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## Get down with a Wetdown

Mike Gliddonand, left, and Marvin Tate were showered, along with the Glen Cove Fire Department's newest truck, during a "Wetdown" christening last Saturday.

# 'Everyone is terrified of ICE'

## Uneasiness grows after locals are among 82 arrested downstate

BY RONNY REYES  
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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers arrested 82 people in New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley, including individuals from Glen Cove and Bayville, during a five-day period ending Sept. 25.

Thomas Deckern, an ICE field office director, said in a news release that more than half of those arrested were released from local custody despite requests by ICE to hold them, known as detainers. ICE did not respond to the Herald's questions about how many people from Glen Cove were arrested, and what had happened to them.

Deckern explained that New York City's sanctuary status, which allows police departments to refuse to cooperate with ICE, allowed 42 arrested individuals to avoid being transferred to ICE custody. Because detainers are not warrants or issued by judges, municipalities can decide

whether to hold an undocumented individual until ICE officers arrive.

Glen Cove Police Chief William Whitton said that the department cooperates with the agency when an arrest warrant is presented and verified, but

does not detain people and hold them for ICE. He added that while ICE would normally contact the GCPD whenever the agency was working in the city, the fact that he received no word from ICE about the recent arrests made him skeptical that any of them took place there.

**ALBERTO MUNERA**  
 La Fuerza Unida Inc.

Nelson Melgar, of Glen Cove, said he was troubled by the arrests. He is a so-called "Dreamer," having been brought to the U.S. illegally as a child, but protected from deportation by President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, enacted in August 2012. Melgar explained that whenever someone from Glen Cove is arrested, the city's immigrant community becomes

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# Tiegerman opens new middle school at former Coles building

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Ellenmorris Tiegerman arrived in Glen Cove 20 years ago with the vision of establishing two new Tiegerman campuses there. Tiegerman Schools and Community Services, a 34-year-old nonprofit organization based in Glen Cove, provides educational and vocational programs that help children, teens and

adults who have speech and learning disorders or autism. Tiegerman and her board of directors lead the organization, which has two other schools in Richmond Hill and Woodside.

Tiegerman acquired the South School building, on Glen Cove Avenue, to create the Tiegerman Preschool/Elementary School in 1999, but she was unable to purchase the old Coles School building, on Cedar

Swamp Road. "But then I got a call two years ago from Mayor [Timothy] Tenke, asking if we were still interested, and we were absolutely interested," Tiegerman said. "Third time's the charm."

After two years of work, Tiegerman and board members, staff, teachers and students gathered at the new Tiegerman Mid-

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# RichnerLIVE holds Top Lawyers Gala

By BRIAN STIEGLITZ

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Long Island's most successful and esteemed lawyers rubbed elbows at the Carlton in East Meadow's Eisenhower Park on Sept. 25, where hundreds gathered to celebrate the inaugural Top Lawyers of Long Island Awards Gala.

RichnerLIVE, the events division of Richner Communications, and Herald Community Newspapers honored nearly 50 of the highest-performing legal professionals and law groups at the event.

Honorees were nominated by members of their community based on their proficiency in a variety of different practices, including banking and finance, corporate, bankruptcy, civil rights, divorce mediation and matrimony, criminal, debt, education, emerging companies and capital, elder law, family law, health care, labor and employment, land use and zoning, mass torts, litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury, tax, real estate, tax certiorari and trust and estates.

The event also honored Rising Stars Under 40, the top legal firms based on size, top philanthropic firm, Pro Bono Project of the Year and Top Boutique Firm.

The night kicked off with a VIP reception and a networking and cocktail party, at which a performer wore a shimmering "champagne dress" that was fastened to a table and lined with glasses of champagne that she served to guests.

Samantha DeVictoria and Samantha Frankel, sales managers at Golden Pear Funding, a nationwide provider of consumer legal funding that was one of the event's sponsors, greeted honorees and guests. "If you've been in a car accident, or any accident, and you can't work and have a personal injury lawyer, we provide you with financial assistance before your case settles," DeVictoria explained.

Joe Bruha, senior marketing manager of Grassi and Co., also a sponsor, spoke to guests about the company and its mission to support local lawyers with accounting and auditing services. "We want to support Long Island lawyers and do a lot of work with the local legal community," Bruha said. "This event is a nice opportunity to network with lawyers and recognize their contributions."

During the networking and cocktail party, honorees expressed their gratitude for their peers' recognition. "This day and age, a lot of people who went to law school are questioning that decision," said Hon-



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**THE TOP LAWYERS** of Long Island Awards Gala, hosted by RichnerLIVE and Herald Community Newspapers, recognized nearly 50 of the highest-performing legal professionals at the Carlton in Eisenhower Park on Sept. 25.

oree Ross Kartez. "Being honored at an event like this, in front of my peers, is so rewarding because it reaffirms that decision and makes me confident doing what I do."

Kartez, who works in the litigation department of Ruskin Moscou Faltischek in Uniondale, lives in Rockville Centre with his wife, Deanna, and their two children. He earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Buffalo and a law degree at St. John's University.

Another honoree was Fredrick Johs, one of the founding partners of Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles, who is now the senior trial partner in all areas of litigation. Johs has over 35 years of experience in representing cli-

ents in significant claims cases. His work, he explained, focuses on the defense side of civil cases and medical malpractice.

"It's always nice to receive these kinds of honors," he said, "and the recognition from my peers means a lot to me."

Amy Amato, executive director of corporate relations and events at RichnerLIVE, shared a similar sentiment about the event and its goals. "Tonight's an exciting night to recognize the hard work that our honorees do professionally and in the community to help those in need," she said. "It reinforces RichnerLIVE's

## Top Lawyers of L.I. Award Gala honorees

Honorees included Lynn M. Brown, Richard G. Fromewick, Patricia Galteri, A. Thomas Levin, Edward J. LoBello and Andrew J. Turro of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein; Irvin Brum, Adam P. Silvers and Ross J. Kartez of Ruskin Moscou Faltischek; Dermond Thomas and Arthur Yermash of Campolo, Middleton & McCormick; Joseph G. Milizio, Constantina S. Papageorgiou and Joseph Trotti of Vishnick McGovern Milizio; Jessica M. Baquet and Jothy Narendran of Jaspan Schlesinger; Allan H. Cohen and Richa Naujoks of Nixon Peabody; Tony Dulgerian of MetLife; Robert J. Cimino, Frederick C. Johs and Ellen N. Savino of Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles; Ilyse Gellar Sternberg, Amy G. Madmon and Shalom S. Maidenbaum of Maidenbaum & Sternberg; Adam P. Slater of Slater Slater Schulman; Robert V. Fallarino of Pegalis Law Group; Jeffrey M. Kimmel of Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro; Steven Miller of Miller, Montiel & Strano; Mark A. Torres of Teamsters

Local Union 810; Ronald Fatoullah of Ronald Fatoullah & Associates; Melissa Negrin-Wiener of Genser Cona Elder Law; Joel M. Greenberg of Frier Levitt; Sima Ali of Ali Law Group; Jonathan Bell of Bell Law Group; Edward L. Lieberman of Edward L. Lieberman; Leslie H. Tayne of Tayne Law Group; Jill Altarac of the Altarac Law Firm; Kim M. Ciesinski of Kim M. Ciesinski, Esq.; Jerome A. Wisselman of Wisselman, Harounian & Associates; Karen J. Tenenbaum of Tenenbaum Law; and Lindsey M. Albinski of Winkler Kurtz.

Special awards were given to Lewis Johs Avallone Aviles, for Philanthropic Firm of the Year; Vishnick McGovern Milizio, for Top Boutique Firm; Forchelli Deegan Terrana, for Top Legal Firm: 76+ employees; Nixon Peabody, for Top Legal Firm: 26-75 employees; and the Harrison Law Group, for Top Legal Firm: 1-10 employees. Top firms were based by number of Long Island employees.



Brian Stieglitz/Herald

**A PERFORMER WORE** a shimmering "champagne dress" that was fastened to a table and lined with glasses of champagne that she served to guests.

mission to connect, collaborate and celebrate Long Island's top business professionals."

Once attendees settled in the dining room for a three-course meal, members of the Nassau County Girl Scouts presented the colors to begin the ceremony.

"Lawyers, like journalists, are committed to upholding justice," said Stuart Richner, chief executive officer and publisher of Richner Communications, as he welcomed guests to the event.

Richner presented the honorees with ornate glass awards engraved with their

names. Masters of ceremonies Antoinette Biordi, of News 12 Long Island, and Alyssa Seidman, of the Bellmore/Merrick Herald, introduced the lawyers as they walked to the stage to cheers of support and appreciation.

"Community is important to our honorees and guests, and, as a community newspaper, it's also important to us," Richner said before introducing the night's beneficiary, Island Harvest Food Bank, the largest hunger relief organization on Long Island, which received a portion of the event's ticket sales proceeds.



Photos by Tab Hauser/Herald Gazette

**HENRY'S CONFECTIONARY OWNER** Joseph Valensisi cut the ribbon to celebrate the store's 90th anniversary on Sept. 25.



**WHILE HENRY'S IS** not a part of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, Chamber members Maureen Hauser, left, and Lisa Cohn came out to support the business.

# Henry's celebrates 90 years in Glen Cove

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While businesses come and go in Glen Cove's downtown area, Henry's has stood as a stable in the community, celebrating its 90th year anniversary with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 25.

Originally run by the Wolke family since 1929, Henry's was passed on to Joseph Valensisi and Joseph Capobianco in 2000. Valensisi said that Glen Cove has always been supportive of the store, which continues to sport the same soda-fountain look and atmosphere that it had when it first opened up. He credits the classic look of the restaurant, along with its timeless menu, as part of why it's been so successful in the city.

"I don't think you can get an egg

cream anywhere else on Long Island," Valensisi said. "And the seniors who come here are always sharing stories about the history here."

Carol Nelson remembered the days when she and her friends would cheer on the Glen Cove High School basketball team and then head out to Henry's Confectionery over on Glen Street during the 1950s. Nelson said that because Henry's stayed open a little later than most stores and held an inviting atmosphere, nearly everyone in town would flock there to enjoy sodas, baked treats and music from the old jukebox in the corner.

"We all wanted to hang out there," Nelson said. "If you look at the photos they have up there now, you'll see just how crowded it used to be."



**VALENSISI SHARED COFFEE** with customers, from left, Angie Basile and Patricia and Al Errico.

# City delays alternate side parking on Nassau Avenue

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The Glen Cove City Council has decided to delay the implementation of alternate side parking signs on Nassau Avenue, which were supposed to go into effect on Oct. 1, following a series of calls from residents who rejected the measure.

Alternate side parking meant that residents would have to alternate each day on which side of the street they could park, leaving one side clear from 12 a.m. to 6 p.m. Glen Cove Deputy Police Chief Chris Ortiz said during a City Council meeting in July that overcrowding of parked cars on Nassau Avenue has even become a problem for law enforcement and emergency vehicles, which have trouble driv-

ing down the street.

Although police officials explained that alternate side parking was the best solution for these roads, many residents seemed skeptical about whether this venture was worthwhile as alternate side parking is usually conducted in metropolitan cities to make way for street sweepers and snow plows. While the City Council held a public meeting in July regarding the signs, very few members of the public spoke out against the issue at the meeting or at the City Council meetings that followed until the signs were starting to be erected in late September. Grant Newburger, the city's public relations officer, said City Hall had been inundated with phone calls in the past few weeks, from residents pleading that the city take

down the signs.

"Mayor [Timothy] Tenke and Deputy Mayor Maureen Basdavanos spoke with the police chief on Monday and decided to delay the signs," Newburger said. "The signs that were up have either been taken down or will be taken down."

During a recent City Council meet on Sept. 24, Nassau Avenue resident Mario Mora said that alternate side parking would cause too much of a burden on residents and create chaos among those who rent rooms in their houses, like himself. "I'd have six cars in my property, so we'd have to juggle who's going to work first, who's going second . . . what if someone has an emergency and we all have to get out," Mora said. "It's ridiculous."

Residents were also worried that if

alternate side parking were to go into effect people would choose to park in adjacent streets and cause problems there. There was another fear that neighbors would up their use of cones to reserve spots along the streets. Although a majority of residents avoid using cones year-round, the practice is fairly common in the winter and during the annual Feast of St. Rocco's in the summer. Tina Cammarata, another resident of Nassau Avenue, said that hostility among neighbors would occur if alternate side parking were implemented.

"There's no way everyone's going to fit," Cammarata said. "You're going to start a war."

# Local immigrants worry about ICE arrests

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frightened and distrustful of government and police.

"Everyone is terrified of ICE," Melgar said. "They're a terror group. That's how we see them."

While ICE had previously prioritized detaining undocumented immigrants who "posed a threat to national security and public safety," the agency that oversees it, the Department of Homeland Security, was ordered in 2017 by President Trump to change its policy, and since then it has not exempted any undocumented immigrants. Criminal infractions fit for deportation can now range from serious offenses to those as relatively minor as failing to use a turn signal.

