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Courtesy North Shore Day Camp

NORTH SHORE DAY Camp, in Glen Cove, is looking forward to the summer season.

North Shore camps gear up for summer reopening

BY GEORGE WALLACE
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With summer approaching and New York state protocols for operating a summer camp under current Covid-19 conditions pending, area camps tentatively plan to use last year's protocols in 2021.

The plans generally correspond to recommendations for camps recently released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, advising that they follow the same social-distancing protocols that are now being used

in schools.

They include maintaining at least three feet of space between children, and at least six feet when eating and drinking; keeping counselors and other adults at least six feet from children and one another; holding most camp activities outdoors, and if it is necessary to go indoors, there should be proper ventilation, including opening doors and windows when possible.

Area camp administrators are now waiting for these recommendations to filter

through New York state and the Nassau County Health Department before implementing changes.

"We hope to have guidance from New York state, and we're waiting every day for it," said Jason Mercado, director of North Shore Day Camp in Glen Cove. "In the meantime, we will abide by what the Nassau County Department of Health gave us last year as a blueprint."

"We were open last summer, ran our camp with over

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School election results

Glen Cove District's

\$95.7 million budget passed:
 1,050 "yes" votes
 655 "no" votes



Maureen Jimenez

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 1,079
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 280



Angela Raimo

The 2021-22 budget includes a tax levy increase of 1.66 percent.

Glen Cove participates in National EMS Week

The Glen Cove Emergency Medical Services has had a taxing year, but the department is getting extra support from the community this week during National EMS week.

Mayor Tim Tenke stopped by Glen Cove EMS on Tuesday to show appreciation to the department.

"I wanted to show my gratitude to our EMS Department for their continued service and dedication to the residents of our community," Tenke said. "During the past year they have faced unprecedented challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic. As always they faced those challenges with professionalism, compassion and selflessness. They truly represent the best in all of us."

According to EMS Chief Robert Picoli, the department did not get to have an EMS week last year because of the pandemic. "Now that some of the restrictions have eased up," Picoli said, "we are honored to have the mayor, councilmembers, and residents show appreciation for our department."

In reflecting on the past year, EMS Supervisor Christopher DeMetropolis said that there was actually a decrease in calls to EMS in 2020 compared to 2019, but that the "severity of the calls was more critical."

DeMetropolis added that, "2020 was an anomaly in terms of volume. We had expected higher increases due to the pandemic related risks to immunocompromised patients, but that was not the outcome. Protocols were put in place by NYS Department of Health regarding the transport of positive patients to prevent the surge of patients in the hospital."

Picoli spoke about how things have changed for EMS on the procedure side. "Patient care has changed as well, going into patients' homes and the thought process that is involved with that," Picoli said. "EMS has to take more precautions; for example, taking a patient's temperature



Courtesy City of Glen Cove

SUPERVISOR CHRIS DEMETROPOLIS and Chief Robert Picoli

is now one of the first things we have to do. All of our EMTs now wear masks. Even while the mask mandate for the public is being lifted, we will continue to do so."

DeMetropolis started with the department in 2006, as the single provider EMT Advanced for the city, working from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. In 2010, the EMS Department was expanded, where the city

employed four additional full-time EMT Advanced providers. At that time, the department also added 10 part-time EMT Basic employees to work alongside the full-time EMT Advanced employees. Today, there are 26 part-time employees, consisting of EMT Advanced as well as EMT Basics. The department has repositioned itself to handle more calls throughout the day so that more providers are available to the residents medical needs.

The operation of EMS falls under Picoli. Picoli works alongside DeMetropolis and a department of about 30 paid employees and roughly 65 volunteers; ranging from chauffeurs with CPR and first aid certifications, EMT Basic, EMT Advanced and EMT Critical Care, all the way up to Paramedics. Part-time volunteers, known as "members," have to do 15 hours a month. A full-time member is required to participate in 30 hours a month.

Some members of Glen Cove EMS have dual membership. The dual membership enables Glen Cove EMS to work seamlessly throughout the three departments; fire, police, and emergency services. "Residents here are very fortunate to have such a tight knit community in Glen Cove," said DeMetropolis.

Picoli added that another thing that Covid has taught EMS, with all the devastation and loss witnessed by EMS members, is to start to take better care of themselves. "Being able to reflect on ourselves to make sure that we are able to give the best critical care necessary remains our number one priority," said Picoli.

"Our department was prepared in the early stages of the pandemic, and remains committed for any possible reoccurrence increase," said DeMetropolis.

In honor of National EMS week, Glen Cove EMS's Instagram page is doing member profile photos with biographies. Follow their page @glencoveems.

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Courtesy LUHI

LUHI DID NOT operate a camp last summer, but is looking forward to returning this year.

Some summer camps are already close to capacity

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250 people according to the Nassau County rules, and nobody got Covid, nobody passed it,” said Luanne Picinich, owner-operator of Big Chief Day Camp in East Meadow. “We will continue to follow last year’s rules, and hope that when the new guidance comes out, they’ll be a little more lenient this year.”

All of the camp administrators the Herald spoke with had standard procedures in place. Children are tested just before the start of camp, and then have a temperature check in the morning each day. Campers follow protocols for masks and social distancing, and interaction among small groups of students is limited. Parents must fill out a daily screening questionnaire. If there are any signs of illness during the camp day, children are brought to the “bumps and bruises” area and quarantined.

The good news is that, according to the American Camping Association, Covid-19 intervention methods adopted nationwide proved to be effective in limiting the incidence of infection among campers and staff last year.

According to Camp Counts, a nationwide study published by the group, camps that were open in 2020 adjusted their protocols to incorporate a number of standard non-pharmaceutical interventions. As a result, out of almost 500 camps, representing 90,000 campers and staff, only 74 camps reported one or more cases, for a total of 30 campers and 72 staff.

“The news is very encouraging based on last year’s results,” said Jason Wass, director of LuHi summer programs in Glen Head. “LuHi did not operate last year, but we recognize the challenges. We have an operational plan, but it is penciled in because things could change. We



FRIENDS ACADEMY WILL open a full-scale camp program this summer.

have a lot of large indoor spaces, and many of our activities are conducted outdoors, so there are adjustments that can be made. Are we going to rally together in the morning, and hold cheers? Probably not this summer. But big performances, like a BMX show, can still come to camp and be held in a big open space.”

Some camps modified their facilities significantly, and carefully arranged pick-up and drop-off arrangements.

“At Big Chief, parents had to drive children in, no buses,” Picinich said. “The cars lined up in a church parking lot next door, and people were cohorted into the property according to their age. Every car

had a color-coded pass so that they dropped this child off at their own group’s spot, 20 feet from the next group. Cohorts were brought to their own home base; there were no rallies where we all got together.”

At lunch, the children sat on one side of a table so no one would face anyone else. The camp set up a big outdoor tent for arts and crafts and built outdoor sinks and hand sanitizer spaces for regular hand cleaning.

“If a group did have to go inside, we had air purifiers in every room, and used UV machines to clean at night,” Picinich said. “At the end of the day, all the equip-

ment was sprayed down and sanitized.”

As a private school, Friends Academy in Locust Valley has an early childhood program, from 3 years old, and a day care facility for infants and toddlers. So, administrators there are not unfamiliar with protocols for safely running a facility for children.

“As of now we are opening a full-scale camp program, following guidance related to masks, social distancing, daily health checks and other measures,” said Edward O’Connor, auxiliary coordinator of Friends’ summer programming. “We’ll have no more than 12 students per cohort, which is a little more extreme than what we’re allowed, but we have to be very cautious and create an environment that is safe, but fun.”

“Our family has owned and operated Big Chief for over 60 years,” Picinich said. “And as owners we had only one choice — to step up to the plate and do what’s right for our children.”

So far, O’Connor said, planning is getting high marks from potential campers’ families. “We’re getting a rather strong response here,” he said. “A lot of families are calling, very nervous, but with our reputation, they know we do an impeccable job. That makes people feel very confident.”

Other camps are seeing similarly strong public engagement as compared to last year, when industrywide most camps operated at 40 to 50 percent of normal. “It seems there’s a lot more people coming back to camp, and some camps are already getting close to capacity,” Mercado said. “Here at North Shore, we still have some room, but by the time camp starts, we’ll be pretty close to fully operational.”

Baby ducks rescued from storm drain

BY JILL NOSSA
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Just before 6 p.m. on Monday, nine baby ducks were found in a storm drain in the rear parking lot of the Glen Cove Police Station. The ducks could not get out of the drain no matter how much the mother duck tried coaxing them out, according to police.

Lou Ann Thompson, store manager of Glen Floors, said she was leaving work around 5:30 p.m. when she saw a duck running around frantically in the parking lot. She said it was odd to see duck back there, particularly one acting so excited, so she took a closer look. Then, she heard chirping sounds coming from the drain and noticed the ducklings. She immediately called the authorities and also sent an emergency email to Volunteers for Wildlife.

