raise funds for its services, to honor veterans who have died and to recognize those who have contributed to their community. It applied to host the traveling Vietnam memorial last fall, and has prepared for its arrival since it was notified of its acceptance by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in November.

Heroes Among Us will officially present the mobile memorial at the Glen Cove Fire Department on Aug. 29 before escorting it roughly 12 miles south on Glen Cove Road with a parade to Eisenhower Park.

The organization is funded solely by donations, and to offset the cost of hosting the wall, Cervasio created a GoFundMe page, which can be found at https://bit. ly/2T89UAQ. As the Herald went to press, it had raised the first \$375 of its \$15,000 goal.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is sending the wall to Heroes Among Us in pieces, Cervasio explained, and she is looking for volunteers to help assemble it on Aug. 29 and disassemble it on Sept. 1. To volunteer or learn more, visit www.heroesamongus24.org or call (239)

Education can curb hate crimes, reps say

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rose by 37 percent. There were 7.175 hate crimes reported that year, and FBI officials expect that number to be higher in 2018 and 2019.

"We need to address the pandemic of hatred in our nation," Lavine said. "My hope is that this bill can help educate our children and send a strong and persuasive message to New York and America that we have a real problem ... and that problem is white supremacy."

The bill focuses on educating students about hate symbols and their effects on those they target. While schools are mandated to teach about the Holocaust, there is no requirement that they take on hate symbols. The bill has quickly gained support from Long Island NAACP, the Jewish Community Relations Council, the regional Anti-Defamation League and the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, all of which sent representatives to speak at last week's news conference.

Nassau County Executive Laura Curran, who supports the bill, released a statement condemning the incident in Oyster Bay, saying, "We cannot look away from the fact that bigotry, including anti-Semitism is on the rise . . . We will not tolerate it in Nassau, and we certainly will not look the

Curran was joined at the news conference by several of the bill's co-sponsors, including Senators Kevin Thomas, Shelley Mayer and Anna Kaplan, as well as Assemblywoman Judy Griffin. Lavine and Kaminsky said that while teens may use symbols of hate to be provocative or controversial, properly educating them about those symbols' history could change that.



Briana Bonfiglio/Herald

STATE SEN. TODD Kaminsky, at lectern, and Assemblyman Charles Lavine, right, introduced a hate legislation bill.

'It is imperative that we educate our children on the repugnant meanings behind the swastika and noose as symbols of bigotry and intolerance," Kaminsky said. "[It] will go a long way in stamping out these nauseating incidents across our communities, and our state as a whole."

"Hatred has no place in our communities, and we must work to educate our students on the painful history these symbols of hate represent," Sen. Jim Gaughran added. "It is through educational efforts that we can work together to create a society free from hate and full with tolerance and

Assemblyman Mike Montesano, a Republican from Glen Head, said that while he agreed that teaching teens about the history behind the swastika would be helpful in curbing graffiti and the use of the symbol, he believed that images of nooses were too closely associated with the history of executions in the U.S. and should be kept separate. Montesano added that while the earliest the hill could take effect would be the start of the 2020-21 school year, the State Board of Regents or individual schools could act on their own and create courses on hate symbols as soon as Septem-

"Legislation would create a uniform standard for all schools to follow, but schools can actually start educating their students about the history behind the swastika and its use when classes start next month," Montesano said. "There's really no reason to wait for next year."

Another news conference attendee, Nassau County District Attorney Madeline Singas, explained that there was a program in place in the county to send young people who commit crimes of hate-focused vandalism to counseling, and noted that they come away with a deeper understanding of hate symbols. She praised local officials for taking steps to educate students before they act, and not afterward.

"Most students don't even know what [these symbols] mean," Singas said. "While no one may get physically hurt by the drawing of a swastika or a noose, the symbols are demonizing and take away one's sense of security and free-

HERALD NEIGHBORS



KAITLIN HUGHES, 13, admired the pelts of several animals.

Photos by Flisa Dragotto/Herald Gazette

Garvies history and nature celebration





VOLUNTEER JASON ABDALE, above, used clay tools to face paint on Dimitri Karafantis, 8.

QUINN EANNOTTI, 3, top, far right, found the peridot gems.

CHRISTOPHER MCDERMOTT

FAR right, showed his son, Liam, 3, how corn grows.

DYLAN MAURO, 7, right, went exploring.





arvies Point Museum Day is a yearly celebration of Long Island's rich history and the incredible diversity of its nature. North Shore residents of all ages headed to the museum on Aug. 3 to learn all about the place they call home through more than 10 different activities, including nature walks, museum exhibits, face painting and live wildlife demonstrations.

Through learning about and interacting with animals and nature located right in their backyards, visitors — especially the little ones — all gained a greater appreciation for the wonders Long Island still possesses, as well as the ones which have come and gone with time.

-Mike Conn

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Woodstock: Back to the Garden

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 6:30 p.m. Inspired by legendary New York disc jockey and author Pete Fornatale's book "The Story of Woodstock: Back to the Garden," this program features rare audio and video footage from the festival, as well as sound clips from media broadcasts about the "Three Days of Peace and Love" that the world will never forget. (516) 628-2765.

Friday, August 23

Little Gym at Glen Cove Library

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. The Little Gym helps children build the confidence and skills needed at each stage of childhood. Parents and their children age 18 to 36 months can join members of the program for a fun, high-energy class. (516) 676-2130.

"Free Solo" movie screening

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. The 2018 documentary "Free Solo" follows Alex Honnold, the world's most accomplished free soloist climber, as he prepares mentally and physically for his most daring adventure to date — scaling the 3,200-foot El Capitan in Yosemite without a rope or safety gear. If he succeeds, it will mark the largest wall anyone has ascended without any kind of equipment. (516) 676-

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)

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.



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Kindergarten meet and greet at Gold Coast Library

Head to the Gold Coast Library on Aug. 27 to enjoy some coffee and treats, mix and mingle with other kindergarten children and parents, learn about library program opportunities and more. Attendees will meet librarians Christine Kingsley from Glen Head School, Stephanie Smith from Glenwood Landing School and Mr. V. from the Gold Coast Public Library. Parents will find out who is in their child's class and get a head start on making their children feel comfortable on the first day of school. It is a perfect way to begin the back to school season and it starts at 4:30 p.m. at 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. (516) 759-8300.

Saturday, August 24

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.

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.

Monday, August 26

60s era celebration

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 12 p.m. Celebrate the groovy 1960s by coming dressed in clothes from the era and enjoying some of the best music ever made. (516) 759-9610.

Retro movie night: "E.T."