Last year, the Herald Gazette spoke with an Oyster Bay resident named Carmen, who shared her story about a confrontation with law enforcement. Car-

men, who asked to be identified only by her first name out of concerns for her safety, said she had been touring college open houses in upstate New York with her daughter when an officer stopped them on the highway for failing to give him enough clearance on the shoulder under the move-over law. Carmen handed over documents that included her expired Temporary Protected Status driver's license.

"I told him up front that it was expired, but that my renewal had already been approved and I was just waiting for the new license to come," Carmen explained. TPS is a nearly 30-year-old program that grants legal status to immigrants who fled countries devastated by conflict or natural disasters. But the officer did not care about Carmen's story, she said, and told her he would report her to ICE. Although she remained calm, she said, her daughter began to cry. The officer

eventually left, having given her a ticket for the traffic violation. Had she been undocumented, the officer could have detained her and transferred her to ICE.

"I was able to keep my cool, because I knew I was safe," Carmen said. "But how many of us can do that?"

Melgar said that stories like this one "spread like wildfire" in the immigrant community. Alberto Munera, executive director of La Fuerza Unida Inc., in Glen Cove, agreed that fear was growing in the immigrant community. While his organization provides immigration services and educational classes to the local community, Munera said that he has gotten several requests from undocumented residents to chaperone them whenever they visit police headquarters to report a crime or go to the city court office to pay a ticket or fine. "They're afraid that if they go alone," he said, "they might be taken by ICE."

Whitton said that all residents of Glen Cove should feel safe when reporting a crime. The GCPD held a number of meetings with the immigrant community last year with the help of local churches that serve the Spanish-speaking population. He added that GCPD officers do not ask about the immigration status of a person who reports a crime or agrees to act as a witness. "Not one person who has come to us has an example where we betrayed that trust," Whitton said. "No one should be afraid to talk with us."

But Melgar said that as long as the GCPD works with ICE, undocumented immigrants would continue to be wary of the police. "I'm afraid to even go to the National Night Out event," Melgar said, referring to an annual event whose purpose is to build trust between police officers and residents. "How can we collaborate with you when you collaborate with ICE?"



Courtesy GCCSD

**STUDENTS FROM THE** Glen Cove High School toured the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County on Sept. 25.

## Visit to the Holocaust Center

Glen Cove High School students in Susan Poulos's Advanced Placement U.S. Government and Politics classes visited the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, in Glen Cove, on Sept. 25.

The group listened to the experiences of Holocaust survivor Eva Kessner

and watched a presentation by Helen Turner, the center's director of youth education. The full-day trip allowed students to prepare for their AP project's through help from the center's program, which teaches students how to become an agent of change and tolerance in their communities.

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

■ A male, 24, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Sept. 23, on Capobianco Street, for criminal possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana and a vehicle traffic law violation.

■ A female, 31, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Sept. 24, on Nassau Road, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a vehicle, operating a moving vehicle on the highway and failure to stop at a stop sign.

■ A male, 41, of Freeport, was arrested

on Sept. 26, on Brewster Street, for grand larceny.

■ A male, 19, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Sept. 26, on Dosoris Lane, for unlawful possession of marijuana.

■ A female, 36, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Sept. 27, on Glen Cove Avenue, for aggravated unlicensed operation of a moving vehicle and a vehicle and traffic law violation.

■ A male, 42, of New Hyde Park, was arrested on Sept. 28, on Glen Cove Avenue, for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

*Nearby things to do this week*

### Oyster Bay Arts & Crafts Fair



Head to the Life Enrichment Center on Oct. 5 to see locally made artwork, handcrafted furniture, handmade jewelry, local honey, holiday crafts, knitted and crocheted items, delicious baked goods plus a whole lot more. Credits cards are not accepted. The fair begins at 10 a.m. at 45 E Main St., Oyster Bay. (516) 922-1770.

### Friends Academy Fall Fair

Join the Friends Academy on Oct. 5 for a fun, family-friendly day of carnival rides and games, delicious food from around the world and competitive sporting matches. The festivities start at 11 a.m. at 270 Duck Pond Road in Locust Valley. (516) 676-0393.



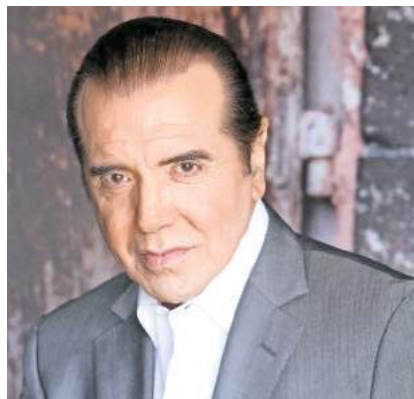
### Pet Pals for grades K through 5



Children from kindergarten through fifth grade can join Cornell Cooperative Extension at the Glen Cove Library on Oct. 9 to explore the many small pets they can have in their home or classroom, such as rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils and mice. Included is a visit from some of those pets for a fun hands-on experience starting at 11 a.m. at 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. (516) 676-2130.

### His 'Bronx tale'

Chazz Palminteri returns to Long Island with his one-man version of "A Bronx Tale," on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. His autobiographical coming-of-age story, which became a movie and then found its way to Broadway, a young New Yorker torn between the temptations of organized crime and the values of his hardworking father. Info: (800) 745-3000 or [www.tickmaster.com](http://www.tickmaster.com) or [www.pararamountny.com](http://www.pararamountny.com).



### Musical spirit

Talented alumni from Adelphi University's Department of Music return to their alma mater for an afternoon concert on Saturday, October 5, at 4 p.m. The show returns these alums to Performing Arts Center's Concert Hall stage in a program targeted to the class of 1969, as they celebrate their 50th reunion. Info: (516) 877-4000 or [www.aupac.adelphi.edu](http://www.aupac.adelphi.edu).

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# HERALD SPORTS

## North Shore tops Glen Cove

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Historically, Glen Cove has been a dominant football program on the north shore of Long Island with a powerful running game and staunch defense. North Shore has come on recently as a strong program in Glen Head, NY. The schools are only separated by about 3 miles. In fact, the last time these two neighboring schools met, Glen Cove defeated them handily, but last Friday night, the Vikings stormed across the town border and defeated the Big Red 39-6 to improve to 2-1 on the season, while Glen Cove fell to 0-3.

Glen Cove's offense struggled blocking North Shore's strong defensive front and provided no answers to the Vikings' high scoring output on a game under the lights at Big Red Stadium.

"We were getting frustrated with what we were doing offensively," said Steve Tripp, first-year head coach and longtime assistant for Glen Cove. "They were coming hard up the middle and we weren't able to get any pass coverage, and we gave up some opportunities including an interception on a screen pass. I got to hand it to them, we just couldn't handle the pressure they were giving us."

North Shore's Gianni Abouelhassan provided a defensive spark all night long, causing two turnovers including the interception and a fumble recovery. North Shore's defensive unit, including Abouelhassan, Lorenzo Recine, Jacob Gatecke and Andrew Franco, gave Glen Cove's senior quarterback Devon Christopher fits all game.

"We have some big guys in the middle there," said North Shore's assistant coach Scott Lineman. "If you come in between the tackles on us, I think we are going to have a lot of success."

Offensively, North Shore was able to score at will with a strong offensive line and great play from senior quarterback James DeSimone. DeSimone was efficient the low number of passes he threw, completing three for 50 yards with two touchdowns. He also added a highlight play in the third quarter, deciding to keep the ball on a read option and scamper to the corner towards the pylon, before lowering his shoulder and bowling over a larger defender to walk into the end zone for his sole



Anthony Hughes/Herald

**GLEN COVE SENIOR** quarterback Devon Christopher was held in check by North Shore's defense last Friday night in a home loss for the Big Red.

rushing touchdown. He also showed poised, awareness and mobility in the pocket, constantly spinning away from pursuing defenders and flinging strikes downfield.

"The offensive line is really opening up plays for the rest of us to make the plays that are there," DeSimone said. "We've all put in the work all offseason, as a team, as a family, and you could see its really been paying off."

The offensive line also helped Forrest

Demetri rush for 79 yards and a touchdown on 5 carries, Jack Ledden rush for 72 yards on 5 carries, and Ryan Murphy rush for 22 yards and a touchdown on 6 carries.

"Our guys up front of offense and defense really did a great job for us," North Shore head coach Dan Agovino said. "They were all here last year, and didn't like finishing 2-6, so they really put a lot of time in the offseason, and they've really been getting the job done up front."

### SPOTLIGHT ATHLETE



#### GABBY SCOTT

North Shore Senior Soccer

A **FIVE-YEAR VARSITY** player and a key member of the Lady Vikings' Nassau and Long Island Class A championship runs in 2017, Scott has a strong presence in the middle of the field and is tough to beat on 50-50 balls in the air. She already has All-Class and All-Conference awards on her resume and is looking to play at the collegiate level. She's serving as a captain this year and will try to help North Shore make a deep run in the county playoffs.

### GAMES TO WATCH

#### Thursday, Oct. 3

Field Hockey: G.N. South at North Shore .....4:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Oct. 4

Girls Soccer: Glen Cove at Long Beach.....4:30 p.m.  
Girls Tennis: Oyster Bay at Glen Cove .....4:30 p.m.  
Girls Tennis: North Shore at Plainview .....4:30 p.m.  
Girls Soccer: Plainedge at North Shore.....4:30 p.m.  
Boys Soccer: Malv/ER at North Shore .....4:45 p.m.  
Boys Soccer: Jericho at Glen Cove .....4:45 p.m.  
Girls Swimming: North Shore at Uniondale.....4:45 p.m.  
Girls Volleyball: Glen Cove at Jericho .....6:15 p.m.

#### Saturday, Oct. 5

Girls Volleyball: Sewanhaka at Glen Cove .....11:45 a.m.  
Football: Glen Cove at Division ..... 3 p.m.  
Football: Hewlett at North Shore..... 3 p.m.  
Girls Soccer: North Shore at Wheatley ..... 3 p.m.  
Girls Volleyball: North Shore at Carey .....3:30 p.m.

#### Monday, Oct. 7

Girls Volleyball: Calhoun at North Shore.....4:30 p.m.  
Boys Soccer: Bethpage at Glen Cove.....4:30 p.m.  
Girls Tennis: Friends Academy at North Shore.....4:30 p.m.  
Girls Tennis: Plainedge at Glen Cove .....4:30 p.m.  
Field Hockey: East Meadow at North Shore .....4:45 p.m.

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Throughout the football season, the New York Giants and Hospital for Special Surgery select one high school football player each week from the tri-state area to receive the organization's USA Football Heart of a Giant Award. Nominated by their coaches, these players exhibit character, determination and the commitment to better themselves and their teammates through hard work. In the newly released third set of 10 players, North Shore High School's Max Marra was selected as one of the finalists.

Dan Agovino, NSHS's football coach and dean of students in the Levittown School District, said Marra, who lives in Glen Cove, was the perfect choice for the award because of his fantastic work ethic and humble temperament. "He's just a quiet, strong leader and a backbone of the team," he said. "[Marra's] somebody who's not going to complain when he's asked to do something that's hard."

Marra has been playing organized football since seventh grade, although he and his brother, Luca, had been throwing footballs in their backyard since childhood. Marra said football's emphasis on camaraderie and teamwork is the reason he loves it so much. No one player can take over a game, he said, as all 11 players on the field need to do their jobs in order for the team to come out with a victory.

The vice president of NSHS's senior class and a wide receiver and cornerback on the football team, Marra and his family are familiar with the Heart of a Giant award because Luca was a finalist last year.

Although they were both considered for the same honor, their mother Claudia said their attitudes toward the game could not be more different. While Luca, now a freshman at Hofstra, was very flashy on the field and always looking to make the big plays, Claudia said that Max shies away from the spotlight and lets his play do the talking.

"I don't look for recognition, neces-

sarily," said Max, "but it's definitely nice."

Along with their excellence on the field, the brothers share another commonality that most people their age cannot, as their father died in 2009. Growing up without a father for most of their lives, Max and Luca overcame incredible adversity to become successful.

"I am elated that both my boys were chosen," said Claudia, an English teacher at Finley Middle School in Glen Cove. "They both went through something horrific and from that moment on they shared a bond unlike any other. Neither of them ever used their father's death as a crutch and they both turned their adversity into opportunity. I couldn't be more proud of the men they have become and of all their accomplishments."

Max said he uses his father's passing as extra motivation, to show that he can succeed despite experiencing one of the hardest things a child could go through so early on in his life. He keeps everything together, he said, maintains a good work ethic and does everything he can to lead by example.