Thankfully for the baby ducks, officers from the Glen Cove Police Department and members of the Volunteers for Wildlife intervened to help reunite the family. According to Thompson, the rescue mission finally commenced around 7:30 p.m. "I would have slept there," Thompson said. "I was not going to leave until I knew they were safe."

In a joint effort, the ducks were scooped out of the sewer drain and placed in a plastic box. Officers then shut traffic down as the ducks were walked from the



Photos courtesy Glen Cove Police Department

NINE DUCKLINGS WERE rescued from a storm drain on Monday evening.

Glen Cove Police Headquarters through town to the nearby Mill Pond, which is adjacent to the Glen Cove Firehouse.

During the walk to the pond, police said, traffic had to be shut down because

the mother duck refused to let her babies out of her sight and followed the officers and volunteers very closely. Once the officers and volunteers made it safely to the pond, the family was happily reunited.



A POLICE OFFICER shines a flashlight as member of Volunteers for Wildlife tries to get the ducks out of the drain.

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MEMBERS THE NORTH Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, North Shore Kiwanis Club, and the Gold Coast Business Association volunteered at the May 8 food drive.

North Shore organizations give back to community

BY JILL NOSSIA

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Several organizations across the North Shore came together to support the community with a food drive held at North Shore Middle School on May 8. The rainy morning dampened the festivities somewhat – the live music had to be cancelled – but volunteers still filled nearly 200 car trunks with boxes of food and supplies donated by the community.

The food drive was a coordinated effort between the North Shore Kiwanis, the Gold Coast Business Association and the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, with the aid of sponsorships from Holiday Farms, Grace's Marketplace, Papiro Landscaping, Padilla Barbershop, Coco Confections, Gold Coast Library, Glen Head Hardware Store, B2BeSpoke Custom Clothier, Sherlock Holmes, Assemblyman Charles Lavine, Councilwoman Eve Lupenko Ferrante, and Gail Nedbor-Gross. Food was also donated by Rock CAN Roll, a nonprofit hunger relief organization based on Long Island.

David Thompson, owner of Extraordinary Auto in Glen Cove and a member of the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of

Commerce, volunteered his time to help organize and load the donations into the cars. "I just like giving back to the community," he said.

Glen Cove City Councilwoman Eve Lupenko Ferrante has been a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce since its inception in 2019, and said she has supported all its drives both by volunteering her time and donating cases of food. "It's a great group of people and they have good hearts. For such a young group, they've done so much to help our community with the various food drives and toy drives."

Michelle Ferastali of Glen Head said she felt good about spending her morning helping at the drive. "I thought it was the perfect opportunity for me to give a little of myself...everybody's so selfless here," she said. "It's a wonderful event, with such caring, giving people."

Steven Warshaw, president of the Gold Coast Business Association, said his organization supported the food drive by helping out in whatever capacity was needed. "It's a necessary thing, unfortunately, but it's a good feeling to have, to know you can help other people," he said.



DAVID THOMPSON, OWNER of Extraordinary Auto in Glen Cove, carried donations to the vehicles.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, May 21

Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 3:45 p.m. Watch "Raising Arizona" (1987) at the library. The Coen Brothers' cult comedy about a quirky couple (Holly Hunter and Nicolas Cage) whose child-bearing troubles prompt them to take one of a set of newborn quintuplets. (94 minutes). Room A will open at 1:40 p.m.

Saturday, May 22

Art with Heart

Sea Cliff's Love Your Neighbor Project's Art with Heart, sponsored by the Sea Cliff Arts Council, is a free, interactive, community-wide, outdoor art installation to share some love with neighbors. Stop by any (or all) of the locations to add your heart to the group art project. Art stations and a communal blank canvas will be waiting for you as our community shows heart by heart. Visit lyn.org/artwithheart for locations. Rain date May 23.

Sunday, May 23

Mini photo sessions at T.R. Park

Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, 25 West End Ave., Oyster Bay. Starting at 9 a.m., participants can capture themselves and their loved ones, including pets, with a free 30-minute photoshoot with local photographers. For more information, call (973) 281-4503.

Oyster Bay Market

The Oyster Bay Market is a food-driven market that also supports local small businesses and artisans. Customers will find produce, clams, oysters, bread, baked goods, honey and more. Located biweekly on Sundays on Audrey Avenue and in the municipal lot by the Bandstand near the post office and 20th Century Cycles, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, May 24

Meditation for Modern Life

A virtual program through the Bayville



Courtesy Wikicommons

Tracking Coyotes on Long Island

The North Shore Audubon Society is sponsoring a free Zoom presentation, "Tracking Coyotes on Long Island" by Mike Bottini on Tuesday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required; go to www.northshoreaudubon.org to register. Mike Bottini, a wildlife biologist at the Seatuck Environmental Association, will discuss the history of the coyote's range expansion into the eastern U.S and Canada, some notes on their ecology and behavior, their current status and distribution here on Long Island, and what other communities have learned about safely coexisting with this species.

Free Library, 7 p.m. The ancient tradition of meditation has become even more valuable for people of our modern times. People today still face a great deal of turmoil in their private lives and in the world, however meditation is a tool that can be used to cope with the challenges of everyday life and reduce stress. Join Umesh Bhatia, long time meditator, for this powerful workshop. Register at bayvillefreelibrary.org for the Zoom link.

Tuesday, May 25

Virtual Program: NYC during WWII

Through the Glen Cove Library, 7 p.m. New York is the most powerful city on Earth. It is also one of the most vulnerable cities in the world. During World War II, New York City was a target for Hitler.

More than 800,000 New Yorkers served in the Armed Forces during World War II. Join us on Zoom as Historian Marty Schneit discusses the following topics: German American Bund, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary troopships, The Manhattan Project, Stage Door Canteen, Rosie the Riveter, Camp Shanks, the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the Shinran Statue. Register at glencovelibrary.org.

Virtual Lecture: L.I. Migrant Camps

Through the North Shore Historical Museum, 7 p.m. During World War II, a group of potato farmers opened the first migrant labor camp in Suffolk County to house farmworkers from Jamaica. Over the next 20 years, more than one hundred camps of various sizes would be built throughout the region. Thousands of migrant workers lured by promises of good wages and decent housing flocked to Eastern Long

Island, where they were often cheated out of pay and housed in deadly slum-like conditions. Preyed on by corrupt camp operators and entrapped in a feudal system that left them mired in debt, laborers struggled and, in some cases, perished in the shadow of New York's affluence. Author Mark A. Torres reveals the dreadful history of Long Island's migrant labor camps from their inception to their peak in 1960 and their steady decline in the following decades. \$15. Participants will be emailed a Zoom link on the day of event. Go to www.nshmgc.org to register.

Wednesday, May 26

Drive-By Grab & Go Lunch

At Harbor Child Care, 49 Forest Ave., Glen Cove. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. The child care

center is offering a free lunch to first responders as a way to thank them for their service to the community. RSVP to (516) 277-2123.

Thursday, May 27

Virtual Program: Allergies

A virtual presentation through the Glen Cove Library, 7 p.m. The lecture by Dr. Tyrone Coyle of Northwell Health will cover basic topics in allergy including the symptoms and potential treatment for seasonal allergy and food allergy. We will also cover all you need to know about avoiding allergic triggers and easy at home treatments to relieve your symptoms. Finally, we will discuss when and why to seek care at an allergy office. Register at glencovelibrary.org.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Items on the Community Update pages are listed free of charge. The Herald welcomes listings of upcoming events, community meetings and items of public interest. All submissions should include date, time and location of the event, cost, and a contact name and phone number. Submissions can be emailed to jnossa@liherald.com

5 things to know about your town

- The Glenwood Landing American Legion Post will host a Memorial Day Parade May 31.
- Registration is open for swim lessons at Glen Cove's Prybil Beach.
- A ribbon-cutting for the Garvies Point Playground will take place at 12:30 p.m. on May 22
- Town of Oyster Bay beaches open on May 22 for weekend use.
- The Sea Cliff Board of Trustees meets on May 21 at 4 p.m.

Groups work together to educate community

By JILL NOSSA
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Several groups in Glen Cove are continuing to work to improve community and police relations in the city. The discussions began last summer after the murder of George Floyd, and have continued over the past year between the mayor's office, the Glen Cove Police Department and the African American Commission on Social Justice.

Last summer, the City of Glen Cove conducted a Virtual Town Hall where the public was able to interact with Mayor Tim Tenke, Police Chief William Whitton and Deputy Chief Christopher Ortiz regarding the Glen Cove Police Department's policies and procedures. Continuously throughout the year, the GCPD sought input into its Police Reform Plan, and in March, the public had the opportunity to voice their comments or questions during a two-week public hearing regarding the passing of the Reform Plan by resolution. In the wake of the Derek Chauvin verdict, the three groups met again to discuss the outcome.