Sea Cliff Beach, The Blvd, Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Bring a chair down to Sea Cliff Beach for an outdoor evening screening of "E.T. The Extraterrestrial," the Steven Spielberg classic about the bond formed

between a boy and an alien from far off into space. Beach Hut will be open and serving dinner, popcorn, candy, ice cream, snow cones and more. (516) 671-0080.

Tuesday, August 27

Babysitting and first aid workshop

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 6 p.m. Teens grades 6 and up can learn to care for children from



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Morgan Park: A Band Called Honalee

Join A Band Called Honalee as it transports listeners back to the 1960s, playing a blend of folk music that takes the tunes of that era and bringing them into the modern day.

The performance will serve as the finale of a long summer of fantastic shows for the 60th anniversary of the Morgan Park Music Festival. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 25 at Morgan Park, located off of Germaine Street in Glen Cove. (516) 671-0017.

two registered nurse instructors. Participants should bring a doll to learn diapering. Certificates will be presented to all taking the course. (516) 676-2130.

Glen Cove City Council meeting

Glen Cove City Hall, 9 Glen St., Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Join the Glen Cove City Council as it discusses the most important matters going on in the city. Public comments will follow the conclusion of the council's agenda discussion. (516) 676-2000.

Wednesday, August 28

Paddlewheel boat cruise

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 9:30 a.m. Join the senior center on a cruise aboard the Lauren Kristy Paddlewheel Boat, a 65 foot turn-of-the-century style riverboat. The trip includes bussing, breakfast, a ticket for the boat, lunch, water and snacks. (516) 759-9610.

Mandarin class

Glen Cove Senior Center, 130 Glen St., Glen Cove, 3 p.m. All who wish to learn the basics of Mandarin can join James and Jason Chen as they teach a beginner's course on this widely-spoken language. (516) 759-9610.

Thursday, August 29

Art hanging at Locust Valley Library

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 10:30 a.m. Carol A. Bruder, Rosanne Kaloustian and Nancy Wernersbach will set up their artworks. This delightful multimedia art exhibit will be on display from Sept. 7 through Oct. 27. All are welcome to view the works of these very talented Long Island artists. (516) 671-1837.

Jimmy Moore at S.C. Memorial Park

Sea Cliff Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Join Jimmy Moore for this summer's finale of Summer Serenade for an evening of Broadway medleys from a wide variety of classic musicals. (516) 671-0080.

Budget hearing & meet the candidates

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Learn about the library's proposed budget and then meet the candidates running for positions on the Library Board of Trustees. (516_ 759-8300.

Friday, August 30

Dean Ford & The Beautiful Ones

Village Square, Glen and School streets, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy the final Downtown Sounds concert of the summer, featuring Dean Ford & The Beautiful Ones. Despite legendary musician Prince's death in 2016, this band keeps his legacy alive by performing hit songs with all the enthusiasm and showmanship for which the late artist was known. (516) 759-6790.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to Ilane@liherald.com.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Courtesy GCBG0

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS and community members joined the Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club and Jack Brewer as to celebrate the American Heroes Initiative.

G.C. boys and girls honor heroes

The Glen Cove Boys and Girls Club joined former NFL star Jack Brewer to host the Jack Brewer Foundation's American Heroes Initiative. The event serves as a way to bridge the gap between residents and their local law enforcement officers similarly to the National Night Out events.

The event honored Glen Cove Police Officer Kaite Theodorou, Northwell Health Community Relations Manger Sue Rassekh and GCBGC President Deborah Brisbane, who has served as the president of the organization for the past 17 years.

"This was a great collaborative effort as our missions are very much aligned with the Jack Brewer Foundation and the ultimate goal of both of our organizations is to promote education and empower our youth." GCBGC Executive Director Franca Chunga said. "We are indebted to Mr. Brewer for his time and commitment to our club and kids and working with them one-on-one, encouraging them to always give it their all."

Some flowers for Glen Cove

The City of Glen Cove received a recent paint job as the Summer Youth Employment Program went around the city to decorate certain areas with violets, the official flower of Glen Cove.

The SYEP is run by the City of Glen Cove Youth Bureau and provides work

opportunities and workshops for city residents between the ages of 14- and 22-years-old. The program is split by age group, with Green Team for ages 14-15, summer internships for 16-18-year-olds and an assistant and supervisor program for alumni up to 22 years of age.



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

NATALIE TENKE, GLEN Cove Youth Bureau's Summer Coordinator, painted violets at the Pulaski Street parking garage with the help of Anaysza Ashby.

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AC MERMAN LABELS swimmer Jerimy Murphy's back to support Team Sean.

Swimming for a cure

Dozens of people gathered at Morgan Memorial Park to participate in the 18th annual "Sound to Cove" Swim Across America event on Aug. 3. The Swim Across America Long Island Sound Chapter, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds for cancer research and prevention programs, hosted the swim.

This year's swimmers had the option to swim half-a mile, 1 mile, or 5 or 10 kilometers in the Long Island Sound. The event is not competitive and swimmers ranged from 8- to 80-years-old. One of the swimmers, Mark Heingartner, a five-year veteran of the event, shared his story online with Swim Across America. Heingartner said two of his friends asked him to sign up for the even under Team Stacey,

and he has loved the event ever since.

"It has been and continues to be my honor to swim and raise money for this great organization run by amazing people," Heingartner wrote. "I swim for those that bravely fought and those that continue to do so today."

The money raised at the even will support immunotherapy research at the Swim Across America Laboratory at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, lung cancer trials at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, pediatric brain cancer research at the Feinstein Institute of North Shore and pediatric oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital.



GLEN COVE CANTOR Gustavo Gitlan and his daughter Tamara braced themselves for the swim.



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Where is your favorite camping spot?



My favorite camping site is at Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort. Our family has had so many great memories and experiences for over 30 vears.

Ronnie Rose Retired



I have camped in many places. My favorite campsite in New York is at North South Lake. I love hiking in Kaaterskill Falls and hiking along the cliff edges.

Roy Knoernschild Construction



My favorite camping experiences in New York have been in Letchworth State Park. It's known as the Grand Caynon of the East, I love rafting. hiking and exploring such a majestic place.

Ralph Rose



We camped many years at Ellenville and in Lake George. We had many family memories in Niagra Falls. The most exciting camping experience was in Gettysburg.

Peter Milne Retired



I love camping at Hidden Acres Family Campground in Connecticut. Its only 2 1/2 hrs away from home. There is a great fishing and the campsite is clean.

Rich Raldassano Mechanic

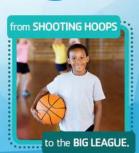


Our family loves to go to Kingswood Camp in Hancock It has a barn to hang out in on those rainy days and a beautiful lake to swim.