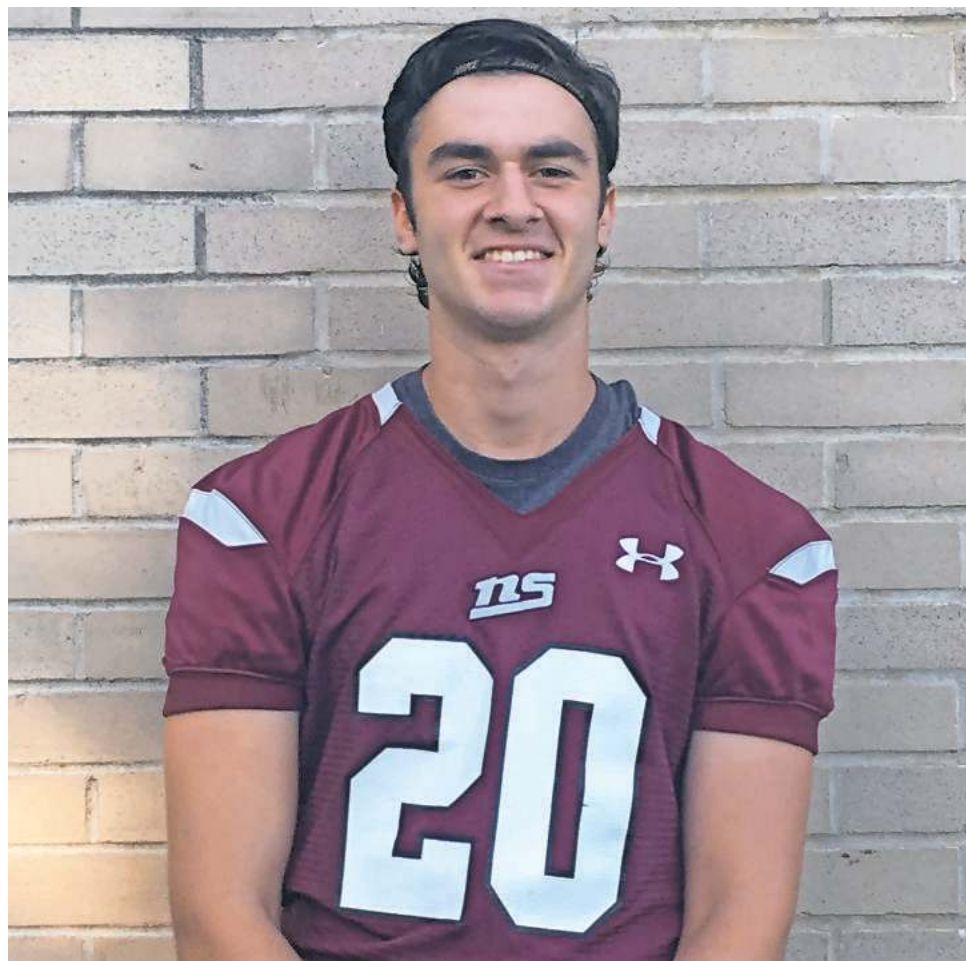
If he wins the award, Max would be honored on the field during a Giant's home game at MetLife Stadium. Additionally, if Max wins North Shore High School would receive \$10,000 for its football program. But the fact that he has been nominated has already secured \$1,000 for the football program from the New York Giants and Hospital for Special Surgery.

After he graduates in June, Max said he wants to study environmental science in college since the health of the earth is another one of his passions. As for football, he is unsure of whether he wants to pursue it at the next level. He said for now he is content to work on his game and to continue to give back to his community.

Max will be providing a video submission on why he has the Heart of a Giant in order to be considered for the award. However, the community can also play a part by voting for Max at [www.usafootball.com/hoagvote/#nominees](http://www.usafootball.com/hoagvote/#nominees).



MAX MARRA, FRONT left, is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Luca, front right, in being considered for the award.



Photos courtesy Claudia Marra

ALTHOUGH HE ISN'T one to seek recognition, Max Marra is nonetheless grateful to be considered for the Heart of a Giant award.



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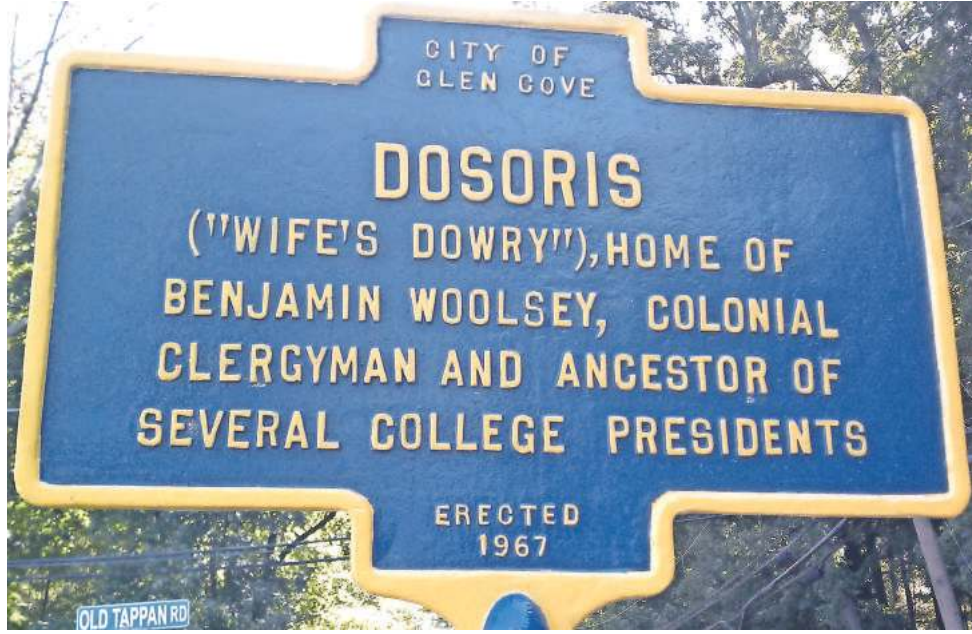
# G.C. 350 Committe restores markers

By **DAVE NIERI**

The Glen Cove 350 Committee, which works to preserve and promote the history of the City of Glen Cove, has worked to restore and replace the city's 10 historical markers. The markers were installed by the City of Glen Cove 50 years ago at the start of the Tri-Centennial Year in 1967. Ten markers were placed around Glen Cove to provide information about local points of historical significance.

An inventory of the markers, taken by the committee in 2017, found that three markers had disappeared and those that remained were in various stages of deterioration. To-date, one of the missing signs has been found in a damaged state. It has been repaired and repainted and will soon be re-erected, while another of the missing markers has been replaced by a newly cast one and installed at the entrance to Morgan Park. The committee engaged Forest Iron Works of Locust Valley to clean and repaint the seven remaining historical markers.

As you drive north on Dosoris Lane past the YMCA, you'll note a new historical marker on the left erected in 2017, paying homage to the suffragists who were active in Glen Cove in gaining the women's right to vote about 100 years ago. Just beyond that, on the right-hand side near the Glen Cove Mansion, is the restored



Courtesy Glen Cove 350 Committee

**DOSORIS HISTORICAL MARKER** near the Glen Cove Mansion refurbished.

1967 marker titled Dosoris.

In 1736 the Rev. Benjamin Woolsey settled on this land that his wife Abigail inherited from her father, Oyster Bay resident John Taylor. Rev. Woolsey coined the name Dosoris for his farm from the Latin term "dox uxuris," which translates to "wife's dowry." The farm included the East and West Islands, Dosoris Pond and the

acreage through which Dosoris Lane passes through today to the Lattingtown border on the east. The Dosoris farm passed to Woolsey's two sons upon his death in 1756 and was then purchased from them by Nathaniel Coles in 1760.

Only a small portion of what is today Dosoris was part of the Musketa Cove Plantations that the five founders estab-

lished here in 1668. As late as 1859, twenty-five years after the community was renamed Glen Cove, Dosoris was still shown on some maps as a village separate from Glen Cove.

West Island was purchased from the Coles family by 1875 by Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, and the establishment of his country home thereon was one of the earliest of the Gold Coast estates. The rest of the farm remained in the Coles family until the late 1800s, when Charles Pratt, a director of Standard Oil, acquired Dosoris, with the exception of the East and West Islands.

The work of the Glen Cove 350 Committee continues in its efforts to preserve and promote the history of Glen Cove. Formed three years ago to prepare for Glen Cove's 350th anniversary celebrations in 2018, the committee has continued its work through 2019 by sponsoring the Olde Tyme Base Ball game at City Stadium and the Street Fair on Memorial Day weekend this past spring. The money that was raised for the GC350 celebration enabled the committee to host these events and to fund other community projects, including the purchase and installation of the flagpole and lighting for the Landing World War II memorial wall at Morgan Park, and repairing and painting the downtown street clock in front of 15 Glen Street.

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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**KEVIN BARRY AND** his son, Liam, helped christen The City of Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department's new truck on Sept. 28.

## Glen Cove christens new fire truck



**ANDY GRAF, LEFT,** and Steve Matheson, above, showed off the new shirts for the Hook and Ladder Company.



**RODNI LEFTWICH,** THE city's first black fire chief, top-right, spoke at the ceremony.

**VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENTS** joined together for the "wet-down," right.



The City of Glen Cove Volunteer Fire Department celebrated the acquisition of its new truck with a "Wet-down" at fire department headquarters on Sept. 28.

The ceremonial "Wetdown," brings firefighters together as they spray water over a new truck to officially commission the vehicle. The beloved ritual dates back to the late 1800s when horse drawn pumpers were used in the fire service. The horses would be washed before donning their new harness, and local clergymen would come to give a blessing to ward off evil and protect the firehouse's new additions.

Members of the Glenwood Fire Company Station 2; Levittown, Baldwin and Locust Valley Fire Departments and Bayville Fire Company came out to help christen the vehicle, the Tiller Truck 5211.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, October 3

### Fall painting workshop

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Talented landscape artist Barbara Lewin will guide attendees step-by-step in a series of three painting classes. She will show how to paint a fall landscape scene using acrylic paint. No painting experience is necessary. The materials fee of \$10 — check or money order payable to Barbara Lewin — covers all materials necessary to participate. Register at the Information desk. (516) 676-2130.

## Friday, October 4

### Caterpillar's 50th birthday

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Families with children ages 18 months to five years can celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the publication of the "Very Hungry Caterpillar." (516) 676-2130.

### Sea Cliff Museum anniversary party

Sea Cliff Village Museum, 95 Tenth Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Celebrate the museum's 40th anniversary with a party honoring Sea Cliff's storied history. (516) 801-3401.

## Saturday, October 5

### Hit the trails against bullying

Morgan Memorial Park, Germaine Street, Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Join The BullyProof Project, The Glen Cove Youth Bureau, The Glen Cove PBA and The Glen Cove PTSA for the fifth annual Walk Against Bullying. Walk the grounds of the Gold Coast along the North Shore Beaches of Glen Cove. Walk in unison and show support to be an upstander and not a bystander. (516) 671-0017.

### Block party in East Norwich

Chelsea Mansion, 34 Muttontown Lane, East Norwich, 12 p.m. Enjoy children's activities, games, live music, food vendors and more at this public black party. (516) 571-8551.

## Sunday, October 6

### Waterfront Heroes program

Oyster Bay Historical Society, 20 Summit St., Oyster Bay, 1 p.m. As part of the Waterfront Heroes exhibit currently on display at the Oyster Bay Historical Society, there will be a public program featuring baymen from Oyster Bay and commercial offshore fishermen telling their stories. Admission is \$5, and the program is open to all. (516) 922-5032.

### Film screening: 'Prosecuting Evil'

Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, 100 Crescent Beach Road, Glen Cove, 1 p.m. This documentary paints portrait of Ben Ferencz, the last surviving Nuremberg Trial prosecutor, who continues to wage his lifelong crusade in the fight for law and peace. The event will be facilitated by Professor John Q. Barrett, a Professor of Law at St. John's University in Manhattan. (516) 571-8040.

### Pumpkin decorating

Oyster Bay-East Norwich Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay, 2 p.m. Children can



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## Sea Cliff Mini Mart 50th anniversary

One of the best times of the year has returned to Sea Cliff, as the Mini Mart comes back on Oct. 6 on Sea Cliff Ave. between Prospect and Main avenues. This year is special as the event will be celebrating 50 years. Mini Mart provides a time and a place that brings people together for a wonderful day to experience and purchase from the terrific local artists, support local nonprofits by tasting some of their delicious offerings, as well as get to know the store front businesses and fantastic restaurants offering a variety of outstanding items. There are quite a number of new artists and local vendors this year. (516) 759-3035.

get into the mood for Halloween by decorating their own pumpkin at the library, with all supplies provided. Teens can volunteer to help children pick out and decorate their pumpkins in exchange for community service hours. (516) 922-1212.

### Oyster Bay historic walking tours

Eagle Wightman House, 20 Summit St., Oyster Bay, 2 p.m. take a foot tour of Oyster Bay, featuring the historic sites along East and West Main Streets, Audrey Avenue, and South Street in the heart of the hamlet, paying special attention to Theodore Roosevelt's presence in the Oyster Bay community. Meet at the historic Earle Wightman house and plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the tour. \$20 per adult and \$5 for youth five to 17 years of age. (516) 922-5032.