The African American Commission on Social Justice, led by Reverend Roger Williams, welcomed the decision of Derek Chauvin being found guilty on all three counts. The Commission wrote in an official statement: "The latest of these horrific events has birthed an agreement for ongoing collaboration between the City of Glen Cove, the Glen Cove Police Department, and the Black and Brown residents of Glen Cove. We are fortunate to be able to take this united stance to foster education around police protocol and policies, while allowing members of the police department to gain valuable insight to the needs and concerns of Glen Cove residents."

"Over the course of the past year, I have often found myself involved in discussions concerning the horrific events that occurred in Minneapolis," Whitton said. "Many of these discussions occurred between myself and my deputy

chief, but many more were with officers and community members as part of my daily routine. What is universal in these discussions is that everyone recognized that justice could only be served if the actions were universally condemned as criminal and swift punishment meted out. I was pleased to see that justice prevailed in this case."

Tenke said he believed that the decision rendered by the jury in the Derek Chauvin trial was the right decision.

The more we educate the residents, the less likely an unfortunate incident may occur.

REV. ROGER WILLIAMS
African American Commission on Social Justice

"April 20th was a defining moment in the history of our nation, it was also a reminder that we can't just be bystanders," Tenke said. "If we are not part of the solution, then we are part of the problem. I look forward to continuing to work with the members of the African American Commission on Social Justice and the Glen Cove Police Department to encourage better relations between people from different ethnic groups and to promote racial equality throughout the City of Glen Cove."

Rev. Roger Williams noted that a starting point for educating the residents of Glen Cove would be for

the police department to show the public the proper way to interact during a field interview. "The more we educate the residents," Williams said, "the less likely an unfortunate incident may occur."

According to Whitton, the Glen Cove Police Department is "committed to putting out educational videos regarding traffic stops, field interviews and the like" to educate the public on how to react when they find themselves in a given situation.

National Night Out will also resume this year on Aug. 3, after being canceled last year due to the pandemic. The purpose of National Night Out is to enhance the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It also provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information on National Night Out, go to www.glencove-ny.gov



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'Future of Space' found at Cradle of Aviation

By **JAMES BERNSTEIN**
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William Shepherd, raised in Babylon, in Suffolk County, has strayed a bit far from his roots over the years: He has zoomed around the globe multiple times on the space shuttle as a NASA astronaut, and became the first commander of the International Space Station.

If Shepherd, now 71 and retired from NASA and a Navy career, has learned anything from his space travels, it's this: **S o m e t h i n g** extraordinary — even alien life — could be out there.

If aliens were to arrive here, the first thing they might see of us, Shepherd said in an interview at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City last week, would be space junk.

"My sense is that if there is ever some kind of crossing with another species, the first thing they would see would be stuff we discarded," like the hundreds of used-up space communications or weather satellites still flying around.

Shepherd's mind was very much on space and the future last week. He traveled from his home in Virginia to be at the Cradle May 10 for the opening that day of its newest exhibit, "The Future of Space."

Shepherd spoke to the media, schoolchildren and at a dinner reception for invited guests that evening. He had donated his flight suits and other NASA gear he had collected over the years to the Cradle, which has included the items in its new exhibit.

The exhibit, Shepherd said, is designed to stimulate minds, young and older, with what is to come in the cosmos in the decades ahead.

The time was ripe, Cradle officials said, for such an exhibit. The most stunning of recent events took place Feb. 18, when NASA's Perseverance rover landed on Mars. Ingenuity, Perseverance's helicopter, has made a number of flights on the Red planet since.

Elon Musk's SpaceX, a privately held company, launched its Dragon spacecraft on March 2020, to resupply the space station. Other SpaceX voyages are planned.

And NASA is thinking of a return flight to the moon, aboard a vehicle called Artemis, with a planned launch in 2024. Artemis's crew will include a woman and a person of color. They will be the first of their gender and race to step foot on the moon.

Much of the enthusiasm for space flight waned after Americans first landed on the moon in 1969. It revived in the 1980s with the launch of the space shuttle, but after two shuttles exploded in flight, killing 14 astronauts, the shuttle program ended.

But the success of SpaceX and the Mars landing mark a new beginning, said

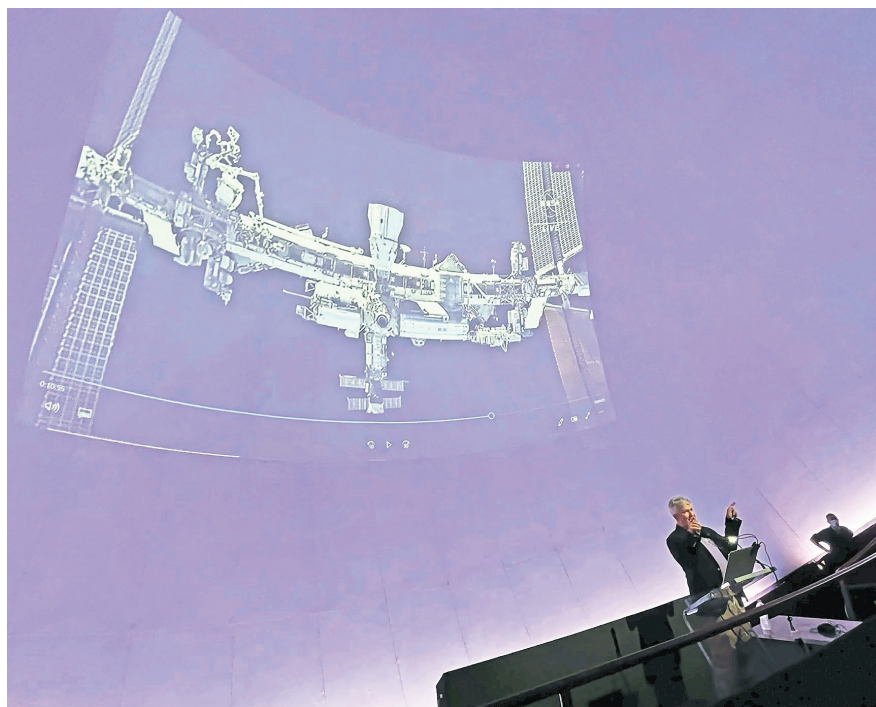
Andrew Parton, the Cradle's president. "The future is now. There is going to be a lot happening in space."

ANDREW PARTON
President,
Cradle of Aviation



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FORMER NASA ASTRONAUT
William Shepherd opened the new exhibit at the Cradle of Aviation Museum May 10.



Andrew Parton, the Cradle's president.

"The future is now," Parton said in an interview. "There is going to be a lot happening in space."

In the interview, Shepherd said he does not see Mars as a "final destination" of the space effort.

"We are trying to figure out where humans fit in the universe," he said. "We won't get any direct answers right away, but we will get some clues."

The vehicles that will travel to Mars in the future, Shepherd said, will likely be much larger than now, and the effort to get them there will be international.

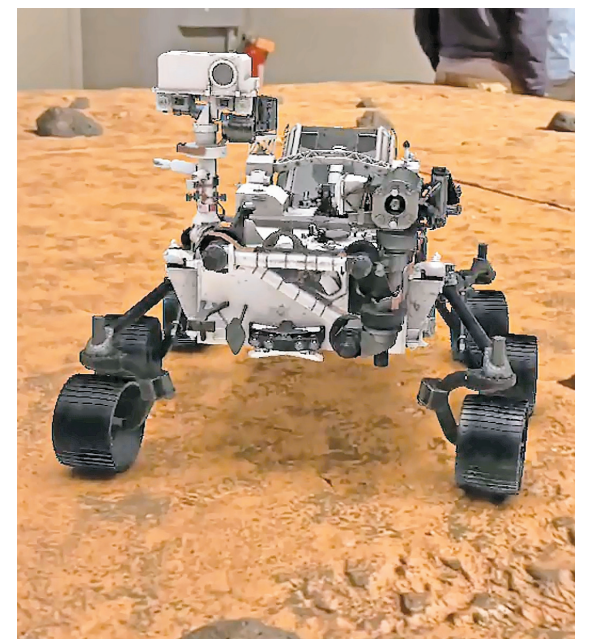
The exhibit itself takes up a large corner of the Cradle. It includes models of SpaceX rockets, a 12-by-12 Martian landscape, complete with tiny hills, all designed by Rod Leonhard, a graphic artist and photographer, from Hewlett; an intricate model of the Space Station, which took two years for Matt Arnold, of Port Washington, to construct.

The exhibit introduces augmented reality, an interactive experience in which objects that reside in the real world are enhanced by computer-generated perceptual information.

A visitor can download an app to a cellphone and use AR to put images of him or herself on Mars, or even "create and dance with little aliens on the planet," said Leonhard, who demonstrated the technology for this reporter.

Long Island played a large role in the early days of space flight. The biggest role belonged to Grumman Corporation of Bethpage, now Northrop Grumman, which built the lunar lander that took Apollo astronauts to the moon. Grumman also constructed the space shuttle's wings. Dozens of subcontractors built electronics and other components for the shuttle.

The Cradle honors Long Island's achievements in aviation over the



PART OF THE exhibit includes a 12-by-12 Martian landscape designed by a Hewlett graphics expert, Rod Leonhard.