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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Join in a Highland Fling

Everyone can be a Scot for the day at L.I. Scottish Festival

ld Westbury Gardens' lush grounds will fill with the sounds of bagpipers as it welcomes the latest edition of the Scottish Festival and Highland Games. The annual spectacle, on Saturday, Aug. 24, brings a wee bit of Scottish flair to the storied estate, co-hosted by the Long Island Clan MacDuff.

With those bagpipes, traditional strength competitions and highland dancing — along with lively entertainment and assorted activities for lads and lasses — there's plenty end of summer revelry for all ages at this family-friendly event. According to Scottish lore, the games were begun by the ancient highland chieftains to help them select the strongest men for their armies. Those ancient traditions continue today in the form of caber tossing, Putting the Stone, Putting the Sheaf, arm wrestling competitions, piping and drumming.

Long Island had once been home to five Scottish clans. Only Clan MacDuff remains today.

"We consider this to be like a gathering of the clans," says Clan MacDuff's Andrew McInnes, the festival's committee chairman. "This is what they used to do in Scotland all those years ago. Groups of families would come together for games such as Putting the Stone and other various competitions and share food and companionship. We're replicating that. People come from all over to meet their families here, bring a picnic and stay all day. Many come for a family reunion. It's the end of summer, a good time for everyone to gather.'

Now in its 59th year, the event has evolved into popular family festival as much as a cultural event. "There really is something for everyone," says McInnes. I always say 'bring a blanket and a folding



Courtesy Old Westbury Gardens

COLORFUL PIPERS AND drummers prepare to step proudly around the grounds of Old Westbury Gardens honoring a cherished heritage.

chair, find a shady tree and stay for the day. Consider this to be your home for the

While it has become a broad-based family fair, with birds of prey, a petting zoo, pony rides, an Britsh car parade, and even a parade, of Scottish dog breeds,

those traditional elements continue to be a main attraction, especially the caber toss and pipe bands.

The caber is a long, tapered pine pole or log. The "tosser" balances it vertically by holding the smaller end and

then runs forward and tosses it so that it turns in the air with the larger end striking the ground first. Ideally, the pole strikes in a strictly vertical position, and competitors are scored based on how closely the throw lands at a 12 o'clock position. The objective is to have the caber

turn in the air and have the other end strike into the ground.

"The caber toss is always a big draw," McInnes says. "We usually have 30 to 40 people involved, starting in the preliminary rounds and moving into the competition.

He notes that in recent years more and more "lassies" have joined the competition. "There was never significant interest until recently. "We're pleased that women want to participate."

Competitors also can try their skills at Tossing the Sheaf, and Putting the Stone. Tossing the Sheaf involves flinging a bale of hay over a horizontal pole with a large pitchfork. Putting The Stone, is similar to the traditional Olympic-style shot put, but uses a large stone in which the weight

McInnes refers to the competition as the Heavyweight Games. "It takes a lot of strength to lift a pole that is 150 pounds and 25 feet long. We need strong people to

"And hurling a 16 pound stone [used in Putting the Stone} is not the for the faint of heart," he adds.

While the games are going on, a lively lineup of bands and dance ensembles, including those assorted bagpipers, provide a musical backdrop. Three Scottish bands and two Irish bands will perform. "They add so much flavor to the festival," says McInnes, "The opening ceremony at 12:30 is quite special [with a grand march down the North Lawn]. It's truly impressive to see all the bagpipers marching together."

This year's entertainment roster also includes the Celtic rock band Bangers and Mash, with their blend of Celtic rock, southern Rock and folk; along with Scottish and Celtic dancers doing varied interpretations of traditional highland dance and step dancing.

Kids can find many activities just for them. They can try their skill at their own version of a caber toss, with light cabers (actually tubes), participate in sack races and an old-fashioned tug of war.

When it's time for a break, check out the Scottish products available for purchase and sample such Scottish delights as meat pies and haggis.

And, as always, Scotland's fascinating culture is showcased throughout the day at the Scottish Heritage tent and Clan tent, along representatives from St. Andrew's Society and other organizations.

Karen Bloom

LONG ISLAND SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES

When: Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$20, \$18 seniors, \$8 children. Where: Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Old Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. Free parking is available at Westbury High School, with shuttle bus service to and from the festival. (516) 333-0048 or

www.oldwestburygardens.org or www.liscotsorg.

WEEKEND

Out and About

command both awe and respect from fellow musicians and fans - from his first solo record "The Lone Rhino" to the Atlantic Records hit album "Mr. Music Head" or any of his other 20 plus solo records that push sonic boundaries while maintaining artistic integrity He has taken his fans on a wild ride through countless tours and albums with David Bowie, Talking Heads, Laurie, Anderson, and Paul Simon. All the while he remains the Twang Bar King.

Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. \$55. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd. Roslyn. (516) 413-3535 or www.mvfathersplace.com.

ON STAGE A lourney to Africa

Nigeria is the focus of a spirited concert experience. Explore the evolution of Nigeria's music and culture from the pre-colonial era through contemporary times. The



lively vocal ensemble will perform beautiful African music, showcasing the varied culture within Africa. A nation of many tribes, Nigeria's multi-ethnicity and linguistic diversity is reflected in this musical journey. Original compositions represent many languages, among them Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Urhobo, Ibibio, Edo, Ijaw, and also English. The culture comes alive through music and dance that transcends boundaries. It's an unforgettable journey through the depths of African rhythms. Saturday, Aug. 24, 6 p.m. \$35. Landmark on Main Street, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (877) 849-5327 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.

IN CONCERT Adrian **Belew**

The acclaimed guitarist,

who first appeared on the guitar-world radar when he toured with Frank Zappa, is well known for his diverse musical insights. A multiinstrumentalist, his moving singing voice and prolific

songwriting has endeared a loyal fan base of music lovers resulting in an enduring vibrant career. For more than a decade the Adrian Belew Power Trio stunned audiences around the world. Now Belew has re-invented his live show with a new quartet that includes Jordan Perlson on drums, Saul Zonana on keyboards, guitar, and vocals, and bassist extraordinaire Julie Slick. Supported by these dynamic musicians, Belew is performing new songs and King Crimson songs that he hasn't played in years, along with a dose of his classic Power Trio. His career continues to

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Coming Attractions

Performances/ On Stage



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.

RiDe

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

The Alarm

The alternative rock/new wave band in concert, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. With special guests Modern English and Jay Aston's Gene Loves Jezebel. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Brewer & Shipley

The folk-rock duo in concert, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Kamellot

The classic rock/dance cover band in concert, with Led Zepelin tribute band Misty Mountain, hosted by the Downtown Sounds summer concert series, Friday, Aug. 23,7:30 p.m. Village Square Plaza at Glen, School and Bridge St., Glen Cove. Visit www.glencovedowntown.org for more information.