### Concerts by the Pond

St. John's Church, 1670 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor, at 3 p.m. Northern Harmony, an ensemble of nine brilliant young singers based in Vermont, will present a concert of world harmony traditions. The concert program presents a thrilling mix of world harmony traditions including South African songs and dances, traditional polyphony from Georgia, Corsica and the Balkans, American shape-note singing and quartet gospel. (516) 692-6368.

## Monday, October 7

### October Fare

YFCA of Oyster Bay, 2 Spring St., Oyster Bay, 6 p.m. An exclusive evening of fabulous food, a selection of still and sparkling wines, and specialty cocktails in support of Youth and Family Counseling Agency. Tickets are \$75 for people under

40, \$125 for those older. (516) 922-6867.

### Electing the President

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. What were the Founders thinking when they created the Electoral College? This lecture will provide an overview of the constitutional road to



## Oktoberfest at Glen Cove Mansion

Save a plane ticket to Berlin and celebrate the annual tradition of Oktoberfest for the 5th time on Oct. 5 at the Glen Cove Mansion. Garvies Point Brewery beer, live music from Louis Pettinelli and traditional Oktoberfest food. Activities include the Stein Hoisting and the Tracht competitions. Family activities include sand art and a pumpkin patch. The day runs from 1 to 7 p.m., with family activities from 1 to 4 p.m. and live music from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove. (516) 671-6400.

the White House. The focus will be on the complex system designed to decide who gets to be the nation's Chief Executive and whether it still needs to be so complicated. Presented by Professor James Coll. (516) 759-8300.

## Tuesday, October 8

### Perfectly simple organizing

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Join as master organizer Suzanne Milanese offers tips for home organization and teaches participants how to create a peaceful, relaxing clutter-free environment. She will discuss ways to organize any space within one's home, offer advice on what paperwork is worth keeping and provide strategies for staying organized. (516) 676-2130.

## Wednesday, October 9

### A free night of comedy with Tony Wolf

Glen Cove Christian Church, 74 Walnut Road, Glen Cove, 7:30 p.m. Tony Wolf is a tried and true comedian and musician having produced six albums and penned over 50 song parodies including one that reached the iTunes top 40. He will be performing comedy that is fun for the whole family. (516) 676-2055.

## Thursday, October 10

### Fall floral arranging

Planting Fields Arboretum, 1395 Planting Fields Road, Oyster Bay, 6:30 p.m. Workshop participants will learn innovative floral design techniques with a focus on sustainable, earth friendly practices. They will also choose blooms from their fresh flower bar featuring a hand-picked selection of Long Island grown flowers such as dahlia, sunflower, zinnia, cosmos and strawflower. Next, they will learn how to arrange them and take home your final product in a beautiful footed ceramic vessel using enviro-friendly materials. All floral design materials will be supplied including vessel, clippers, wire and/or tape. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$60. (516) 922-9210.

### Halloween Jug o'Lenturn

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 7 p.m. Teens sixth grade and up can get ready for the Halloween season by making Jug o' Lanterns. Using upcycled materials, they can add some Halloween spirit by creating their own safe, glowing lanterns to turn their home into a haunted house.

## Saturday, October 12

### All about garlic

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10 a.m. Garlic is one of those fall plantings that brings great joy when spring finally arrives. Enjoy a presentation on the benefits of garlic, its history, and how to plant, grow and cure it. (516) 676-2130.

## HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.

# NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

**ALEXA DAMONE, A** nurse at Glen Cove Hospital, won Northwell's Nurse of the Year award.



Courtesy Northwell Health

## G.C. Hospital nurse receives honor

Glen Cove Hospital Emergency Department nurse Alexa Damone has earned Northwell Health's top nursing honor — the President's Award for Nurse of the Year. Coinciding with this prestigious award, Damone celebrated her fourth

anniversary at the hospital this month. Four months ago, she joined Glen Cove's Emergency Department as a critical care nurse after working in the hospital's medical surgical unit primarily with geriatric patients.

## Local water engineer recognized

The New York Section American Water Works Association presented Glen Cove's Christopher Melillo with their Young Professional of the Year award on Sept. 19. The award recognizes "the finest young water professionals who demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their profession, provide valuable service by contributing time and energy to the NYSAWWA and the water community, and who serve as role models for young

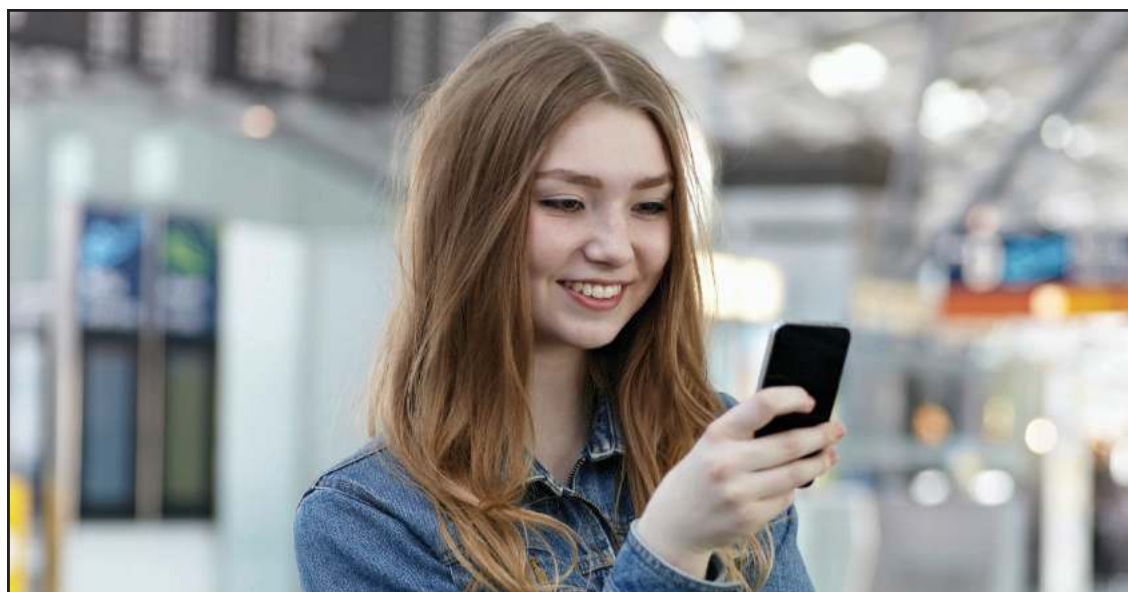
water professionals." Melillo is a water supply engineer working at D&B Engineers and Architects' Water Supply Division since 2015.

"It is an honor to be nominated for New York Section's AWWA 'Young Professional of the Year' by my peers and to win this award," Melillo said. "This certainly keeps me motivated to improve my knowledge, expertise and find solutions for our clients' challenges."



Courtesy D&B Engineers and Architects

**NYS AWWA BOARD** member Judith Hansen presented the Young Professional of the Year award to Christopher Melillo.



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**SHARELLE ALLEN, 31**, pictured at STRONG Youth in Uniondale, where she is a case manager, said she believes her severe pain when she gave birth suddenly to her second child in 2017 was ignored by her nurse and midwife. According to experts, medical professionals often overlook pain felt by African-American patients, believing that black people have a higher tolerance for pain than white people. Implicit bias and racism in the medical field help explain the disparity in the infant mortality rate between communities of color and white communities, experts say.

Scott Brinton/Herald

# A question of race and 'birth justice'

## Why babies of color are more likely to die in state's second-healthiest county

By **SCOTT BRINTON**

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Part one in a series.

When Sharelle Allen gave birth to her first child in 2014, the now 31-year-old wanted a natural experience — no monitors, no pain medication, no epidural, no C-section. Those were her rules.

"I wanted to be just free," the mother of two said. "I wanted to eat and drink. I wanted to breastfeed." She was in labor 44 hours — six in active labor.

When she gave birth the second time three years later, the experience was very different. Labor came on suddenly, in what is known as a "precipitous birth."

"I was experiencing a lot of pain," she said recently at STRONG Youth, the Uniondale-based nonprofit gang-prevention and community-development organization where she is the lead intervention case manager. "It was very abrupt on my system. I was screaming for pain medication."

She peppered her nurse and midwife with questions. "Why is this happening so fast?" she wanted to know.

No one answered, she said. During birth, she suffered a vaginal tear and received four stitches without pain medication. Twelve hours later, Allen said, she was given the pain reliever she had begged for during the birth.

Her experience — the sense that no one was listening and responding to her concerns — led Allen, who is African-American, to join Birth Justice Warriors, a growing group of two dozen black and brown women who are working to raise awareness of the wide disparities in maternal care received by women of color and white women.

Dr. Martine Hackett and Dr. Nellie Tay-

### Editor's message

Levittown, constructed by Abraham Levitt & Sons in the late 1940s to meet the accelerating demand for housing after World War II, was the nation's first planned suburban community.

There were neat rows of Cape Cods, with white picket fences and freshly paved roads. It was seemingly an idyllic community.

Racism, however, was part of the business plan.

At the start, Clause 25 of the standard lease agreement placed a restrictive covenant on Levittown residents, requiring, in bold letters, that only "members of the Caucasian race" be allowed to live in Levitt homes.

After the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in Topeka, Kan., in 1954, racial integration was allowed in Levittown. In 1960, however, it remained an all-white community, according to census records. Now it's 89 percent white.

To this day, Nassau is among the most racially segregated counties in the country, despite its widespread diversity of residents. And structural, or systemic, racism

can be found in all corners of the county, according to ERASE Racism, a Syosset-based nonprofit organization that formed in 2001 to fight for racial equality in housing and education.

Structural racism is insidious, built quietly into our medical, education and housing systems, placing people of color on an unequal footing with white people, who account for 73 percent of the county's population. Unless you look closely, and unless you know what to look for, it can be hard to identify.

Having an honest conversation about systemic racism might be uncomfortable for some, even many people, but here at the Herald, we're having it. Over the coming months, we'll publish a series of investigative stories examining the many ways that racism is part of the very structure of Nassau, beginning this week with my piece on the disparity in infant mortality in communities of color and white communities.

—Scott Brinton, Executive Editor

lor-Walthrust, both women of color, started the group in March 2018. Hackett is an associate professor of health professions at Hofstra University, and Taylor-Walthrust, a pastor, is director of outreach services for the North Shore Child Family Guid-

ance Center, a nonprofit mental health agency with offices in Roslyn Heights, Manhasset and Westbury. They get the word out through small group discussions and community forums.

The objective, Allen said, is to "build a

community of concern so we know what our rights are, so we can birth the way we want to in the most healthy way."

### When infants die

Among the central issues that Birth Justice Warriors is working to address is infant mortality, which is a leading indicator of a community's well-being, according to the Nassau County Department of Health's 2016-18 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. When children are dying in high numbers at birth — the start of life — there are probably myriad other health concerns in a community.

In the majority of white communities across Nassau, the infant mortality rate ranged from 0 to 3 in 1,000 births in 2014-16, according to the New York State Department of Health. Meanwhile, in most communities of color, the infant mortality rate was three to nine times that.

In its annual rankings of healthiest counties in New York, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, working with data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, ranked Nassau the second-healthiest of 62 counties in the state this year. When that data is broken down into individual zip codes, however, a disturbing pattern is made clear in communities of color, Hackett said: Babies there are significantly more likely to die during or shortly after birth than in predominantly white communities.

When "looked at as the aggregate," she said, the county's "health outcomes are great." That, she said, "creates this illusion that everything is fine here."

But, she added, "there are health conditions that are worse here in Nassau County than New York City."

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# State to study disparity in health outcomes

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Three calls to the county health department were not returned. Its own 2016-18 assessment, however, supports Hackett's assertion that there is a wide gap in health outcomes between communities of color and white communities locally.

County officials identified nine communities of color and communities with large minority populations — Elmont, Freeport, Glen Cove, Hempstead, Inwood, Long Beach, Roosevelt, Uniondale and Westbury — each with measurably greater health concerns than nearby white communities.

Nassau is the 13th-wealthiest county in the U.S., with an average annual household income of around \$93,000, according to census data. "The affluence of the county as a whole masks the needs of these severely underserved selected communities," the county's report states.

Taken as a whole, the infant mortality rate in these communities is "nearly double that of the rest of the county," the report continues.

The knee-jerk reaction to explain the discrepancy is to blame it on a discrete factor like income level, according to Hackett: Women with fewer financial resources are unable to afford the same level of care that women of greater means can. But statistics tell a more complicated story.

How, for example, does one explain Elmont, a solidly middle-class community of color with an annual average household income of \$94,353, slightly above the county average? It has the second-highest infant mortality rate in Nassau.

Access to health care alone "is not sufficient" to explain the disparities in health outcomes, Hackett said. Bias and systemic racism also play their parts, she believes.

## Implicit bias

Among many subjects, Hackett studies "implicit bias" in her research — assumptions that people make about others, particularly those who are perceived as different. Implicit bias "doesn't just live in our brains," Hackett said. "It presents in our day-to-day actions."