A MODEL OF the International Space Station, designed by Matt Arnold of Port Washington, in a two-year effort.

decades. It features dozens of famous World War I and World War II aircraft built by Grumman and the Fairchild-Republic Corporation of Farmingdale, as well as general aviation models. It also has models of airplanes from the beginning of flight, balloons, components and gear by other manufacturers. And there is an original Lunar Module, LM-13, which was intended for the Apollo 19 mission to Copernicus Crater in 1973. That mission was canceled for budgetary reasons.

"We're going to honor the old, but celebrate the new," said Jennifer Baxmeyer, the Cradle's executive director. The plan is to build out the exhibit in years to come, adding what is new in space and science, she said.

Freshmen give back to the community

BY JILL NOSSA

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For many high school students, fundraisers are a chance to raise money for future activities. The Glen Cove High School freshman class of 2024, however, decided to raise money for charity instead. This spring, the students started a fundraiser to help raise donations for Cove Animal Rescue in Glen Cove.

“We chose this fundraiser because we wanted to give back to the community,” class president Ava Scagliola said. “We wanted to do something locally, for our community, and help the animals. We learned that it’s not always about profiting but it’s always good to give back and help out where you can.”

When the students started the fundraiser, Cove Animal Rescue had 60 cats and seven dogs in need of supplies such as food, sanitary products, sheets and blankets. The pandemic has caused the shelter to be short on supplies, and the amount of animals at the shelter has increased.

Students said they realized the animal shelter was in need of support when they created the fundraiser to help them. The fundraiser, centered around Earth Day, began in March and lasted until early May, when the students took multiple bins full of donations to the animal shelter.

To promote the fundraiser, the students involved hung signs and posters



Photos courtesy Debra Spano

DEBRA SPANO, SASHA Brennan, Ava Scagliola, Virginia Graziosi, Jiada Ciampi and Phoebe George

around the school, made donation boxes that they placed around the school, made daily morning announcements on the loudspeaker, dropped items off at the shelter.

“We want people to know that it’s really important to give back to the community in any way that we can,” class secretary Sasha Brennan said. “With the pandemic, we sometimes forget about the animals in need of food and other necessities to survive. It’s more important than ever

to give back.”

In addition to Scagliola and Brennan, students Jiada Ciampi, Phoebe George, Virginia Graziosi and Mark LaRocca participated in the fundraiser.

Debra Spano, special education teacher and freshman adviser, said she was impressed with the students and their desire to “give back, not to get.”

“The students have been so compassionate and hard working,” Spano said. “They want to give back to our communi-



MARK LARocca, AVA Scagliola, Sasha Brennan and Phoebe George

ty and without receiving financial gain back. They are truly an awesome group of young adults.

“I am very proud to be the Freshman Class Advisor to such a dedicated and caring group of students, Spano added.

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Beat the heat

— and the boredom — with unique summer fun for the whole family

Welcome summer! It will look and feel a bit different from last summer as we begin to emerge from the pandemic. This past year sure was tough on everyone and it also forced many of us to re-think family outings, vacations or even easy ways to entertain the kids while at home.

For some, this summer will offer more opportunities for kids outside the home. But other families may be more cautious about forging full steam ahead.

Still summer beckons. Kids are ready to jump in the pool, play outside (and sleep in!), while parents are eager for barbecue dinners and easy-going evenings on the patio. Taking advantage of warm temperatures, outdoor activities and time together as a family is certainly appealing, but what happens when the boredom sets in and amusement parks and road trips are the main requests? Summer can be a respite, but also a conundrum if you're trying to find activities to keep your family entertained.

According to a NerdWallet and Harris Poll survey, families tend to ramp up spending when warm weather hits. Parents of kids ages three to 17 plan to spend an average of \$471 per child on summer activities. The majority of parents with children younger than 18 — more than 80 percent — who plan to take a summer vacation, spend an average of \$2,256. But summer isn't just about opening up your wallet. There are plenty of ways to enjoy the season to everyone's benefit — without spending fortune.

Turn passions into summer projects

Let's face it, when it comes to summer and kids, free time can eventually turn into boredom. Try positioning summertime as an opportunity to pursue different, out-of-the-box interests, hobbies or projects that there isn't time for during the school year.

"Help your kid identify a passion project for the summer," says Cherie Lowe, personal finance author and blogger. For example, a child who loves history at school might enjoy building a medieval castle from cardboard recycling as a budget-friendly summer activity. For budding artists, try mimicking the masters in an outdoor window painting contest at your home. Bonus: Once the masterpiece is complete, you can have fun washing off the paint and get sparkling clean windows in the process!

To get ideas for a project, Lowe suggests looking for library books, finding online videos,

using social media or talking to friends who could be subject matter experts on a chosen area of interest. If it's super hot and your family has a passion for water and DIY projects, look for water-based activities to cool down. One fun example:

"Build your own sprinkler," Lowe says. "For about \$10 you can buy PVC pipe to construct an elaborate sprinkler for the backyard. We've done this and added to it each year," Lowe says.

Tap into area parks

Sunshine and warm weather encourage people of all ages to get outdoors, and local parks are an excellent resource. To take advantage of what our parks have to offer and create a "parks plan" to guide you. Make it your goal to explore parks that may be unfamiliar to you, even consider a day trip to a park on the North Fork for example.

Host themed potlucks with family and friends

You might be tempted to eat out more during the summer months, especially now to show support for the restaurant industry hard-hit by the pandemic, but it's also the season to fire up the grill.

Enter the potluck: Planning communal outdoor gatherings with neighbors, friends and family and sharing in food and games can be an enjoyable summer activity, to supplement dining out. Especially since we missed out on that sort of socializing last summer, it will take on a renewed appeal this year.

Make your summer potluck dinners even more memorable by planning them e neighborhood events, celebrations or recreational backyard sports tournaments. You could also create theme nights such as "eating around the world," where everyone brings dishes from different countries.

Have fun with a cause

Summer doesn't have to be about self-entertainment. Families can also find gratification and summer fun by volunteering their time. Choose a cause or activity that suits your family's interests, ages and lifestyle. For example, nonprofit building or renovation projects or volunteering at a community garden can be inspiring, memorable and skill-building. ■

Above photo: With a little imagination you can schedule a whole season of appealing activities to suit you and your family.



Your summer play list

Ideas to make everyone's day — all season long

Summer is fast approaching — and while we're not back to "normal" just yet, we're looking forward to a more relaxing, less stressful season as we start to emerge from the pandemic. We all want to have fun — even if we're staying close to home.

Families surely want to pack more play into your day. And there are plenty of ways to do that. These ideas aren't just for the kids — they're fun and engaging activities for the whole family. After all, grown-ups need time to play, too.

So set aside school, work and stress; turn your attention on ways to play with kids this summer.

- ✓ Build a toy car racetrack out of old boxes, paper towel rolls and other repurposed materials.
- ✓ Make a target with chalk on a blackboard or the sidewalk, and then throw wet sponges at it until it disappears.
- ✓ Set up a glow-in-the-dark ring toss. Use dollar-store glow necklaces or bracelets as rings.
- ✓ Organize a massive water gun battle.
- ✓ Or maybe your kids prefer a water balloon war. Fill them up before starting and keep them in buckets. Make sure the kids wear their swimsuits.
- ✓ Have a hula-hoop contest — see who can keep the hoops spinning longest and who can twirl the most hoops.
- ✓ Learn a fun new skill as a family: Try juggling, skateboarding, French braiding or whatever strikes your fancy.
- ✓ Grab your camera and take photos of plants and animals using different filters and frames, and then compare the results.
- ✓ Paint the sidewalk with water. See how fast the sun makes your art disappear.
- ✓ Get some pots and pans for drums, dress up and have a parade.
- ✓ Catch fireflies in a glass jar and watch them shine before letting them fly away.
- ✓ Go on an alphabet treasure hunt. See if you can find things that begin with every letter in nature.
- ✓ Create your own pop-up playground from old cardboard boxes, fabric pieces and other recycled materials.
- ✓ Draw a game board on the sidewalk and make up the rules. Kids can

become life-size pieces in a game of your own invention.

✓ Host silly relay races. Have the kids hop on one foot, walk backward, gallop like a horse, skip — the more ridiculous the challenge, the better.

✓ Create a short stop-motion film using dolls, stuffed animals or action figures. There are lots of apps that make this easy.

✓ Go through your recycling bin to see what you can turn into a boat. Add sails and decorations, and then float it in pool, river or tub.

✓ Have a car wash for your toys, bikes and scooters. Make sure to get really wet!

✓ Play flashlight tag. While the other players hide, whomever is "it" must find and "tag" them with the beam while saying their names.

✓ Host a fancy tea party for your stuffed animals.

✓ Go on a neighborhood wildflower walk—do some research in advance so you can identify some of the blooms.

✓ Rifle through the dress-up bin and have a photo shoot with your little princess, pirate or superhero.

✓ Indoor campout: Set up a tent in the living room, make oven s'mores, turn off all the lights and download a campfire app for your tablet.