Julius Caesar

Shakespeare's tale of politics and ambition, Friday, Aug. 23, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or

www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

Kingfisher

The rock band in concert, as part of the Summer Music Series, Friday Aug. 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sea Cliff Beach, Sea Cliff.

Matthew Broussard

The financial analyst turned comedian performs, Friday, Aug. 23, 9:30 p.m. Cinema Arts Centre, Sky Room Cafe, 423 Park Ave., Huntington. (631) 423-7611 or www.cinemaartscentre.org.

Classic Albums Live's Pink Flyod's The Wall

The tribute band in concert, performing theclassic album, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



Creedence Clearwater Revisited

CCR founding members Stu Cook and Doug "Cosmo" Cliffford visit Tilles Center, on Friday, Sept. 13, at 8 p.m.

The spinoff project carries forth with classic hits that were the touchstone of a generation. Cook, Clifford and their bandmates enthusiastically bring their set list of beloved rock and roll hits to life.

Tickets are \$89, \$79, \$59, \$39; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

Cuttters Steel Drum Band

The band in concert, Saturday, Aug. 24, 3 p.m. Soundside Beach, Bayville.



Zebra

The hard rockers in concert, Saturday, Aug. 24, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. 800-745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.thespaceatwestbury.com.

A Band Called Honalee

The contemporary folk trio in concert, with a Peter, Paul & Mary tribute, Sunday, Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m. Morgan Park, Germaine St., Glen Cove. 671-0017.

Daughtry

American Idol season 5 alum Chris Daughtry and his band concert, with Augustana, Sunday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Game Grumps Live

Arin Hanson and Dan Avidan present a stage version of their popular YouTube series, Sunday, Aug. 25, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster. com or www.paramountny.com.

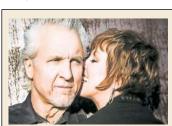
Gladys Knight

The soul icon in concert, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

The Hoodoo Loungers

The New Orleands-inspired band in concert, with Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221

Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.



Pat Benatar and Neil Geraldo

The acclaimed duo teams up with Melissa Etheridge, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 7:30 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster. com or www.paramountny.

Paul Joseph Trio

The composer-pianist and his jazz trio in concert, highlighting the music of Cole Porter, Wednesdaay, Aug. 28, 2 p.m. No tickets or reservations required. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (631) 271-4626 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org. com.

Jimmy Moore

The musician in concert, at the finale of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

Lil Tjay

The rapper in concert, Thursday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Les Dudek Band

The acclaimed guitarist-songwriter and his band in concert, Thurssday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

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A book discussion for second-graders

and up, Wednesday, Aug. 28, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Aug. 30, 12 p.m. (for children entering Kindergarten in 2019) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Registration required. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

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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.

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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.

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An exhibition that showcases the acclaimed artist's larger-than-life role in the golden era of pulp fiction, unfolding in more than 80 original illustrations from the artist's private collection, almost all publicly exhibited for the first time. Originally featured in magazines such as Stag, Male, and For Men Only in the '50s, '60s,and '70s, the illustrations brought to life headlines that screamed adventure. Opens Aug. 24, through Nov. 17. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or 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.

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

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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.

At the Movies

See "Greta," a psychologiical 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.; also "The Aftermath," a romantic drama set in post World War II Hamburg about a lonely British military wife who falls for a German widower, Thursday, Aug. 29, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

At the Movies

See the classic Hitchcock thriller "Rear Window," Friday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m.; also the 1958 musical hit "King Creole," starring Elvis Presley, Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Friday Flick

See "Free Solo," the documentary that tells of professional rock climber Alex Honnold's attempt to conquer the first free solo climb of famed El Capitan's 900-meter vertical rock face at Yosemite National Park, Friday, Aug. 23, 2 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

History Hike

Examine spots of historic interest at Caumsettt State Park, Sunday, Aug. 24, 9:45-11:30 a.m. Registration required. Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Rd., Huntington. (631) 423-1770.



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Still, district and city officials are meeting to discuss a possible "amicable resolution" to the matter, according to Chris Venator, an attorney for the school district. "The district intends to continue with those discussions," Venator said, "and attempt to reach a fair compromise that is in the best interests of the community."

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whether to sue the school district to recoup taxes. The council, however, rejected the proposal by a 4-3 vote.

Councilman Joseph Capobianco said then that he believed a lawsuit would secure the payment from the school district. He was not yet prepared to sue, however. "The district has more than enough [money] to pay for it," Capobianco said. "While I'm willing to give further talks a chance, I don't believe the school has been negotiating with us in good faith.'

Mayor Timothy Tenke and Councilwomen Donna McNaughton and Pamela Panzenbeck supported the lawsuit, and Councilwoman Marsha Silverman and Councilmen Joseph Capobianco, Nicholas DiLeo and Kevin Maccarone opposed it.

According to the State Department of Environmental Conservation, manufacturing at the site contaminated the land with several volatile organic compounds and other hazardous chemicals.

Cleanup of the site started in 2008, and has continued ever since. It's unclear how much longer remediation will take, but the Spectrum Group is unable to develop the site while the cleanup is under way, according to Glen Cove City Attorney Charles Mc-Quair.

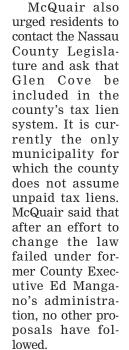
"I don't want the school board giving away a single penny to the city," Glen Cove resident Janet Black told the Board of Education at its Aug. 14 meeting. "If the city has financial problems, let them solve it some other way."

Silverman said she believed the two sides could reach a resolution. Sher added that it was up to the council and the school board to make sure a lawsuit did not arise from the dispute.

"I think it's a disgrace that we would

even consider suing our own school district," Silverman said. "We'd be using the same taxpayer dollars to sue each other. It's been mostly lawyers talking this time, but we need to bring in people who care about this community to find a resolu-

tion."



County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton explained that because Glen

Cove has its own assessment department, the county cannot take control of tax liens in the city. While Glen Cove is not currently being reassessed with the rest of the county, it is responsible for its own tax liens.

Tenke said that talks with the school district would continue, and he hopd that new input from the school board and superintendent would yield better results.

"Litigation is always the last option," the mayor said.

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GLEN COVE RESIDENT Janet Black said at the Aug. 14 Board of Education meeting that she opposed any reimbursement for property taxes on 31 Sea Cliff Ave. by the school district to the city.

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PSEG LOG ISLAND officials said that with scams more sophisticated scams, customers need to be more aware and knowledgeable to avoid being a victim.

PSEG warns of 'legit' looking scammers

With an increase of people falling prey to more sophisticated scammers, PSEG Long Island is urging residents and business owners to be more wary and offering information for customers on protection from such schemes.