Implicit bias, she said, is why a white police officer might be more likely to pull over a person of color for a possible traffic violation — or why a white doctor, nurse or midwife might be more likely to ignore the insistent pleas of a woman of color enduring birth pangs.

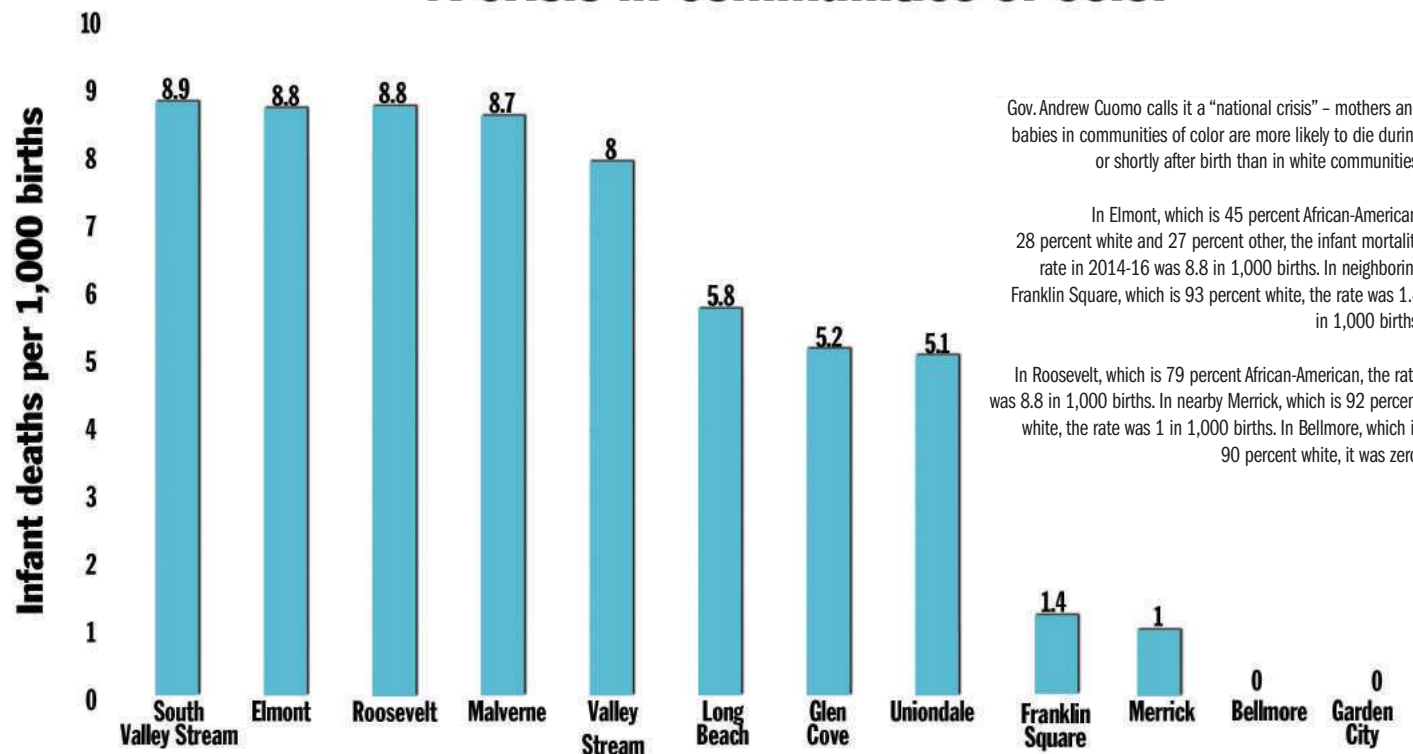
There is a long-held belief in the medical community, spoken and unspoken, that African-Americans have a higher tolerance for pain than white people, Hackett said, and so black people are less likely to receive pain relief, even when they demand it.

African-American women, Allen said, are accustomed to being ignored. "It's the way I walk through life," she said. "My voice doesn't matter."

That black women's concerns are often overlooked, even when voiced vehemently, helps explain why maternal health outcomes in many communities of color are significantly worse than in white communities, according to Hackett.

She was careful to note that there are several reasons for the discrepancy in outcomes, but implicit bias, even racism, in

## A crisis in communities of color



Source: New York State Department of Health's Perinatal Data File

Illustration by Christina Daly/Herald



Scott Brinton/Herald

## DR. MARTINE HACKETT

the medical community is among them.

"It has to do with the way women are treated — black people are treated — in the clinical setting," she said.

## The role of 'microaggressions'

Te-Ana Souffrant, 36, who is African-American, is another member of Birth Justice Warriors. She grew up in an upper-middle-class family. She earned a master's degree in health administration from Hofstra. She lives in affluent Baldwin Harbor. She is, by profession, a doula, a woman, usually without obstetric training, who provides guidance and support to pregnant women, even in the delivery room.

Souffrant, a mother of three, said that medical professionals often demonstrate their biases through "microaggressions," seemingly small quips with much larger racial implications. When offering her and her husband a test for sexually transmitted diseases during one of her pregnancies, a doctor "joked" that "you better hope the result is negative . . . You better hope nothing comes back," she said. Souffrant and her husband, a New York City correc-

tions officer, were shocked. She was taken aback that a doctor would offer the test to a long-married couple, and she saw deeper racial implications in the so-called jest.

"There's an assumption about black women having multiple husbands," she said. The doctor, she added, "thought she was being funny in that moment," but, Souffrant noted, "I know that she has never said that to a white client."

"You're already dealing with stressors as a black or brown person in this country that white people can't even understand, on a daily basis," she said. "I've had doctors who have made me feel less than."

Because women of color are often made to feel that way, Souffrant said, there is "mistrust between black people and the medical community." Distrust, in turn, leads many women of color to "not seek care" when they need it.

"There are multiple things happening all at once," she said. "The root of it is racism."

## Chronic stress

At the same time, Hackett said, many women of color live in segregated neighborhoods. Schools in such communities are perennially underfunded. Crime rates may be higher. Family incomes are lower, so affording life's necessities is harder, particularly in an expensive county like Nassau, where the cost of living is 1.5 times higher than the state average.

"Conditions of structural racism have an effect on individual bodies," Hackett said. The daily stress that many women of color must live with, she said, "has a physical manifestation" that, in part, explains the discrepancies in infant mortality rates.

A 2017 study by the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, "Communities in Action: Pathways to Health Equity," backs Hackett's assertion.

"The impact of structural inequities follows individuals 'from womb to tomb,'"

Gov. Andrew Cuomo calls it a "national crisis" — mothers and babies in communities of color are more likely to die during or shortly after birth than in white communities.

In Elmont, which is 45 percent African-American, 28 percent white and 27 percent other, the infant mortality rate in 2014-16 was 8.8 in 1,000 births. In neighboring Franklin Square, which is 93 percent white, the rate was 1.4 in 1,000 births.

In Roosevelt, which is 79 percent African-American, the rate was 8.8 in 1,000 births. In nearby Merrick, which is 92 percent white, the rate was 1 in 1,000 births. In Bellmore, which is 90 percent white, it was zero.

the 558-page study states. "African-American women are more likely to give birth to low-birth-weight infants, and their newborns experience higher infant death rates that are not associated with any biological differences, even after accounting for socioeconomic factors."

## Changing the narrative

On Aug. 1, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed legislation to create a Maternal Mortality Review Board, tasked with analyzing the reasons for the alarming discrepancy in maternal mortality between communities of color and white communities. "Racial disparities in maternal mortality is a national crisis," Cuomo said at the bill signing, "and with the creation of this expert review board and advisory council, we are tackling the problem head-on."

The 15-member board will comprise experts from the state and New York City departments of health, and doctors, nurses and health professionals. State Assemblywoman Michaele Solages, a Democrat from Elmont, who is Haitian-American, championed the bill to form the board.

The board, she said, must address critical questions: Why are women of color "not getting access to prenatal care? Why are they not getting good nutrition? How can we combat implicit bias?"

"Why are a baby and a mother in Elmont more likely to die than in Garden City?" asked Solages, a 34-year-old mother of two. "It's a huge difference . . . These are communities that are within a mile of each other."

"We really need to ensure that we're getting the information out there that women can receive the support they need," she continued. "We really need to talk about what's going on in our community."

"Hopefully," Allen said, "we create a culture where it's not birth justice. This is just the way we birth."



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By MAUREEN LENNON

### THE QUESTION:

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**Maxwell Ponte**  
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**Amberly Ponte**  
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**Leila Precit**  
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**Ethan Precit**  
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# Residents, civic groups react to vaping restrictions

By MIKE CONN and RONNY REYES

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With concern growing about lung disease and other disorders caused by e-cigarettes and a surge in the number of children who use them, federal and state governments have urged the tightening of restrictions against vaping. Officials have suggested tripling federal taxes on e-cigarettes and their accessories, as well as banning flavored cartridges.

Sea Cliff's Alison Camardella, president of the North Shore Coalition Against Substance Abuse, said that vaping prevention is among the most important actions the organization undertakes. While it is common knowledge that cigarettes pose health risks, hundreds of people, Camardella said, are being hospitalized with vaping-related illnesses, which are not yet fully understood.

"We're at the tip of the iceberg, as far as I'm concerned, when learning about the risks of vaping," she said.

What she does know, Camardella said, is that vaping is a growing threat among children and teens. The difficulty of detecting e-cigarette vapor; social media's perception of vaping as "cool" and a lack of early education to make children aware of its health risks are just a few of the factors that have made it such a significant part of teen culture.

"It's only natural for kids to want to try the latest things on the market," Camardella said. "It's our job as parents and members of the community to educate them as to why they shouldn't."

Flavoring e-cigarette cartridges, she said, attracts children. Things that taste like candy attracts kids, she said, not nicotine flavoring.

However, Tammy Mink, owner of Shore Vapes in Glen Cove, said that flavored cartridges have more of a positive impact than a negative one. Her business helps adults quit smoking cigarettes, she said, estimating that about 90 percent of her customers use flavors to do so, because tobacco flavoring only brings cigarettes back to mind. "They don't want to be reminded of that last cigarette," Mink said.

She said she understands that officials are trying to improve children's health, and she supports going after businesses that have sold e-cigarettes to minors. But Mink expressed concern about a growing black market in e-cigarette cartridges that she believes will be significantly worse for people's health than the commercially made brands. And, she said, many people would go back to smoking cigarettes if flavors were banned, and the nicotine high is ultimately what attract minors to vaping, not flavors.

"These laws are going to hurt more than they're trying to help," Mink said.

Nassau County has also begun restricting vaping and e-cigarettes. County Executive Laura Curran launched Operation Clear the Air on Sept. 26 to crack down on counterfeit

vaping products. In the following days, there were 15 violations for counterfeit products issued to businesses on the South Shore and in Mineola.

County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, of Glen Cove, said that the Legislature was also considering banning flavored e-cigarette and vaping products that seem to be targeted at teens and young adults. "When you put out a product like bubble-gum flavor," DeRiggi-Whitton asked, "who do they think they'll attract?" She added that the county needed to consider banning the smoking of these products in public parks, and keeping advertisements about them away from schools, much like cigarettes are regulated.

Legislator Joshua Lafazan, of Woodbury, agreed. Lafazan said he was particularly concerned about "popcorn lung," a nickname for bronchiolitis obliterans, which damages the lungs. He said he planned to host an informational seminar on vaping for the North Shore communities on Oct. 15 at Syosset High School.

"I've spoken to pediatrician friends of mine who tell me that this addiction is real," Lafazan said, "and are warning about popcorn lung."

Glen Cove City School District Superintendent Maria Rianna said the district has emphasized the dangers of vaping to their students at every opportunity. The school had invited multiple speakers to keep students informed of the health issues surrounding vaping, including Stephen Dewey, a neuroscientist and research professor at New York University's School of Medicine and a former addiction psychiatrist at Northwell Health. She said the presentations warned students about the hazards relating to the heating of a vape and e-cigarettes' coil and the emitting of metal particles from the coil into their lungs.

"The safety and well-being of our students and staff is our top priority, and will continue to be so moving forward," Rianna said.

Dr. Sharon Harris, executive director of Glen Cove's Substance Abuse Free Environment Inc., said that vaping has become a top priority for the nonprofit organization, which provides alcohol and drug prevention services throughout the city. Harris said that SAFE was working with its partners in the city school district to better inform students about the dangers of vaping and to bolster peer-resistance skills so they can reject vaping and help their friends avoid it as well.

While schools and organizations like SAFE and CASA can help curb vaping among children and teens, Camardella said, effective prevention starts at home. Along with talking about the risks of vaping, parents can engage in role-playing with their children to teach them refusal skills. Most important, she said, parents need to keep communication open with their children so they will be comfortable discussing vaping.