✓ Set up a scavenger hunt in the backyard or local park. Give the kids maps or clue sheets for extra fun.

✓ Put on a show! Make up your own or adapt one of your favorite books, movies or TV series. Craft sets and costumes for extra fun.

✓ Head to the beach and build an enormous sand castle.

✓ Play a rousing game of themed charades — see what kinds of wacky themes you can come up with.

✓ Organize a family game night and pull out old standards like Monopoly, Scrabble and Pictionary. Winners can earn points to cash in for small prizes or extra scoops of ice cream.

✓ Collect items from nature and make a collage. Add paint or leave it au naturel. ■

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Sanity strategies

Have a plan to get through those days ahead

By Amy McCready

This is it. That time of year when it hits you — summer awaits and there's no school reprieve. Let the "what do we do NOW" chants begin.

There is hope, however, for getting through the dog days of summer without losing your marbles, your patience or your temper. Let's take a look at some fun strategies to help you keep your cool and make some terrific memories with your kids this season.

Set Summer Bedtimes

What? The first thing kids want to do is stay up late, right? I know, but regular bedtime scheduling is one of the best things you can do for your sake and theirs.

Why is this important? Kids thrive on routine and that fact doesn't go out the window when the weather's warm. Lack of sleep is a recipe for cranky kids, and that's no way to spend your summer. Pack the days full of fun, then get them into bed on time. When you do, you'll have happier kids and more energy for everyone to tackle each day.

Brainstorm Anti-Boredom Ideas

Few things can make a parent's head spin like their kids saying, "I'm bored" on a repetitive loop. While defaulting to TV or technology is an easy way out, it's not really a memory maker for the books, right?

Make boredom brainstorming a regular event. Get everyone in on the mix, and write down every idea, even the craziest ones. Make it a contest to see who can come up with the best things to do for the week. Head online to family-friendly blogs or Pinterest to find budget-friendly family fun ideas and create a bucket list that you and your kids can start checking off this summer. It will make for an



awesome recap as school starts in the fall to see how many of the ideas you put into action.

Spend One-On-One Time

"I'm bored" is often kid-speak for "I really want to spend time with you." All-in family time is fun and important for family bonding — but kids also need one-on-one time with you on a daily basis. It fills their attention buckets in positive ways and meets their need for emotional connection. Even 10-15 minutes a day of one-on-one time with each of your kids will go a long way to a smoother sailing summer. (Think more cooperation, less complaining and sibling harmony!)

During your one-on-one time let kids pick out what they want to do with you and make it a priority. If that means that the house is a bit more disorganized or the dishes have to wait, so be it. This small investment in time will reap big rewards in emotional connection and better behavior.

Take A Tech Break

It's tough to tear kids away from screen time, especially as it's taken on such an important role in our pandemic lives, but summertime is a great time to give those texting thumbs and screen-scrolling eyes a break and focus on family-first activities.

Have some old school fun with board games and cards, or get out into nature and enjoy the great outdoors with activities like swimming, fishing, hiking, gardening or sports. Use up as many of those brainstorming bucket list ideas as possible!

Everyone Helps

All kids should be expected to take part in Family Contributions (a better term than chores) during the summer and all year long. Being a contributor reminds kids that they are part of the big picture in how a family works. Even little ones can take a role.

Use the When-Then tool when getting kids to pitch in. For example, when your family contributions are complete, then you can enjoy your 30 minutes of technology time. No exceptions on this one or you'll be negotiating it all summer long!

Commit to Service Work

One wonderful way to help steer clear of kid entitlement issues is to get them out of their comfort zones and into the service of others. Get together as a family and talk about what kind of community service or charity work you can do as a family this summer and then make a plan to make it happen.

Make it a goal to do one activity per week for the rest of the summer that includes service — helping a local food bank, doing household jobs or yard work for an elderly neighbor. Or, join a local beach or park cleanup effort. There are a lot of ways that kids can give back, and summertime is the perfect time to fit some of that service work in. ■

Above photo: It's hard to go from the tight routine of school to very little routine in the summer. While it's important to not schedule every minute, a loose routine can give needed structure that will help your kids to thrive.

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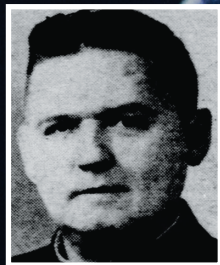
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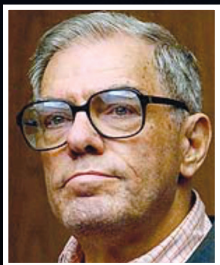
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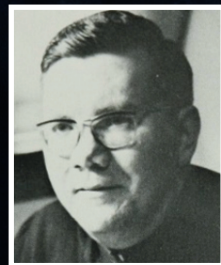
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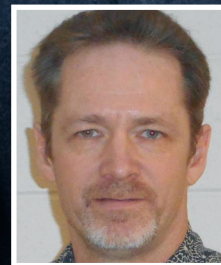
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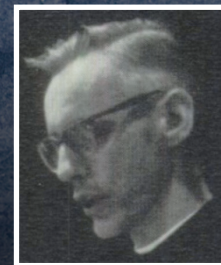
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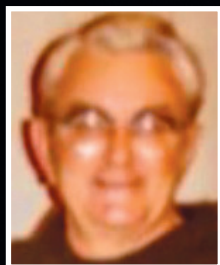
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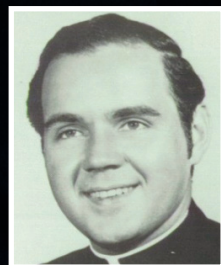
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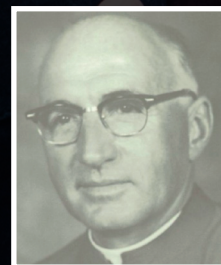
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Volunteers help clean up Glen Cove

Last Saturday, volunteers spread out around Glen Cove to help clean up the city, as part of The Great American Cleanup on May 15. Organized by the Beautification Commission, members and volunteers focused on weeding and cleaning up various spots within the city.

The Beautification Commission would like to thank all of the volunteers for their efforts in the cleanup and Landing Bakery for always providing us with goodies.

In addition to the cleanup, the Glen Cove Rotary Club donated a butterfly garden that was planted at Stanco Park on Saturday. The Glen Cove Rotary Club was eligible to apply for projects under a Rotary district grant and has offered the City of Glen Cove community Kindness Garden (butterfly garden) Kits. Through the coordination of Youth Program Coordinator Jacki Yonick, six gardens in total will be implemented - one for each of the four elementary schools, one for the Beautification Commission at Stanco Park, and one for the Youth Garden at Big Ralph Park.

Kindness Gardens were developed in memory of Catherine Violet Hubbard, a 6-year-old killed during the Sandy Hook massacre in 2012. A sanctuary was developed in her honor for the love of animals, nature and butterflies - she would release and whisper to them "tell your friends they can visit here, we are kind." Over the past 20 years, monarch num-



Courtesy Tab Hauser

VOLUNTEERS DUG WEEDS from the flower beds at the parks around Glen Cove to help clean up the city on Saturday.

bers have declined substantially. In 1996, there were approximately 384 million monarch butterflies. In 2019, there were about 60 million. In December 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concluded

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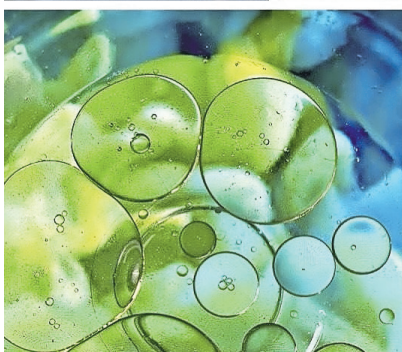
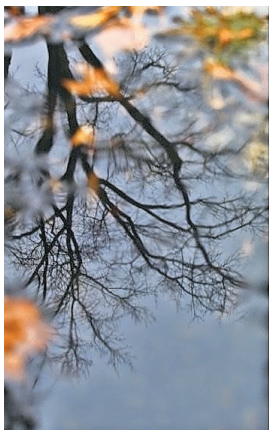
HERALD SCHOOLS

Glen Cove High School students 'Come into Focus'

Glen Cove High School students Katie Arevalo, a junior, and freshman Betzy Mejia received photography awards in two revered Long Island youth photography competitions. Arevalo won honors in the Huntington Camera Club's Roberta Strent Memorial Scholarship Award competition and Mejia was an award winner in the Photographic Federation of Long Island's Youth Photography Showcase competition.

Arevalo submitted a portfolio of work and a presentation titled "What Photography Means to Me" for her entry to the Roberta Strent Memorial Awards competition. The awards are given to photography students for displaying "superior aptitude and a continued interest in photography." Arevalo received an honorable mention and a cash award from the 50-year-old camera club. In bestowing the award to Arevalo, representatives from the Huntington Camera Club noted that her work was extremely compelling and shows the dedication she possesses for her craft. Photography teacher Melissa Johnides encouraged Arevalo to apply for this award in recognition of her consistent demonstration of excellence in all areas of photography.