PSEG officials said the most common scam, phone scamming, has become more frequent and more sophisticated. Customers have reported phone calls that seem legitimate because the caller ID reads "PSEG Long Island.

Nearly 4,000 scam calls have been reported to PSEG Long Island this year, compared with 4,088 scam calls reported in 2018. While recent weeks have seen an uptick in the number of people tricked by the calls, PSEG's awareness campaigns appears to be working. In 2015, in 8.2 percent of the total number of reported calls, customers became victims. Since 2018, the number has dropped to 5 percent.

Recent phone scams reported to PSEG Long Island include demands for payment for past-due bills or priority meter installations. Scammers threaten to disconnect electric service if payment is not immediate. The scammers often demand payment through a prepaid card (e.g. Green Dot Money Pak, Vanilla Reload Card) or bitcoin. If the victim takes the bait, the scammer provides a telephone number where a fake representative requests additional information that completes the fraudulent transaction.

Should customers receive a call from anyone demanding immediate payment, do not provide any personal or account information. Hang up and call PSEG at (800) 490-0025.

A real PSEG representative will ask to speak to the customer of record. If that person is available, the representative will explain why they are calling and provide the account name, address and current balance. If the person on the phone does not provide the correct information, more than likely the customer is not speaking with a PSEG Long Island representative.

Any customer who has doubts about the legitimacy of a call or email especially one in which payment is requested — should call PSEG directly at (800) 490-0025 or visit a PSEG Long Island customer service center, which are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-Jeffrey Bessen

OBITUARIES

Marion Stephens

Marion Stephens, 77, of Glen Cove, died on July 23. He was the beloved uncle of Gary and Cynthia and loving greatuncle of many nieces and nephews. Marion loved to read and play chess. Visitations were held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, in Glen Cove. Service and Burial were private.

Elizabeth Fontana

Elizabeth Fontana, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 15. She was the beloved wife of the late Orlando, devoted mother of Diane (Russell), Laura (Barry), Tom (Kathleen) and the late Elizabeth, as well as the loving grandmother of Gregory, Elizabeth, Lindsey, Kelly and Thomas. Mass was held at the Church of St. Rocco Interment was at Long Island National Cemetery.

Howard Hessen

Howard Hessen, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 15. Hessen was a World War 2 veteran of the European Theater, retired deputy sheriff in Rockland County, NY, and retired head trainer for Nassau County Mounted Police. He was the beloved husband of the late Julia, loving father of Carol Jaworski (Joe), cherished grandfather of Wendy Schult and dear brother of the late Roy Hessen (Florence). He was also survived by his dear friend Ann Noreiko. Visitations were held at the Whitting Funeral Home, in Glen Head. Interment was at Calverton National

Cemetery

Eddie Rego

Eddie Rego, 40, of Glen Cove, died on Aug.19. He was the beloved son of Edward and Karolyn, granson of Carmela Pattison, loving father of Azure, Chrisla Pattison, loving father of Azure, Christian, Junior, Marco, Berlin and Nico, Cherished fiancé of Heather and dear brother of Patrick. He was also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. Eddie was a big and loved to barbecue and cook. Eddie was a loving and hands on father. Visitation were held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Interment was at Holy Rood Cemetery.

William Basta

William Basta, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 18. He was the beloved husband of Martha, loving father of Rachel, Sim (Megan), Daniel (Tania) and Jonathan, cherished grandfather of Gannon, Serena, Liam, Callum, and Jordan and dear brother of Robert (Barbara), Michael (Kathleen). He was also survived by his son-in-law, Frank, his four nieces, two nephews and his seven great-nieces and nephews. Visitations were held at the Francis P. DeVine Funeral Home, Inc., in Oyster Bay. Interment was at The Green Wood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Feinstein Institute for Alzheimer's Research.

THE GREAT BOOK GURU The gifted and talented?

ear Great Book Guru, I have been so enjoying Monday Movies at the Beach sponsored by the Beach Hut. It's a great place to catch up with friends and family and I always get there early to set up chairs for us. The Beach Hut food is so great! Do you have a book I might read while waiting for the show to start?

-Loving Monday Movies

Dear Loving Monday Movies,

I just finished a great book to read before school starts: "The Gifted School," by Bruce Holsinger, Four women who met when their children were newborns have continued their friendship over 11 years. Now as the children approach middle school a program for the gifted and talented is scheduled to open in their hometown, Crystal City, an affluent community which bears a strong resemblance to Boulder, Colorado. All four women are mightily invested in having their

CORRECTION

In "Vilai celebrates first year in Glen Cove" that appeared in the Aug. 15-22 edition, the owner's name should have been Petros Charamis

children make the cut. Lies, bribes, and deceit quickly color the process. The grandchild of a woman who cleans the homes of two of the women is also a contender, and the grandchild's plight adds another dimension to this tawdry tale. While test scores play a role, it's the special talent portfolios that bring a very dark but chillingly comical twist to this novel. Each parent faces a moral quandary and no one fares well, especially the children. A cautionary tale indeed and highly recommended!

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Help students in need of school supplies

magine opening a new marble notebook on the first day of school, running your fingers along the paper and taking out your new box of crayons — the 64-pack with the sharpener in the back.

Now imagine what it might be like to show up to class empty-handed and have to ask your teacher, or a classmate, to borrow a sheet of paper and pencil.

Many children don't get the same opportunities to succeed in school as their peers because they don't have the tools necessary to get the most out of their education. And families that are already struggling financially feel an additional burden in September when children must return to school with a

new set of supplies.

Some teachers bear the weight of their students' school-supplies shortage as well. In May 2018, the U.S. Department of Education found that 94 percent of teachers across the country paid for supplies out of their own pockets in the 2014-15 school year.

A child may not derive the same joy from school supplies that they associate with toys. And a pack of colored pencils may not seem as important as a healthy meal. But donating to school supplies drives is as necessary as donating to toy or food drives around the holidays.

The Long Island Nets have partnered with United Way of Long Island to organize the 11th Stuff-a-Bus program. The

Herald urges you to help make the event a success by donating supplies to one of 18 drop-off locations in Nassau County. The deadline for donations is Sept. 3, and on Sept. 5, volunteers will meet at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale to organize the donations and load them onto school buses that will deliver them to beneficiaries. For additional information, visit www.longislandnets.com.

Some towns and cities across the U.S. have come up with a creative solution to help those who need school supplies this fall. When residents receive parking tickets, they can purchase school supplies to donate to local schools in lieu of paying a fine. Programs like this are under way in Las Vegas; Mulvane, Kan., and Clinton, Miss.