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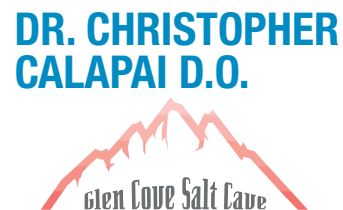
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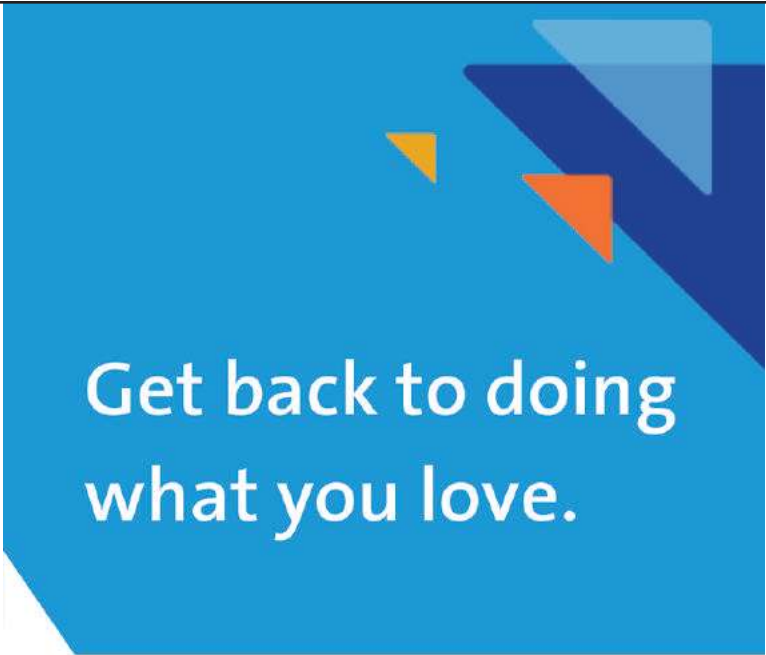
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The exhibit of photographs calls attention to social occasions and their highs and lows. It ponders such questions as: What is it about other people’s parties that we find so intriguing? Is it idle curiosity or something more?

The works on display investigate the impulse to preserve party moments in photography, and the human desire to belong and live vicariously through others.

These photographs, explains Karen T. Albert, acting director and the museum’s chief curator, comprise almost a fifth of the museum’s permanent collection, which features more than 5,000 works, spanning more than 3,500 years. “The museum relishes the opportunity to share this rich and unique resource with the community,” she says.

“We want to continue to share our valuable resource. One of our strengths is photography and as we looked through the collection, we saw that a lot of photos were of celebrations.”

Thus an exhibit emerged. It consists of traditional gelatin prints by artists such as Henri Cartier-Bresson, Larry Fink, Danny Lyon, Mary Ellen Mark, and Andy Warhol, among others.

“While the photographs in this exhibition predate social media, and hand-held technology, they capture our innate human desire of seeing and being seen, and therefore feel totally contemporary. The exhibition really invites visitors to take a moment to stop and consider our obsession of following, liking, and tagging other people’s pictures,” says Kristen Rudy, collections manager and the exhibit’s curator.

“What we’re photographing now is similar, it’s just the way we’re doing it



Larry Fink (American, born 1941), *False Men and their Makers*, Studio 54, N.Y.C. – May, 1977, from the portfolio *Social Context*, 1977, Gelatin silver print on Fortezo paper, 14 ¼ x 14 ½ in.; Hofstra University Museum of Art, gift of Susan and Steven Ball, HU92.68.14 © 2019 Larry Fink

different,” adds Albert. “These photographers had a different perspective, they were more of a voyeur than a participant as we are now.”

Among the photographs on display are a number of images by Larry Fink, who did a series of photos of people interacting at parties in 1977. He captured it all: the New York City club scene to starry Hollywood parties to socialites. He was fascinated by interpersonal relationships.

“His black and white contrast is really intense in these dimly lit places,” Albert notes. “It’s fascinating to see the way people are looking across from other people, looking at what is going on.”

A different viewpoint is seen in the photography of the esteemed Danny Lyons, whose photos from his *Bikers* series of 1962-1963 are included. Known for immersing himself within the communities he photographed, this series captured the life and travels of the

American motorcycle rider pre-*Easy Rider*.

“It’s not all about formal parties,” says Albert, “we wanted to show casual meet-ups also.”

“The 25 photographs of *Other People’s Parties* are a spirited witnessing of social gatherings of the 20th century, a chronicling of both performative and intimate moments in an age before social documentation became truly rampant,” says Susannah Ray, Hofstra adjunct associate professor of Fine Arts, Design, Art History, who presented remarks at last month’s opening reception.

“Every second a deluge of photographs post to our social media feeds: amongst the sunsets, babies, and puppies, we also find parties, celebrations, and special occasions, similar subjects to those in the photographs hung around the gallery. Here, in real time, can we stop scrolling and instead begin strolling, slowing down to appreciate the particularity of vision



Andy Warhol (American, 1928-1987), *Jann Wenner and Francois de Menil*, undated, Gelatin silver print, 10 x 8 in.; Hofstra University Museum of Art, gift of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts Inc., HU2008.2.119 © The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts Inc.

and perception that characterizes these selections from our Hofstra museum collection? The reward will be a fuller understanding of photography as social media and parties as social context.”

As always the museum offers additional programming to enhance the exhibit experience. Upcoming events include the museum’s latest *Artful Adventures* session, on Saturday, Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids, ages 5-10 (with an adult companion) can adventure into the world of mystery and magic found in photography, guided by a museum educator. They’ll create a snapshot from an imaginary party. Registration is required.

For more information on the exhibits and related programming, call the museum at (516) 463-5672 or visit [www.hofstra.edu/museum](http://www.hofstra.edu/museum).

— Karen Bloom  
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### IN CONCERT Autumn Leaves

Sands Point Preserve’s historic mansions and waterfront grounds are the backdrop for the final concert of its series celebrat-



ing the four seasons. The unique program of chamber music and poetry is inspired by themes throughout the year. Violinists Rebecca Fischer and Basia Danilow, Kathryn Lockwood on viola and cellist Jeffrey Zeigler, with baritone James Martin and percussionist Yousif Sheronick present a lively, diverse program. The concert’s selections include, “Solo Violin” by J.S. Bach, “Sonata for Viola and Percussion” by Peter Sculthorpe, “String Quartet KV575, I. Allegro” by W.A. Mozart, “Alphabet Drive” by Mathew Fuerst, “Dover Beach” by Samuel Barber, “Change” and “Tomorrow” by Mavis Staples, “Herbst” by Victor Ullman, and “Federico II for String Quartet & Percussion” by Giovanni Sollima. Drawing on the season’s bounty, a themed dinner follows the concert. The series is designed for adults, but children 8+ are welcome.

### WEEKEND Out and About

Saturday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. cocktails; 7 p.m. concert; 8 p.m. dinner and dessert. \$110 (\$100 members), \$60 ages 8-18 (\$50 members). Sands Point Preserve, 127 Middle Neck Rd., Sands Point. (516) 571-7901 or [www.sandspointpreserveconservancy.org](http://www.sandspointpreserveconservancy.org).

### ON STAGE

#### The Man Who Came to Dinner

Journey back to the era of classic radio drama at radio-style production adapted from the iconic 1942 film “The Man Who Came to Dinner.” The satirical comedy tells of an acid-tongued cultural critic on a lecture tour who condescends to dine with a prominent local family in small-town Ohio, only to slip on the front steps and break his hip. Forced to stay indefinitely to recuperate, he takes over the household and meddles in everyone’s lives, while scheming to keep his own from being

upended when his trusted secretary falls for a local newspaper reporter. A cast of 16 voice actors, many of them veteran radio drama performers, bring the story’s 24 characters to life on stage, reenacting a coast-to-coast broadcast from March 1950 that starred Lucille Ball and Clifton Webb. The show includes creatively produced sound effects, period commercials and songs between acts. Engaging characters set the tone for a retro theatrical experience.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 4 p.m. \$10. Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington. (516) 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Coming Attractions

### Performances/ On Stage



#### Sunset Boulevard

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical adaptation of the award-winning 1950 film about a faded star of the silent screen era, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3-4, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 5, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 6, 2 and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2 and 8 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### The Blues Project

The iconic band in concert, Thursday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### Lucy Kaplansky

The folksinger-songwriter in concert, with Richard Shindell, Thursday, Oct. 3, 7:30 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (914) 361-9333 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Blood Sweat & Tears

The iconic jazz-rock band in concert, Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. The Space, 250 Post Ave. Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.thespaceatwestbury.com](http://www.thespaceatwestbury.com).

#### Bumping Mics

Comedians Jeff Ross and Dave Attell share the stage, as co-headliners, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### Comedy Showcase

An evening of laughs with Peter Bales, Matt Burke and Steve Lazarus, Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Carriage House/Learning Center Revitalization Project. Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or [www.vanderbiltmuseum.org](http://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org).

#### First Friday Series

The Kenn Morr Band performs Americana tunes, as part of Heckscher Museum's concert series, Friday, Oct. 4, 5-8:30 p.m. Also explore the museum's exhibitions during extended viewing hours. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### Gypsy

The Stevie Nicks/Fleetwood Mac tribute band in concert, Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### Top Shelf Comedy

Comic showcase featuring Carie Karavas and Rhonda Hansome, with special guests, Friday, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington 404-



### Glenn Miller Orchestra

The legendary Glenn Miller Orchestra visits the Landmark on Main Street stage, on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m.

Decades after founding his famous orchestra, the music of Glenn Miller is alive and well. Enjoy all those timeless classics like "In the Mood," "Moonlight Serenade," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "String of Pearls" and "Tuxedo Junction." Journey back to the Swing era of the '30s and '40s at this must-see concert for jazz and swing fans alike.

Tickets are \$45, \$40, \$30; available at 767-6444 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

Landmark on Main Street, Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington.

9989 or [www.landmarkonmainstreet.org](http://www.landmarkonmainstreet.org).

#### Hugh Jackman

The acclaimed actor-vocalist in concert, Saturday, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale. (800) 745-3000 or [www.tickmaster.com](http://www.tickmaster.com) or [www.nycb-live.com](http://www.nycb-live.com).

#### John Batdorf

The singer-songwriter in concert, with Dean Friedman, Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### John Gorka

The acclaimed singer-songwriter in concert, presented by the Folk Music Society of Huntington, Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30 p.m. (open mic at 7:30 p.m. Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Dr., Huntington. (631) 425-2925 or [www.fmsh.org](http://www.fmsh.org).

#### Ava Della Pietra

The young Broadway performer in concert, Sunday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).



#### Chazz Palminteri

The actor performs his one-man version of "A Bronx Tale," Sunday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### Rick Roberts and Larry Burnett

The Firefall bandmates in concert, Wednesday, Oct. 9 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### Robert Berry

The legendary guitarist in concert, Thursday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or [www.myfathersplace.com](http://www.myfathersplace.com).

#### Loverboy

The rock band in concert, Thursday, Oct. 10, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or [www.paramountny.com](http://www.paramountny.com).

### For the Kids



#### The Wizard of Oz

A new musical comedy, based on L. Frank Baum's beloved tale, Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.; Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:30 a.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or [www.engemantheater.com](http://www.engemantheater.com).

#### Author Talk

Join reptile expert Jungle Bob as he speaks about and signs copies of his new children's "color me" picture book "Lenny: A Most Unusual Reptile," Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 p.m. Jungle Bob will also introduce the audience to some of the live animals from the story. Book Revue, 313 New York Ave., Huntington. (631) 271-1442 or [www.bookrevue.com](http://www.bookrevue.com).

#### Story Tots

investigate color, shape, form and texture with art activities based on a story, Friday, Oct. 4, 10-11 a.m. Listen to story books read aloud while exploring various art materials and processes. Story time is followed by an art project. For ages 3-5. Registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or [www.nassaumuseum.org](http://www.nassaumuseum.org).

#### Momee Friends Suitcase Stories:

##### The Story of Hansel & Gretel

A new retelling of the classic tale, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

#### Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Oct. 9, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Oct. 11, 12 p.m. (for children entering Kindergarten in 2020) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Registration required.

Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or [www.seaclifflibrary.org](http://www.seaclifflibrary.org).

#### Edible Slime Workshop

Join Miss Alex to make different kinds of slime, all edible, Thursday, Oct. 10, 4 p.m. For grades K-2. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

### Museums/Galleries and more

#### Energy: The Power of Art

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

#### Landscapes: Home and Afar

An invitational small group show featuring Alexander Gordon, Margaret Henning and Maxine Jurow. Through Oct. 12. Main Street Gallery, 213 Main St., Huntington.

#### Mort Kunstler: The Godfather of Pulp Fiction Illustrators

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. Through Nov. 17. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or [www.heckscher.org](http://www.heckscher.org).