Mejia was a first-place winner in the architecture category of the Photographic Federation of Long Island's Youth Photography Showcase. Their winning photo of the capitol building in Albany will now proceed to the national-level competition hosted by the Photographic Society of America. Mejia entered the high school's photography program with "strong natural talent and creativity," according to Johnides.



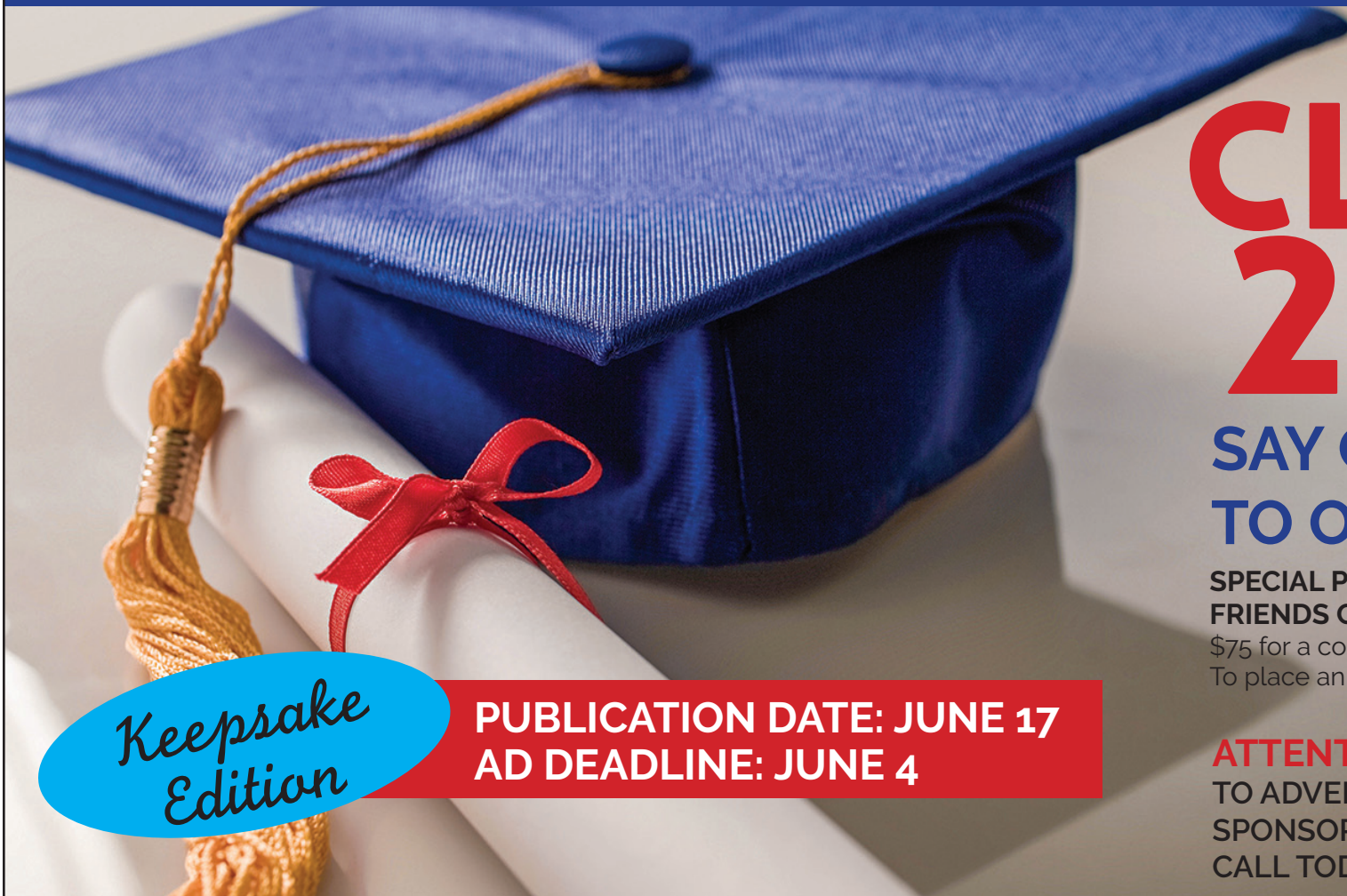
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GLEN COVE HIGH School junior Katie Arevalo's portfolio submission to the Huntington Camera Club for the Roberta Strent Memorial Award.



GLEN COVE HIGH School freshman Betzy Mejia's submission of the interior of the New York State capitol building in Albany. Their submission won first place in the Architecture category of the Photographic Federation of Long Island's Youth Photography Showcase.

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Dear Great Book Guru,
On this most beautiful of Saturdays, I am filled with energy and hope for great days ahead. While I have found it hard to focus on my reading, now I am ready to embark on a literary journey! Any recommendations?
—Sauntering in a Sea Cliff Spring



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funeral. The members of the Swart family are Afrikaners, original Dutch colonizers of South Africa and their history is one of pride and shame. Their farm is their legacy and their curse, a promise never fulfilled. As they return for each of the funerals, we see the changing political landscape with leaders of promise who fall from power and a corrupt landscape that brings government after government down.

This is not a book that offers much comfort, but it is one that tells us much about the country's history and vulnerabilities. As the Swart children reveal their hopes and thwarted desires, we see unfolding the story of South Africa itself. Highly recommended!

Would you like to ask the Great Book Guru for a book suggestion? Contact her at annmdipietro@gmail.com.

Dear Sauntering,

I recently read a very moving, very instructive novel, "The Promise," by Damon Galgut. Set in South Africa, this novel covers the time from 1986 until the present and we learn much of the painful history of this embattled country.

The story begins with the death of the family matriarch and its impact on her husband and three children. A decade later we gather for another funeral, and then in 2018 we meet up for the final time at yet another



Courtesy Tab Hauser

Firefighters battle blaze on Wolfle Street

Firefighters from the Glen Cove Fire Department responded to a fire on Wolfle Street on May 8, after a fire broke out in the attic of a two-story home. No one was injured in the blaze.

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Glen Cove student to speak at NYITCOM graduation

Allison Haubschmann of Glen Cove has been named a student orator for one of this year's New York Institute of Technology graduation events. Haubschmann, who is a medical student at New York Institute of Technology's College of Osteopathic Medicine, will deliver congratulatory remarks to fellow members of the Class of 2021 at the medical school's graduation ceremony, known as Hooding, taking place on May 24.



Courtesy Alison Haubschmann
ALLISON HAUBSCHMANN

Tribute to national skilled nursing care week

In celebration of National Skilled Nursing Care Week, Glen Cove City Councilman Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews presented American flag pins to staff members at Emerge Nursing and Rehabilitation of Glen Cove, at the Glen Cove Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation, and at Atria Glen Cove. The councilman, whose mother served in the Cadet Nurse Corps and was a public health nurse, spoke of his huge support for nurses and all health care workers. A former professional singer and actor, the councilman also sang Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA"

and was pleased to be joined by one of Glen Cove's incredibly talented young performers, 18-year-old Joe Stroppel, who sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" from "Carousel." Oyster Bay Senior Campus hosted the tributes at Emerge and at the Glen Cove Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation and provided free ice cream to all of the employees at both centers.

"Our health care workers, especially those who work with our seniors, are among the most dedicated around," Stevenson-Mathews. "We salute them for all they have done during this difficult time."



Courtesy Atria Glen Cove

COUNCILMAN GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS and Tenor Joe Stroppel paid tribute to the nurses and health care workers at Atria Glen Cove.

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Bruce E. Balding

Bruce E. Balding was born in Chicago in 1931, but he made and considered Long Island his home, until his death on April 5, 2021. He moved with his parents, Dorothy and Joseph E. Davis, a founder and president of Piping Rock Club. Home was in Old Westbury, named Heyday House, on Wheatley Road. There his grandfather ran racing stables, and then his father, called Barney, managed them as boarding stables, from the 1920s to the 1970s. The 60-acre plus estate was sold and Bruce lived on Piping Rock Road and in NYC. He was so happy, when he was with his lifelong Long Island friends, and seeing his grandchildren.

Bruce attended Greenvale School and went to Aiken Prep as a young boy. Bruce graduated from St. Marks School, in Southborough Mass, and then went on to Harvard University, where he was a member of the DU Club. He then received his MBA from Harvard Business school. He always spoke fondly of his time in Cambridge, Mass., where he met his wife, Barbara Whitney, at Radcliffe college and they married in 1954. He soon became a lieutenant in the army in South Korea, returning in late 1956, after the birth of his only child Betsey. While in Korea, he wrote and published various articles recalling his impressions of life and politics, and traveled to Tokyo and Thailand, which made a deep impression on

him. Throughout his life, he studied history and loved to discuss politics, especially early American history, John Adams and the founding fathers, to be exact.