Enjoy the rest of summer, locally

s the summer winds down, many families are racing to make the most out of the last days of the season before children return to school, high school grads go away to college and the days begin to cool.

But look no farther than your geographic backyard, and devote the remainder of the summer to exploring someplace new, visiting an unfamiliar beach or checking out a local festival.

Eisenhower Park offers concerts and festivals throughout the summer, and at 930 acres, it's bigger than Manhattan's Central Park. On Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., it will host Art Craft and Gift Shows, featuring over 500 exhibitors.

If your family is of Scottish heritage, or you're interested in learning more about the culture, check out the 59th annual Long Island Scottish Festival and Highland Games on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Old Westbury Gardens.

Then after a day of traditional music, caber tossing and vendor viewing, take a tour of the historic site. The Old Westbury Gardens, constructed in 1906, offers walking tours, botany lessons and gardening classes in its 216 acres of gardens, rolling fields and woodlands.

Summer peaches are in season on Long Island. The Harbes Family Farm in Mattituck is home to an annual Peach Festival on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. A Peach King and Queen will be crowed winners of the free peacheating contest.

There's no need to travel upstate for a lakeside vacation when Oyster Bay Harbor offers its own scenic views and opportunities for sailing, kayaking and clamming. The Water Front Center, an Oyster Bay nonprofit, offers rentals, harbor tours, sunset cruises and children's programs throughout the summer.

The center also partners with groups like the Boys and Girls Club Youth and Family Counseling Agency of Oyster Bay-East Norwich to host a number of free programs for those who may not otherwise be able to enjoy its activities.

Whether it's a day on the beach, by the bay, at a botanical garden or in a peach orchard, Long Island has you covered for your end-of-summer "staycation."

LETTERS

The buck stops here

To the Editor:

In light of recent developments, it has come to the public's attention that the City of Glen Cove must improve its internal recordkeeping. With heightened scrutiny on public finances, the push for greater transparency at all levels of government is not only a chance for us to identify the root cause of these issues, but also to implement solutions that will make Glen Cove better for the future. We should strike while the iron is hot, whether it be approving recommendations offered by external auditors (which the mayor and City Council have already done), looking for upgrades to the city's payroll and human resources software, or amending the city's internal controls and procedures.

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Looking back on Adirondack days

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he black bear suddenly appeared as if it were an apparition. It was tugging on a rope that suspended our duffle bag full of food high in a tree, a good distance from our lean-to. All at once the line snapped and the sack dropped to the ground. The bear grabbed it in its mouth and bolted into the dense Adirondack forest.

The year was 1980 or 1981, if I remember correctly. We were a group of "high-adventure" Boy Scouts with Troop 79, out of



SCOTT BRINTON

Yaphank, in Suffolk County, camping in Adirondack Park. I was 13 or 14. There were a dozen of us, including our four adult leaders — Mr. Nicolellis, Mr. Brady, Mr. Carman and Mr. Baker.

It was early evening, as the sun was setting, and the forest was mostly in shadows, which

made seeing the bear difficult, and made the creature appear ghostly as it hurried away.

Normally, that's where this story might end. Normally, you'd stay put in camp, cowering in your sleeping bag. Not Mr. Baker, however. He was a hulk of a man who plunged into the woods, chasing the bear. I can't recall how quickly he jumped into action, but it all seemed to happen in an

instant

In August, my thoughts often return to Adirondack Park, the 6 million-acre wilderness in northern New York that encompasses one-third of the state's total area, according to the State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. In particular, I think of the High Peaks Region, where

I had visited twice with the scouts, in 1980 and again in 1981, for one-week, 50-mile treks across rivers, lakes and mountains. They were strange, wondrous experiences, far removed from life on suburban Long Island.

For months I looked forward to those trips with giddy excitement. There was no sleeping the night before we left. All of us boys were chatterboxes on the nine-hour drive up to the Adirondacks.

Back to Mr. Baker.

He had *actually* run after the bear, everyone kept saying, with a certain nervous laugh. As scouts, we had always been taught *never* to challenge a bear. We had long prepared for the possibility of meeting one in the wild. Should you stand your ground, making a racket to scare it off? Should you run uphill? Downhill? Play dead?

In my teenage mind, with all those scenarios at play, I had lost track of which was correct. (I had to look up the answer for this

column. Apparently, the right response is to walk back slowly in the direction you came from while watching the bear, and hope for the best.)

Mr. Baker clearly violated all the rules of human logic. His prefrontal cortex, governing reason, must not have kicked in as it should have. Rather, his amygdala, dictating

emotion, took over. Fight or flight? He chose fight.

He nevertheless lived to tell the tale, as they say. He returned to camp a short time later, out of breath. You wouldn't believe what he found, he huffed. The bear had carried the duffle bag to a clearing in the middle of the forest, torn it open and made off with the big packets of food inside, leaving only peanut butter, jelly and crackers

in vacuum-sealed plastic bags. The clearing was littered with gear from which food had been rummaged, he said.

With the bear off somewhere chowing on our supplies, we tiptoed into the woods with Mr. Baker to check out this wasteland, and indeed, there were bags everywhere. I remember the clearing looking like a circle. Adrenaline coursed through my veins.

That night I hardly slept. Our adult leaders kept watch in shifts, with a roaring fire in front of our lean-to. I remember looking into the darkness beyond the fire and feeling

not fear, but excitement. This was life on the edge in a primordial land.

I have many memories of the Adirondacks — of rappelling down a cliff face; swimming underwater through a cave and encountering a fish; canoeing on a really long lake that led to a stream with a beaver dam; hiking on a narrow, mud-covered path in a driving rain; sliding down granite rocks into a giant pool of water (again and again). Most of all, I remember climbing Mount Marcy, New York's highest peak, which towers 5,344 feet, a little more than a mile, above the surrounding terrain.

Memories of the trek up are vague, but I remember the view. Near the top, the forest gave way to scrub brush and finally only rock and low-lying vegetation at the peak, marked by a rock pile. In all directions you saw green forest, with the occasional blotch of blue — a lake or pond. With nothing to obstruct our view of it, the sky seemed so large.

Looking back, I'm grateful for those memories, and more so for the four scout leaders who brought us boys into the wilderness. Adirondack Park is a place of uncompromised beauty and serenity. To have found it at such a young age was a gift.

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LETTERS

Council with experience in government auditing, I believe promoting and ensuring fiscal responsibility is the key to maintaining the community's confidence in our government. Join me on Nov. 5 and look for my name at the bottom of the ballot on the Glen Cove Voter party line.

STEPHEN A. SUOZZI Glen Cove

Making sausage and peppers great again

To the Editor:

After reading Joanne Riccardi's letter in the Aug. 15 edition, "Left-wing politicos shouldn't volunteer at the St. Rocco's feast," I first thought, Really? Should it be that complicated to staff the sausage and pepper booth? Isn't the feast supposed to be fun? Can't we just have some fun, please God?