#### 100 Years of Children's Books

Welcome the new school year with an exhibit on popular child and young adult reading. Through Jan. 25. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or [www.nshmgc.org](http://www.nshmgc.org)

#### Theodore Roosevelt:

##### A Man for the Modern World

An exhibition that celebrates the presidency and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, who is often considered the first modern president. On view are a collection of historic documents, photographs, and many never before seen artifacts that celebrate TR's major achievements and underscore his legacy. Highlighted objects include family sporting equipment and the license plate from the Roosevelts' automobile, shown alongside presidential gifts such as a book inscribed by Booker T. Washington. Some familiar artifacts from the Roosevelt home are also on display. Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay. 922-4788 or [nps.gov/sagamorehill](http://nps.gov/sagamorehill).



#### Seashells...

##### Nature's Inspired Design

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

#### At the Movies

See "All is True," a late-life Shakespeare tale of a freely fictionalized account of the Bard's retirement years, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; also "Trial by Fire," the true-life story of the unlikely bond between an imprisoned death row inmate in Texas and a mother of two who, though facing staggering odds, fights for his freedom, Thursday, Oct. 10, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

#### Friday Flick

See "Can You Ever Forgive Me?," the biopic about Lee Israel, a best-selling celebrity biographer in the 1970s and '80s, Friday, Oct. 4, 1:30 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.

#### Film Time

See the classic 1938 "The Adventures of Robin Hood," starring Errol Flynn, Friday, Oct. 4, 2 p.m.; also "Tolkien," the biopic about the early life of author J.R.R. Tolkien, Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or [www.goldcoastlibrary.org](http://www.goldcoastlibrary.org).

#### Balance in Nature Sculpture Talk and Tour

Discover the visual language of sculpture with a guided tour through Old Westbury Gardens observing the works of Jerzy Jotka Kedziora, Sunday, Oct. 6, 12-1 p.m.; also Wednesday, Oct. 9, 12-1 p.m. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or [www.oldwestbury.org](http://www.oldwestbury.org).

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**ELLENMORRIS TIEGERMAN, TOP** center, in gray, cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the Tiegerman Middle School on Sept. 26.



# Students flock to new Tiegerman Middle School

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dle School to celebrate its ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 26.

The school enrolled about 150 sixth-through eighth-graders. Tenke said that it was exactly what residents wanted to see at the site of the former Coles School, which was built in 1928 and named after one of Glen Cove's oldest families. The Coles School was one of the city's elementary schools until it closed in 1992, and the city bought the building in 2002. It was leased it to the Solomon Schechter School until 2011.

Then, in limbo for more than six years, the building fell into disrepair, and was included in the city's Brownfield Opportunity Area, where city officials are seeking state aid to undertake revitalization projects to improve blighted neighborhoods. When he saw the completed Tiegerman Middle School at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Tenke said he was amazed by how quickly the project was completed after Tiegerman bought the property for \$2.1 million in 2017.

"The building hadn't been used in years, but residents wanted to see it preserved," Tenke said. "A lot of people have connections to the school, and to have it open again, under the Tiegerman name, means a lot to them."

After a few students spoke at the ceremony about how the Tiegerman Schools curriculum helped them learn how to communicate and speak, and sang "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," Tiegerman board member Paul Rosen said he was

moved by just how much Tiegerman Schools and Community Services had grown since he first enrolled his daughter in the school system in 1986. Back then, Tiegerman ran a preschool that was only a year old. Rosen said that his daughter, who was 3 at the time, thrived under the Tiegerman curriculum.

The Tiegerman Language Method stimulates and challenges students to improve their communication abilities through immersive classroom lessons and educational games. Its instructors help students develop intellectually and emotionally. Tiegerman also works to increase public awareness of language disorders, because children who have them are often misdiagnosed and incorrectly placed in special-education classes and programs.

"I'm proud to be a part of this organization and one of the original families at Tiegerman," Rosen said. "My daughter is now 36, and she's lived a much better life because of the school."

With the new middle school, Ellen-morris Tiegerman said, children in Glen Cove now have access to the Tiegerman Schools system from pre-K to eighth grade. She is currently holding a fundraising campaign to install a new walkway at the middle school's entrance. With the "Generations Walkway," she hopes to top off renovations at the school in order to both cement Tiegerman Schools' place in the future, and pay homage to the history of the Coles School.

## HERALD Crossword Puzzle

### King Crossword

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- 1 Old love boat
- 4 Cattle comments
- 8 Dispatch
- 12 Luau side dish
- 13 Reed instrument
- 14 Inlet
- 15 Small
- 17 Enthusiastic
- 18 Eviscerate
- 19 Soon
- 21 Rook
- 24 Potential syrup
- 25 Roman 52
- 26 Thanksgiving veggie
- 28 Pass along
- 32 Ricelike pasta
- 34 — Mahal
- 36 Cannonball, maybe
- 37 Color workers
- 39 High-pitched bark
- 41 A mere hand-ful
- 42 Mimic
- 44 Bets
- 46 Poetic feet
- 50 Existed
- 51 Tangelo trademark
- 52 Do some firing
- 56 Sandwich cookie

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- 59 Cut, as logs
- 60 Tear to bits
- 61 Type measures
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- 8 Resold for big profits
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- 10 Shakespeare's river
- 11 Safecracker
- 16 Historic boy king
- 20 Listener
- 21 LummoX
- 22 Ethereal
- 23 Dine on
- 27 Has permission
- 29 Of natural dimensions
- 30 State with certainty
- 31 Some ever-greens
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INVITATION FOR BIDDERS  
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT: KITCHEN RENOVATION PROJECT**  
LOCATED IN GLEN COVE, NY

BID NO. 2019-012

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Bid No. 2019-012 and Bid No. 2019-13 are being presented concurrently. Each bid must be made on the Proposal form prepared for this work and in the manner designated therein and be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in an amount of no less than ten percent (10%) of the gross amount of the bid. The bid shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Glen Cove and marked on the outside with the name and address of the bidder, and the words "Bid for Fire Department: Kitchen Renovation Project- Bid No. 2019-012".

The successful bidder must comply with all State and Federal Statutes relating to labor and Workers' Compensation. Requests for information regarding this Invitation should be sent only in writing via email to the Purchasing Agent of the City of Glen Cove, New York 115676

By:Yelena Quiles, Purchasing Agent  
City of Glen Cove, New York 115676

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**Susan Walker**  
Susan Walker, 101, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 21, just shy of her 102nd birthday celebration on Oct. 8. She was the beloved wife of the late Stanley Walker and mother of the late Geraldine Baker. Susan was survived by her daughter, Patricia (John) McGlynn; son-in-law, Ned Baker; four grandchildren John (Teresa) McGlynn, Susan (Edward) Baker Tenthoff, Laura Baker and Christopher McGlynn and six great-grandchildren.

Susan known as "Sue", "Susie", "Bunch" or "Grams" to close family and friends worked at the Glen Head Country Club, as a florist in the community and as an avid volunteer at Old Westbury Gardens until retiring in her late 80s. Her love of life, green thumb, joyous spirit, kindness and generosity touched anyone who came to know her. Widowed in 1982 and a breast cancer survivor, her strength, independence and determination to live life to the fullest was remarkable. She was an incredibly talented crafter and gardener. She loved to laugh and dance as if no one was watching. Susan declared that the secret to her longevity was due to a faithful regimen of ending each day with a scoop of ice cream.

A mass intention will be offered on Wednesday, Oct. 9th, at 9 a.m., at St. Patrick's Church, 235 Glen St., in Susan's name. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made "In Memory of Susan Walker" to the Glen Cove Senior Center at Glen Cove SAGE Foundation, Inc. 130 Glen Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. [www.glencoveseniorcenter.com/sage.html](http://www.glencoveseniorcenter.com/sage.html).

**Helen Sutherland**  
Helen Sutherland, of Glen Cove, died on Sept. 11. Sutherland was the beloved wife of Charles, cherished daughter of the late James and Helen McNally, whom Helen cared for in their later lives. She was also the dear sister of Margaret Jablonski. She was loved by her son, James Sutherland, daughter, Patricia Pius and son-in-law, Joseph Pius. Helen's lifetime joys included spending time with her deeply loved grandchildren and their families: Kathy and Bryan Kline, with daughters Tatem and Addison, and Michael and Marie Pius, with sons Noah and Patrick.

Helen was a Registered Nurse for more than 42 years. She received her degree from St. Catherine's School of Nursing, in Brooklyn. Helen was dedicated to the patients and staff at Glen Cove Community Hospital. Upon retirement, she joined friends as an active volunteer at St. Patrick's Thrift Shop. Her devotion to St. Patrick's and her strong faith were exemplified by ministering the Eucharist at the local nursing homes. Helen was also an active member of The Catholic Daughters of America. Helen spent her life loving deeply and gently caring for family, friends, and her community.

Mass was held at St. Patrick's Church, in Glen Cove. The funeral was held at McLaughlin Kraimer Megiel Funeral Home. Interment Holy Road Cemetery in Westbury.

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in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the Special District Meeting. Information regarding the election districts are set forth on the District's website - [www2.glencove.k12.ny.us](http://www2.glencove.k12.ny.us). A person shall be entitled to vote at said Special District Meeting only if such person is a qualified voter. BY THE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Dated: June 19, 2019  
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## Payout scandal raises serious questions

A disturbing pattern of behavior has been passed down from one city administration to the next in Long Beach since at least the mid-1990s. And in the thick of it all is our current Nassau County comptroller, Democrat Jack Schnirman.

As comptroller, Schnirman is responsible for checking the county's books to ensure financial accountability.

But in September, a scathing audit by the New York state comptroller, more than a year in the making, revealed that Long Beach city officials, including Schnirman, were overpaid for sick and vacation days by hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of dollars over the past two and a half decades when they left the city's employ.

As Long Beach city manager, Schnirman was overpaid by just over \$52,000 when he left the city in January 2018 to become county comptroller, the audit confirmed. The Herald was first to report the story in the spring of 2018.

Schnirman received compensation for 100 percent of his unpaid sick and vacation days, when, according to the City Charter and his own contract, he should have gotten 30 percent. That he was overpaid by such a large amount raises serious questions about our confidence in him.

Schnirman had a contract with the city that spelled out what he was supposed to be paid when he left the city. Long Beach officials, including Schnirman, apparently overlooked or ignored that agreement.

Schnirman claims that he left it up to the city's payroll department to calculate

his payout, and that he returned the overpayment when the state made clear that he received the money in error.

That's true. So far he's the only official to give the money back. For that, he should be commended. Others should clearly follow suit.

Here's the thing: Schnirman is now the county comptroller. How can he, in good conscience, claim he didn't understand the terms of his own contract, or that he didn't take the time to properly calculate his payout? Didn't the \$108,000 payment he received seem suspiciously high to him? As comptroller, his job is to ferret out such waste.

Either he is lying about his understanding of the city's made-up payout system, or he demonstrated an unforgivable level of ineptitude. If he can't pay attention to and properly calculate his own payout, how can we trust him to critique the county's nearly \$3.7 billion annual budget?

There has been much fallout already from the payout scandal. There are two criminal investigations now under way, at the federal and county levels.

Long Beach's city manager, Rob Agostisi, resigned last week, ostensibly to take a job with Long Island's LGBT Network. The position, Agostisi said, was secured months before the state audit was released. We learned only recently, however, that Agostisi was granted a special confidential contract by Schnirman when he was city manager that ensured Agostisi would get 100 percent of his sick and vacation days when he left the city's employ.

Otherwise he would have received significantly less. That contract, which was signed in December 2016, was not revealed to the City Council until last month, after the state audit was released.

In November 2017, it appeared that Agostisi would leave the city to take a job with the Town of Hempstead. Then he didn't. Nevertheless, he received a \$128,000 payout, well in excess of the City Charter's requirements. He tried to return the money he said, but was told that he couldn't, and he has yet to give it back. (His special contract ensured that he wouldn't have to.)

Agostisi's contract makes us wonder how much Schnirman understood about the city's payout rules. If he knew enough to write a contract for Agostisi guaranteeing him 100 percent of his sick and vacation days to "retain" him as an employee, shouldn't Schnirman have understood his own contract?

Clearly, greater state intervention is needed to clean up the mess in Long Beach government. State audits in the mid-1990s revealed consistent errors — overpayments — in sick and vacation payouts. Then, it appears, nothing happened, and city officials returned to business as usual, allowing one generation of officials after another to profit at taxpayers' expense.

Our county comptroller is supposed to be on the lookout for such abuses of power, particularly when they cost taxpayers money. He is expected to clean up such messes, not perpetuate them.

## LETTERS

### Support for Silverman

To the Editor:

The New York State Comptroller's Office faulted Glen Cove in 2017 for what amounted to a budgetary shell game, a shifting of dollars between specific budget funds just to make the numbers balance. On the surface, such a practice seems harmless enough because all of the money belongs to the city. Laws, though, prevent such transfers. Department heads are expected to manage their budgets, and when they don't, they should be held accountable. In the past, that has not always been the case in Glen Cove. Before being elected to the council, Marsha Silverman, in her analysis of Glen Cove's annual budget, brought these practices to light and clearly explained to the public what was going on. Now, under Tim Tenke's administration, these practices of "borrowing from Peter to pay Paul" have stopped.