He especially enjoyed playing golf with friends at Piping Rock Club, where he was a lifelong member. He also was a member of the Links Club in NYC and the Harvard Club in NYC and Boston, where he especially enjoyed dinners and lectures there with friends and family. He also was a director of Davis Elkins College from 1980-90, and president of National Institute Social Sciences in 1994.

He briefly was a teacher at Avon Old Farms and worked for Otis elevator, before he found his true passion, which was financial advisory and management, which he practiced and loved for almost 70 years. In this field, he worked for Wellington and Co, then became president of Hamilton Gregg Capital, and prior to joining Tocqueville Asset Management since 2005, he started an independent firm called Balding and Co., which he sold to Carret and Company. He would write monthly reports on the market for his beloved clients, and he didn't consider this financial advisory work. Many remember his dedication and love always for this profession, which he practiced for almost 70 years.

Bruce is survived by his only child Elizabeth "Betsey" married to William "Bill" Ruprecht, and his three grandchildren Mollie Ruprecht Acquavella, of

NYC, Charlie M. Ruprecht of Cambridge, MA, and his twin brother Barney Ruprecht of NYC. Also his three great-grandchildren, Florence and Evelyn Acquavella and William Ruprecht. (And his brother, in Pawleys Island, SC.) His three grandchildren and great grand children loved him very much and Betsey was with him the day he died. She will miss him greatly. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Marks School, Southborough, MA, and Greenville Boys and Girls Club, Locust Valley. www.DodgeThomas.com

Christopher Neefus

Christopher Neefus passed away peacefully on April 9, 2021, surrounded by close family. A lifetime Long Islander, he was born to committed parents Vincent and Margaret, both deceased, who instilled in him his Catholic faith, commitment to family and an honest days' work. Christopher graduated from Holy Trinity High School and earned a football scholarship to Hofstra University where he received his bachelor's degree. His passion for sailing and ownership of successful taverns made him a consummate celebrator for family and friends' achievements and a comforting ear when they entered troubled waters. Outside of the corporate world, he could be found tending to the landscape, get-

ting involved with his local parish, collecting coins, devouring books of every genre, listening to the music of his youth, and catching the New York Mets. He celebrated retirement from executive leadership with a long-earned trip to Italy where he fulfilled his wish of being blessed by Pope Francis. He is survived by loving wife Teresa (64); sons Christopher (34) and Matthew (31); siblings Vincent (67) and Elizabeth (63); and nieces Maureen (46), Jenna (32) and Alexandra (30). Visiting held at Whitting Funeral Home, 300 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Head, www.whitting.com. Mass held at St. Gertrude's Church, Bayville. Interment to follow at Locust Valley Cemetery, Locust Valley. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift on Christopher's behalf to Catholic Charities USA or St. Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church in Bayville.

James Vieyra

James Vieyra of Glen Cove died on April 25, 2021, at age 48. Beloved son of George and the late Merlinda. Loving brother of Rita, Patty (Jimmy) and George. Proud uncle of James, Stephanie, Emily, George and Hayden. Also survived by his cherished cats, Mello and Mama. Visitation held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass at St. Patrick RC Church. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

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The joy – and hope – of being vaccinated

As I made my way along Bay Parkway, headed to Jones Beach Field 3 on a recent Wednesday, I more than half-expected the worst. I anticipated a mile-long line and a five-hour wait, during which I would be spoken to brusquely by exhausted state government employees. At the end of it all, I would have a needle stuck in my arm.



SCOTT BRINTON

So I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived at Field 3 at 7:50 a.m. for an 8:00 appointment, and there was no line. A National Guardsman, dressed in olive green fatigues with an olive green mask, met me at the gate, asked whether I had an

appointment and waved me through to a check-in post, where I showed my ID.

That was it. I was in. No hours spent idling in line. I was about to receive the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, which, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says, is 95 percent effective in preventing Covid-19.

As it turned out, the vaccination experience was nothing like what I'd half-expected. I marveled at the assembly-line efficien-

cy with which doses were administered by friendly government employees. Lines of orange cones led me to a large white tent that fit four cars at a time. There were a half-dozen or so such tents. The entire operation looked like a cross between a giant car wash and a fast-food eatery, with lots of military personnel directing traffic.

I pulled up to my slot. I was asked a series of simple questions. I showed my ID again. I was told to pull down my sleeve, and I was injected. Then I was told to pull over to a waiting area and sit for 15 minutes to check for a reaction. Feeling nothing out of the ordinary, I drove home.

End of story.

I returned three weeks later for the second dose, feeling good. I was waved through the check-in. Just as I was about to pull my car into the big tent, a man hurried over to ask if I'd been checked in. "No," I responded, a little timidly. He removed four cones and asked me to pull over; and I thought, OK, here we go. As I had half-expected at the outset, I'll be waiting here for hours until someone lumbers over to let me through.

As it turned out, I waited two minutes before someone arrived with a tablet in hand. He asked me to show ID. That was it. I pulled back in line, and 20 minutes later I

was, as they say, fully vaccinated.

Neither time did I even feel the pinch of the needle as it entered my arm. Clearly, after having injected so many hundreds of people at this point, the vaccinators are highly skilled at the fine art of delivering a pain-free shot. Neither time did I experience any significant side effects from the inoculation, either — only a little tiredness.

Feeling confident I was safe from the coronavirus, I recently headed to New York City for the first time since December 2019. My wife and I went with our daughter to check out the apartment she'll be living in during her senior year at NYU. (They, too, are vaccinated.)

It was a momentous occasion. Like hundreds of thousands of college students across the country, Alexandra had spent the previous 15 months cooped up in her bedroom, staring at a computer screen, disconnected from all the wonderful vibrancy that a young person can feel studying and living away from home.

Suddenly, because of the marvels of modern science, there was hope that she wouldn't continue to miss out on the full "college experience" before she graduates. Suddenly, there was hope for us all.

Riding the Long Island Rail Road was an

existential experience. On the way home, I paid close attention to the whir of the train speeding across the landscape, the way the sunshine streamed through the car windows, the loud beep before its doors automatically closed, the frenetic chatter of excited passengers, many of them likely having visited the city for the first time in months.

Last spring, as the pandemic raged, I shot a photo essay on the emptiness of the LIRR. I counted a handful of riders that May day. People kept to themselves, seemingly afraid. If they hadn't had to be there, they wouldn't have been. It felt surreal, post-apocalyptic. Never had I seen the LIRR so empty during rush hour on a weekday.

Riding the LIRR this May was celebratory, joyful. The world had not ended. Human ingenuity had prevailed.

We mustn't get ahead of ourselves, I know. We have a ways to go before our society can return entirely to our pre-pandemic ways. And the sooner each of us commits to being vaccinated, the sooner we'll arrive at that happy place.

So, if you haven't already done so, get the shot. It's a lot easier than you might expect.

Scott Brinton is the Herald Community Newspapers' executive editor and an adjunct professor at the Hofstra University Herbert School of Communication. Comments about this column? SBrinton@liherald.com.

From one end of the pandemic to the other in a sheet pan

Some folks say that the wheel was the greatest invention ever. Others point to the printing press, the internal combustion engine or the light bulb, but I think that during the pandemic, the ordinary sheet pan changed our lives forever.

My tongue is only partially in my cheek when I say that the basic 14-by-20-by-1-inch pan has transformed my day-to-day routine. You can buy two pans for under 30 bucks. And then you can give away most of your other pots and pans, especially the large, heavy, hard-to-clean roasting pans.



RANDI KREISS

Paula Zuccotti, a London-based expert on consumer behavior, attempted to document the things people turned to during the pandemic. She asked contributors from around the world to photograph their lockdown essentials.

Thousands of people sent her photos of the objects that got them through. They ranged from watercolor paints to stuffies to the usual devices, to some unusual devices, to musical instruments, garden trowels, yarn, VR headsets, paddles, running shoes, hand-tied flies, live plants and herbs of all

kinds. If I knew about the project, I would have sent a photo of my sheet pan.

During Covid-19, as my husband says, if I didn't cook it, we didn't eat it. Meal planning and preparation was a diversion. Eventually, though, it felt burdensome to think about food even though that was all there was to keep us busy and reasonably healthy in our isolation.

Somewhere along the way I remembered the two sheet pans I'd bought. When I went online for recipes, I realized I was late to the party; apparently the sheet pan craze has been rocking for some time, and people have been using this super-easy method to cook everything from scrambled eggs to filet mignon.

Even babies are cashing in on the boom, with Mom and Dad preparing entire meals of diced chicken or meat, veggies and maybe some polenta baked on one sheet and enjoyed for a few days.

The sheet pan is really the repurposed jelly roll pan of old. But now my pans hold our entire dinner. The preparation is minimal and the cleanup is, well, one pan.

One of the best things about the ascendancy of the sheet pan is that it doesn't matter if you're left or right, liberal or conservative, vaccinated or not. It's possible that both Liz Cheney and Kevin McCarthy use sheet pans to cook. It's possible that Dr.