It made me cringe reading such a mean-spirited letter aimed at Councilwoman Marsha Silverman and State Sen. Jim Gaughran, both duly elected, hard-working, caring, public servants helping to support the parish of St. Rocco.

Silverman was at the feast to volunteer like so many others, to enjoy the energy of the crowd and to just have a good time talking with people and serving up those delicious heroes. She does not deserve to be attacked for that, nor does she deserve unfounded assumptions about her sincerity. Silverman is a fiscal conservative with a successful career in the field of financial analytics. Since being elected, she has been "following the money" and working to ensure our tax dollars are spent wisely. Reproductive health care was not part of her platform, nor should it be for any member of the Glen Cove City Council.

Running for office and serving the public means meeting with your fellow citizens where they gather. One place most of Glen Cove gathers at the end of July is at the Best Feast in the East.

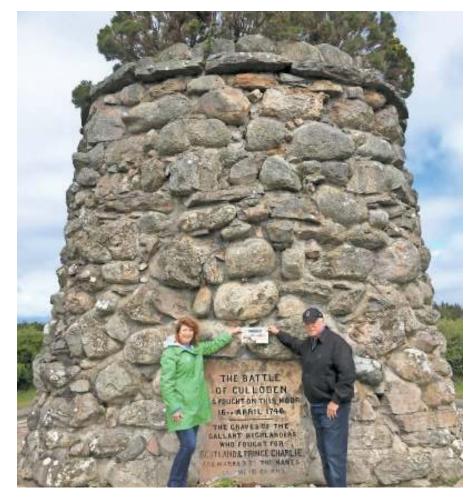
Voters of any stripe should engage Marsha in conversation. She's not hard to find because she is where Glen Cove gathers each and every week, whether it's election season or not. She will not shy away from any question you have, and you will be impressed by her grasp of all the issues confronting our city.

That's all we can ask of our public servants. Let's stay with the facts and embrace our differences because there is no reason not to, and let's make sausage and peppers great again.

THERESA MOSCHETTA
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At the scene of the Battle of Culloden - Scotland

OPINIONS

On guns, let's secure our liberty and our lives

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review the history

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of the NRA.

he Declaration of Independence places "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" at the pinnacle of the American endeavor. From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War to the world wars, Americans fought and died for that noble premise. The Constitution further exhorts government to "establish Justice... provide for the com-



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mon defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity."

But today, across our country, Americans are locked in fear over a clear and present danger to these fundamental rights. As they

drop their children off at school, gather at places of worship, go shopping, step out to a concert, movie or restaurant, lurking in the background is that nagging fear that some deranged sociopath will spray the gathering with a hail of bullets. When gunshots ring out all too often at our public gatherings, the common defense and general welfare are imperiled. Fear displaces the blessings of liberty and corrodes established justice.

I've always been a strong supporter of the fundamental American rights enshrined in our Bill of Rights, including freedom of religion, speech, press, peaceable assembly *and* the right to bear arms. But all these rights have their reasonable boundaries. No one is free to use religion

to terrorize others; no one is free to shout "Fire!" in a crowded place or to turn an assembly into a riot; and no one should be free to take up arms against the innocent and defenseless.

Balancing these fundamental rights is one of the most important jobs of our government. Traditionally, Congress has been respectful of our rights, giving broad sway for Americans to pray, say, print, assemble,

and arm themselves in any way they see fit, so long as they do no harm to others. And when it comes to the Second Amendment's right "to keep and bear arms," Congress has been careful not to stifle it, but rather to keep it "well-regulated," as the amendment itself explicitly states.

As a senator representing a state with a strong rural tradition of lawful gun ownership, I often came down on the side of the National Rifle Association on gunrights measures. Many of my colleagues — notably including rural Vermont's Sen.

Bernie Sanders — were also reluctant to restrict gun rights. But as time has passed and the scourge of gun violence has taken on horrific proportions, many of us who support and respect the right to bear arms have come to see the need for "well-regulated" measures to contain those

arms' impacts on public safety

Let's understand: New gun-control measures won't completely protect us from gun violence. There are already almost 300 million guns in America. Stopping the sale of all new ones won't guarantee our safety from their misuse. But it's not unreasonable to conclude that a few commonsense firearm safety measures could save lives.

Today's mass killings are driven by a social media environment in which glorified gun violence metastasizes through the internet to drive mostly unstable young men to commit essentially copycat attacks. These mentally unhinged individuals should be prevented from getting their hands on weapons designed to inflict maximum carnage. We should begin with expanded and improved background checks on all gun purchases, especially socalled assault weapons. And we should expand "red flag" laws that allow mental-

ly unstable people to be lawfully separated from their firearms.

While it will be no panacea, we should also find a way to limit the sale and use of semi-automatic guns that are easily converted into fully automatic "machine guns." Federal law severely limited these weapons in 1934, after the fearsome tommy gun made its first terrible appearance. And in 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed a bipartisan bill *supported by the NRA* that banned these machine guns.

Now, before my Second Amendment defender friends go ballistic, so to speak, I suggest they go back and look at the history of the NRA itself. It was created in the wake of the Civil War, largely by former Union officers who wanted to improve firearms training and marksmanship. It was first incorporated in New York, and its first training ground was in what is now Queens Village. One of the NRA's earlier presidents was former President Ulysses S. Grant.

Maybe it's time we follow the lead of presidents who won the Civil War and the Cold War. Channeling their wisdom, both our liberties and our lives will be more secure.

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Dancing on the balance beam of summer 2019

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I savor the season's

peaches, soft-

shelled crabs,

steamed clams,

early tomatoes.

about the food.

Summer is so much

grow shorter,

e are at the apex of summer, a peach-perfect moment, and how sweet it is. Tomatoes grow heavy on the vine, corn is coming in sweet and crisp and berry-mania is evident in every backyard barbecue.

I know we're not at the precise astronomical high point of summer 2019, but it feels as if the atmosphere and the mood and the fruit are all about to become slightly, minutely overripe. It's



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just past midnight, and the days are getting shorter. The moon was full last week, and tides ran over into local streets. Cicadas screech in the night. Oh, it's late August all right.

Greedy for every moment of this season in the sun, I go to Costco

and buy two crates of peaches. I live in a two-person household, but one can't ever have too many delicious peaches.

I know William Carlos Williams wrote a poem about plums, "so sweet and so cold," and if I could write poetry, I would pay homage to peaches. It isn't that there aren't tons of peaches around; it's that perfect peaches, redtinged, yellow-fleshed, and sweet and slightly tart and firm and fuzzy, are here for us only in the waning weeks of August.