Silverman's work on the council and her focus on fiscal responsibility and accountability have caught the attention of the state comptroller, Tom DiNapoli. He came out in support of her re-election in July, stating, "Marsha has always said, 'What's the priority? Transparency.' Marsha has been an outspoken person for doing things in a



## OPINIONS

# Trump's petty politics threaten international security

**S**lap yourself. Pinch yourself. Douse yourself with cold water. Do whatever it takes — short of consuming illegal substances — to stay awake. We must all pay very close attention to the frenetic doings in Washington, D.C. Our democratic ideals are at stake. And do not dare tell me that I'm overreacting.



**SCOTT BRINTON**

I've had enough. And no, do not dare tell me that I'm rushing to judgment. I'm not. Period.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced on Sept. 24 that the House of Representatives would launch an impeachment inquiry after it was revealed by an

unnamed whistleblower that President Trump had sought "a favor" from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. As most of America knows by now, Trump asked Zelensky to investigate Hunter Biden, the son of the leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, former Vice President Joe Biden.

That Trump did so is not in dispute. The White House — that is, Trump himself — released a transcript of his July 25 conversation with Zelensky, which lays out the president's big ask — and Zelensky's response — yes, he would direct his own prosecutor general to lend Trump a hand.

The conversation came only days after

Trump froze \$391 million in aid to Ukraine — funding intended to help the nation battle pro-Russian separatists on its eastern border with the Russian Federation, according to multiple national news outlets.

That Trump would seek a political favor from the Ukrainian president, while withholding hundreds of millions in aid, is an unconscionable betrayal of the trust both of the American and Ukrainian people.

And it is an international security crisis of the highest order. And no, I'm not being simply ridiculous, as U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham might say. Hear me out.

As noted, Russia is just east of Ukraine. To the north is Belarus; to the west, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary; and to the south, Romania and Moldova. Just south of Romania is Bulgaria, where I served in the Peace Corps from 1991 to 1993, shortly after democratic revolutions swept across Eastern Europe. I have returned nine times since, most recently in 2013.

Most Americans cannot understand the fear of Russia that many, if not most, Eastern Europeans carry with them in the backs of their brains, particularly anyone old enough to remember 1991. Eastern Europeans risked life and limb to secure their freedoms from the old Soviet Union (now Russia) in the late 1980s and early 1990s. They stood in solidarity, marching en masse in their capitals' squares, demanding sovereignty. Ukraine gained

its freedom in August 1991, a year after Bulgaria.

That same month, hardline members of the Soviet government attempted a coup d'état against President and General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev, a democratic reformer, in order to halt the impending breakup of the Soviet Union.

I had been in Bulgaria all of a month and a half, in Bankya, a village of 10,000 a half-hour outside Sofia, the capital. I was in the first group of Peace Corps volunteers — and Americans, period — to enter Bulgaria after the fall of communism. I was studying the Bulgarian language and culture with two dozen or so other volunteers, as we prepared to disperse around the country to

teach English as a Foreign Language.

I cannot express in words the deep sense of trepidation and uncertainty the Bulgarians around us felt when they learned of the coup attempt. Would Gorbachev's government fall? Would the Soviet Union return to its headline ways? Would Bulgaria lose its newly won democratic freedom to the communists? If so, would the old-school communists "cleanse" Bulgaria of any American "sympathizers"? In that case, anyone who had had contact with an American like me would have been in grave danger of just disappearing.

These were not wild conspiracy theories. They were valid questions based on five decades of iron-fisted Soviet rule.

Thankfully, the coup attempt lasted only three days, and Gorbachev's government miraculously held. Bulgarians — and we two dozen Americans — breathed a sigh of relief. I went on to complete my Peace Corps service.

That Trump would play partisan games with military aid to the Ukraine, which lives daily in fear of a Russian takeover, is reprehensible. Theirs is not an irrational fear: Russia annexed Crimea, a large peninsula that juts into the Black Sea, from Ukraine in 2014. Annexed is a nice way of saying Russia took it by threat of military force. And Russia has been funding the separatists in eastern Ukraine.

That Trump would inject his petty personal politics into this powder keg, with the potential to ignite a wider war across Eastern Europe, is beyond reprehensible. (We mustn't forget for a second that World War I erupted in 1914 in Eastern Europe, when Austro-Hungarian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, triggering a complicated set of alliances that ignited the war.)

Political pundits, liberal and conservative, should stop talking about the impeachment process as a political calculation. Pelosi was right to move ahead with an impeachment inquiry — a thousand times, she was right.

The time to act is now.

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## LETTERS

smart way. You can't have an engaged citizenry if they don't know what's going on, and they can't know what's going on without transparency."

That is pretty impressive for a first term councilwoman who is not burdened by party affiliation or family name. She is our one true independent voice for the people and deserves to be re-elected to continue her work on our behalf.

DIANE BEECHER  
Glen Cove

## We need to come together

To the Editor:

In this election, my position as an independent candidate is rooted in my belief that progress for Glen Cove is not solely based on being a Democrat or Republican. Here in Glen Cove, the issues at hand, development, taxes, and quality of life, are issues that we, as Glen Cove residents, all care about. When it comes to these challenges, we will have to work hard to understand and address them in ways that benefit our entire community.

In order to effectively make significant decisions impacting the community, it is

essential to be inclusive in our thinking and to seek answers to problems from various vantage points. This method of analytical thinking involves knowing our city's current status, understanding where and why problems exist and looking for more context, should it not be readily available.

Through my experience in the professional services industry as an audit manager, I have not only gained technical accounting knowledge but also actively listened to varying opinions, thoroughly gathered information and worked as a cohesive unit to make decisions. I understand how critical it is to work together with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds and experiences. In order to be successful in achieving a goal, you need the buy-in of everyone involved.

So, to answer this question, I am running as an independent candidate because we need to come together to effectively tackle the city's challenges, new or old, and ultimately strengthen the community. On Nov. 5, I ask that you look for my name, Stephen A. Suozzi, on the Glen Cove Voters Party Line at the bottom of the ballot (Row 1) and consider voting for me as one of your six city council members. As your

## FRAMEWORK by Christina Daly



The evening light of a new season — Crossroads Farm at Grossmann's, Malverne

councilman, I would listen and learn from residents, city employees, fellow council members and the mayor to move our city forward.

STEPHEN SUOZZI  
Glen Cove

## OPINIONS

# To fix our roads, let's show some courage

Like most Long Islanders, I spend a fair amount of time driving on our local highways. Most of them were built long ago, some going back to the Depression era, others to the post-World War II boom. Almost all of these roads are in a state of disrepair, some in far worse condition than others.

Potholes abound, and dodging around them is a daily challenge for drivers. In the past few years, I've hit holes so large that my car's wheels and tires were destroyed. In one case the damage was severe enough that the car had to be towed from the scene. I'm sure I'm not alone. Maybe that's happened to



**ALFONSE  
D'AMATO**

you too.

The lack of attention to our infrastructure is traceable to one thing: money. Fixing our decrepit roads and bridges will require huge expenditures. We shouldn't just accept our fate as we bump along on broken highways. We should fix them, but there are a couple things we need to do, and we should summon the gumption to do them.

Like everyone else, I prefer low taxes. I don't like New York's high state and local taxes, especially our sky-high property taxes. But like many of you read, I stay because I love New York. It's my life-long home, and my family roots and branches are here.

So I'd much rather spend my money on maintaining and repairing our roads than on fixing blown tires and destroyed wheels. Right now, the price of gas nationwide is well below earlier highs. And federal gas taxes — which are held in a highway trust fund dedicated to funding highway repairs — haven't been raised since 1993.

It shouldn't take profiles in courage for our politicians to bite the bullet and raise gas taxes to cover the cost of these highway repairs. Yes, gas taxes, like all taxes, are a pain, but they're essentially a "use tax" tied directly to the benefit of better, safer roads and bridges. So why is it so hard for our elected officials to raise them? As the cowardly lion in "The Wizard of Oz" admitted: courage.

I faced this same dilemma as a senator. Ronald Reagan — yes, the ol' Gipper — asked Congress to raise federal gas

taxes a nickel a gallon in 1981. Like most members of Congress, I wasn't thrilled about the idea, but a majority of us hammered out an agreement that four of those five cents would go to road repairs, and one cent a gallon to mass transit.

Back then, a penny of the gas tax raised about a billion dollars per year. So the tax raised \$4 billion a year for highway repair, and \$1 billion for mass transit. That proved to be a double boon to New York, as we got a fair share of the highway repair money and, um, a lion's share of the mass transit repair money. It helped fix our roads, and it did wonders to rejuvenate New York's decrepit, dirty, graffiti-stained subways that were the bane of 1960s, '70s and '80s New York.

But to paraphrase the Gipper's famous query are your roads better off today than they were four decades ago? The honest answer is no. Tacking a few cents on to today's low gas prices makes perfect sense. America today produces enough domestic oil and gas to ensure our energy independence and stable gas prices. Even the recent turmoil in the Middle East hasn't spiked energy prices

here thanks to this freedom from foreign oil.

But if Washington can summon up a bit more courage, there's even more that can be done to rebuild America's roads and bridges. Remember when leaders of both political parties were touting a grand plan of infrastructure funding? The idea was to dedicate some of the tax dollars being repatriated under the 2017 tax reforms to infrastructure programs. Add those tax funds to some creative "public-private partnerships" and now we're talking real money: a trillion dollars or more for roads, bridges, airports, mass transit, etc.

All of this could be a lifesaver for New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which has outlined an ambitious \$50 billion plan to refurbish our mass transit infrastructure, including the Long Island Rail Road. And it could help New York grow our economy to keep our businesses and people here.

All that's needed is for our politicians to step up and do these things that require just that little bit of political courage.

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# Rosh Hashana landed on time this year

Suppose that "God's in his heaven and all's right with the world," as the poet Robert Browning wrote, because Rosh Hashana fell on a perfect day this year. Some years, the Jewish New Year begins while beach chairs still sit on the sand. Other years, frost is on the pumpkin.

Everyone knows the Jewish holidays are never on time. They're either too early or too late or in the middle of the week, starting at sundown on a workday. This places an inordinate burden on women (mostly), who often wobble under the staggering responsibilities of family and food shopping, cooking and baking and jobs.

But this year was lovely. The eve was on Sunday. Kids have already begun school, so this break was a breather for the observant and the secular alike.

The fact is, the Jewish calendar and the secular calendars have little in common besides keeping track of time. The Jewish calendar is based on three astro-

nomical phenomena: the rotation of the Earth around its axis (a day); the revolution of the moon around the Earth (a month); and the revolution of the Earth around the sun (a year). These three phenomena are independent of one another, so there is no direct correlation among them.

The secular calendar used by most of the world has arbitrarily set the length of months to 28, 30 or 31 days. Very logical, but Judaism is an ancient religion. If you've been counting the days one way for 5,779 years, change comes slowly. Besides, faith and logic often collide.

According to the Gregorian calendar, the earliest date on which Rosh Hashana can fall is Sept. 5, as happened in 1842, 1861, 1899 and 2013. The latest Gregorian date for Rosh Hashana is Oct. 5, as happened in 1815, 1929 and 1967, and will happen again in 2043. But what has this to do with the price of kishke or making noodle pudding for 35? Just that this particular year, the holiday was more or less in synchrony with the autumnal equinox. We aren't used to such mitzvahs.

And, may I say, inconvenient timing is the least of it for a long-suffering people.

In my own family, our lives have changed so much that the traditional holiday is just a memory. We used to gather at my dining room table, grandparents and parents and kids and sometimes friends. Over the course of two nights, we consumed impressive amounts of chicken soup with matzo balls, brisket in gravy, potatoes and kugels and challahs and desserts dripping with honey and studded with nuts.

Our ranks have thinned (due not just to cholesterol overload), and because our kids live outside New York, we can't always gather at the same table. This year we invited sisters and friends and nieces and nephews.

At press time, I imagined the scene: We would hold hands around the table, offer our blessings and enjoy a traditional meal. Sort of. My husband, a vegan plus fish, isn't a brisket kind of guy anymore. Actually, he's a living example of brisket's cause and effect. Now he's more a grilled salmon and

string beans kind of guy.

This one has reflux, and that one's on Atkins, and the other one eats only quinoa. So a vegetarian meal was called for: split pea soup, spinach pie, peppers stuffed with couscous and sautéed mushrooms, asparagus, sweet potatoes baked with dried apricots, cherries and prunes, a fresh berry tart and cookies.

I would light the candles; we would drink wine and toast our family and one another. We would pray for the children and grandchildren, we would remember our parents and grandparents and pray, too, for peace in the world and peace of mind.

Every year I recall another occasion, too. Fifty-one years ago an eager young man of 20 arrived at my parents' door on Rosh Hashana eve. It was the first time he had left his family's table in Lawrence to join ours in Cedarhurst. He basically burst through the door, grabbed my hand and pulled me into another room. He slipped a ring on my finger and asked me to marry him.

The rest is history, our history. The Jewish New Year always reminds us who we are and where we started, no matter whether the holiday is early, late or just on time.

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