I baked three peach tortes: 1 cup of flour, 1 stick of butter, 2 eggs, 1 teaspoon of baking powder, 1/8 teaspoon cinnamon, a pinch of salt, 1 cup sugar, 3 tablespoons of lemon juice. Mix flour, butter, eggs. Add dry ingredients and mix. Slice 4 big peaches on top. Sprinkle with topping of butter, brown sugar, chopped walnuts. Bake 50 to 60 minutes at 350 degrees. Repeat three times. Freeze if you must.

I eat one peach a day with my breakfast yogurt.
I grilled peaches with dinner last night. I have six left, and I'm trying to be disciplined enough not to invest in another crate or two. A wasted peach is a sin. My hunch is they'll be gone soon, replaced by those impossibly over-sized purple

emperor plums, about which no one

ever wrote poetry.

Summer is so much about the food. This week I cooked soft-shelled crabs on the barbecue. As I soaked them in milk in preparation for their grilling, I swore I saw a leg move. But that would be unlikely, since they had been gutted and

cleaned at the fish store.

Still, one can't think too much about the critters as one prepares dinner. They are grotesque creatures, really, with soft shells and so many legs. Truly, if they weren't so delicious, I would be tempted to douse them with Raid I recall reading that in the early days of the settlement of New England, lobsters were considered trash food. They littered the beaches and were fed to prisoners.

My other summer dinner special is steamed

clams. I tell the fish seller that I need enough for four people even though we are only two. Summer just invites overindulgence, like the time I ate a pound of Bing cherries and lived to regret it. You soak the steamers in cold water for 20 minutes. Then you drop them in a pot

of broth made of water, clam juice, salt, pepper, a bit of vinegar, carrots, celery and onion. Boil until clams open. Eat clams. Drink broth. No calories.

Back in the day, I grew my own tomatoes, planting too many in too small a space because I wanted more tomatoes than I could ever eat come August. Eventually the mosquitoes put me out of the tomato-growing business. But the lust for summer's bounty is energizing. Last week we went out East and cruised the farm stands for early tomatoes and corn. Summer tomatoes, when they're really, really sweet and delicious, need to be eaten straight up, maybe with a sprinkle of salt. Actually, that was lunch today: tomatoes and Gouda cheese. Tomatoes are summer itself, transitory and easily spoiled.

The day lilies are blasted, the peonies are gone and the lilacs are resting until spring. Chrysanthemums, anyone?

We dance on the balance beam of summer. Soon a shriveled leaf in the wind or a sudden morning chill will brush us off this perfect spot, and tip us into autumn.

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Two decades of G.C. in a nutshell

To the Editor:

More than 20 years ago, a Glen Cove developer began a construction project at Garvies Point. He built a concrete skeleton atop a Superfund site without regard to what was bubbling underneath. The carcass of that building sat for several years before now U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi, then Glen Cove's mayor, came along with an idea to clean up the site and restore it to the tax rolls

Almost immediately, the usual cast of characters sprang into action, and for more than two decades they and their followers opposed redevelopment of the waterfront while the city lunged deeper into the prospect of paying back millions of dollars in government grants, were the project not completed. Original cost estimates in the \$10 million dollar range ballooned to more than \$100 million. Two decades later, the site was declared clean enough to build on. Now, the nearly billion-dollar project is under way.

For years, opponents fought the redevelopment. Among them was City Councilwoman Marsha Silverman, who actively participated in more than one lawsuit to stop it. And what did cynics do even when the first shovel was going into the ground? They blamed former Mayor Reggie Spinello for a disaster, notwithstand-

ing that he wasn't mayor until almost two decades had passed after Suozzi began the project. Now the same people are extolling the virtues of this project and even taking credit for it.

Other than giving Suozzi credit for the original idea of cleaning up the waterfront to make it productive for the city, the only other mayor to come along and dot the necessary "i's" and cross the essential "t's" has been Spinello. No other mayor could get it done. Stuck with a deal that had been negotiated by his predecessors, he nevertheless was able to negotiate a reduction in the number of floors going up and the number of housing units being built.

In the late 1970s, Suozzi's uncle, Vincent Suozzi, served as the city's mayor. With free federal funding just begging to be spent, he presided over the construction of the massive parking garage on Brewster Street, which has been an eyesore and maintenance problem ever

Then two entirely inappropriate buildings - Nos. 1 and 3 School Street - were built so something could be attached to the ridiculous standalone public garage for which there was then no useful purpose. Those two buildings have steadily deteriorated, and now Glen Cove is saddled with them for who knows how long.

At about the same time the infamous parking garage went up, so did a project called "Village Square," another testament to architectural failure on a grand

scale. For years, nothing seemed to succeed there until Spinello came along and negotiated the complete pushover and redevelopment of the entire area.

There's a proposed development on Glen Cove Avenue, located on the hill just past the Boys and Girls Club on the way up to Sea Cliff called "The Villa." Opposition to construction of it has been intense.

For The Villa to happen, a zoning change was needed to permit clustered housing in large numbers. Then Mayor Ralph Suozzi and his City Council voted to allow the developer to plan a project that can't succeed. Current Mayor Tim Tenke voted in favor of that change. Rumor has it that the developer wants to convince the city to permit more apartments to be built as rentals.

A letter in the Aug. 1-7 edition, "Vote for a new City Council," suggested that voters should put Tenke and Silverman back in office with a bunch of others to replace the current Spinello team, which didn't vote for any of the monstrosities that now burden Glen Cove. Tenke, who was on the City Council for 13 years before becoming mayor, voted for all of the issues that Spinello did his best to fix. Do voters really think he's qualified to continue in office?

Here it is in a nutshell. When you see progress, think Spinello. When you see weeds on Glen Cove Avenue, think Tenke.

> MICHAEL A. LEVY Glen Cove

Thanks for the coverage, Randi

To the Editor:

Thanks to Randi Kreiss for her wonderful column "School store: the gift that keeps on giving" (Aug. 8-14) on the National Council of Jewish Women's seventh annual Back to School Store. Randi accurately portrayed the scope of our organization's endeavor, from planning to execution to fulfillment. It takes a village — and a full year — to present a village — and a full year — to present our pop-up store to the deserving children. Our volunteers, from Vice Presi- 🖰 dent Hope Coleman, the inspiration for the Back to School Store, to the high school students who join us for two days to assist, are dedicated to making this a wonderful event.

For 125 years, the NCJW, a volunteer organization, has had the goal of improving the quality of life for women, children and families. We have many community services that enrich the recipients as well as the members and volunteers who participate in them. Thanks, Randi, for focusing attention on the work of our organization..

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