Anthony Fauci enjoys healthy meals a la sheet pan and that Mitch McConnell whips out his sheet pan to prepare a homemade meatloaf. (Nah, that probably doesn't happen.)

One of my favorite sheet pan recipes from Epicurious:

- 3 pints grape tomatoes, halved
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar
- 2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 4 pieces thin-sliced, skinless, boneless chicken breast, or 2 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 pound)
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 10 ounces fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced into rounds
- ½ small red onion, thinly sliced into rounds
- ½ cup peperoncini (about 3 ounces), thinly sliced

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Toss

tomatoes, oil, vinegar, garlic, 1 tablespoon oregano and 1 teaspoon salt on an 18-by-13 rimmed baking sheet.

2. Cut chicken into slices.

3. Season chicken on all sides with pepper and remaining 1 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon oregano. Add chicken to tomato mixture. Roast until chicken is almost fully cooked through and tomatoes are starting to burst, 8 to 10 minutes. Arrange mozzarella rounds over chicken and tomatoes. Return to oven and roast until cheese is melted and chicken is fully cooked through, 2 to 4 minutes. Top with onion and peperoncini.

Another recipe, for baked feta cheese pasta, went viral on TikTok and turned out to be worth every bit of the hype.

When I prepare fish, I love that I can cook a piece of salmon, the asparagus, butternut squash and the roasted potatoes all in one sheet pan. If I want to separate the fish, I just put it in a little aluminum foil boat right on the sheet with the other parts of the meal. Then I lift it out when it's done and leave the veggies in for a few more minutes.

What object helped you through this past year? I would love to hear from you. Someday there will be a museum of the pandemic. Get your entries ready.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

Pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act

This week, the nation will mark the first anniversary of the death of George Floyd at the hands of ex-Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who was convicted of murder, among other charges.

Never has the death of an unarmed Black man at the hands of police reverberated so loudly and so powerfully here on the streets of Nassau County. Protests that in the past were largely confined to big cities came to our suburban streets last June — and rightly so.

It was critical that the protests play out across the country, in all sorts of neighborhoods, to send a clear message that Floyd's death was unacceptable and that we, as a nation, are demanding change.

Sadly, however, killings of unarmed Black men have continued since Floyd died. That is why we need the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act to be signed into law. The measure passed the House of

How to contact your senators

You can email Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer at <https://www.schumer.senate.gov/contact/email-chuck>.

Email U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand at <https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/contact/email-me>.

Representatives, but has yet to pass the Senate.

The bill would:

- Lower the criminal intent standard — from willful to knowing or reckless — to convict a law enforcement officer for misconduct in a federal prosecution.

- Limit qualified immunity as a defense to liability in a private civil action against a law enforcement officer. Qualified immunity generally grants government officials performing their jobs immunity from civil lawsuits.

- Grant administrative subpoena power to the Department of Justice in pattern-or-practice investigations, which examine patterns or practices of excessive force and biased policing by law enforcement officers.

How none of these measures is on the books as part of federal law now is confounding, particularly after all that has transpired over the past year.

It's about time that the Senate acts on the legislation — and passes it. We urge our readers to write to their senators in support of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

Nassau is on the way to a full reopening

Nassau County has been slowly, surely returning to normal life following 15 months of trying restrictions intended to contain an out-of-control virus, and we can say with certainty that those restrictions saved lives. This week the county will take a giant leap forward in the ongoing effort to reopen its economy.

The capacity restrictions on businesses, from retail stores to fitness centers, were to be lifted on Wednesday, so we expect crowds will return to shops and amusement parks, and we hope business will boom. At the same time, indoor social gatherings of 250 people will be permitted,

up from the current 100, and outdoor residential gatherings of up to 500 will be allowed. All good news for couples seeking to marry in June.

We have seen how life is getting back to the way things were. Long Island Rail Road cars are filling up, and so are our parkways. Traffic jams are back. So are lines to be seated at popular restaurants.

Never in your life did you think you would be thankful for the day that heavy traffic and standing-room-only cars on the LIRR were back, but that speaks to the upside-down nature of the coronavirus pandemic, which altered our reality.

What is making all of this possible are

the Covid-19 vaccines. As of press time, Nassau County officials were reporting that some 70 percent of residents here had been vaccinated. That is excellent news, because it means we should, at the very least, be able to achieve herd immunity at the local level by summer's end, and perhaps much sooner.

We encourage readers to post photos of themselves on social media receiving their vaccine inoculations. Spread the message far and wide: The vaccines are safe. They are effective. And once you're vaccinated, you are largely free to return to life as you knew it.

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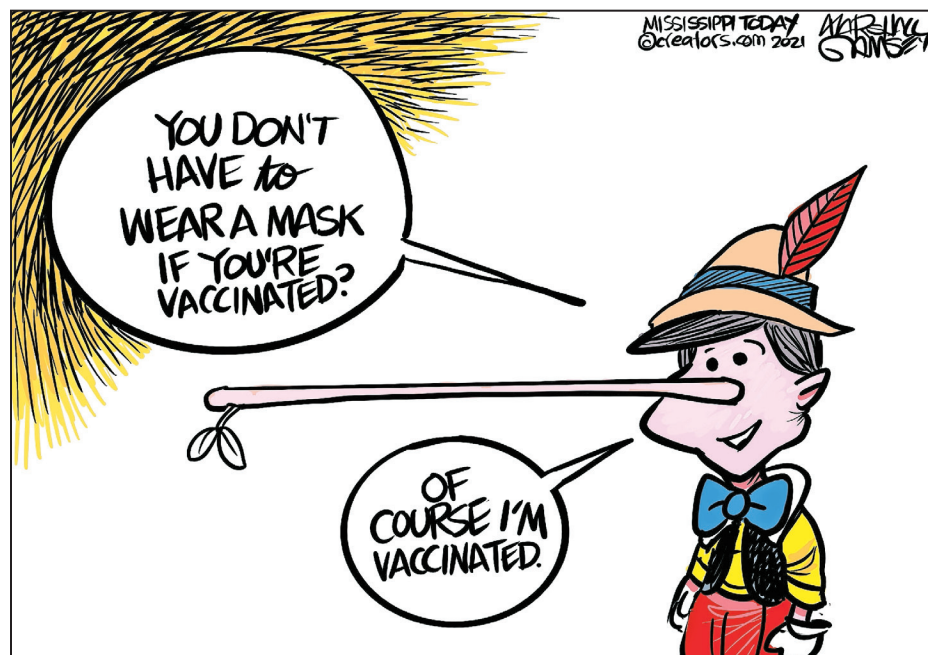
Let's rethink Covid guidance

To the Editor:

Last week we heard a groundbreaking announcement from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that those who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus no longer need to wear masks or physically distance, indoors or outdoors, in almost all circumstances. The science is clear: The Covid-19 vaccine works, and that is how we return to normal life.

I am proud that Nassau is leading the way, with 7 in 10 adults now vaccinated, and we will continue getting shots in arms so we can save lives and return to normal life. We are ahead of the curve.

The CDC's announcement also underscores the need to revisit New York state guidance for schools, including for hybrid learning, masks, graduation and proms. We must address the devastating impact the pandemic has



OPINIONS

When technology exposes institutional racism

Zoom and other online video conferencing applications are exposing the underlying racism that infects American society, including in its schools. A Jersey City high school science teacher was recently suspended after students videoed racist rants in which he insulted African-



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American students in his class who defended the Black Lives Matter movement.

A teacher in Palmdale, Calif., got into trouble when she thought a Zoom meeting with a parent was over and launched into a racist rant accusing Black people of always lying. She was

suspended and then resigned. A Georgetown University professor resigned and another was fired after they were caught on a video disparaging Black students. The entire Board of Education of the school district in Oakley, Calif., resigned

after a board meeting at which they cursed when describing parents. Two-thirds of the children in this district are Latino.

A white police officer upstate in Albany either forgot to turn off his body camera or accidentally activated it before launching into an anti-Black racist rant. He was suspended without pay, and his department has started the procedure to terminate him.

The Albany police department is also accused of systematic racism. Between July 9, 2019, and July 9, 2020, 97 percent of the people ticketed or arrested in the jurisdiction for marijuana-related offenses were Black.

The police chief and a patrolman in Hamilton, Ga., were removed after body camera footage showed them making racist comments about slavery and the mayor of Atlanta, who is a Black woman. They made the comments just before going on patrol at a Black Lives

Matter rally. An assistant to the local mayor commented, "I'm not sure if he was stupid enough — obviously he was stupid enough — not to know it was still working and that he still had it on. The words just rolled out of their mouths."

There was no hesitation."

Neither racism nor tech trouble is new during the pandemic; as with police misbehavior, educator misbehavior is just becoming easier to expose. In 2018, a Florida teacher was videoed telling a student from Haiti that she was from a "third-world island country where they don't have doors." In 2019, a photo of four teachers and an elementary school principal

from Palmdale, Calif., laughing while holding up a noose was posted on social media.

Teachers and police officers are entitled to due process, but on-the-job racist rants must be grounds for immediate dismissal, with no second chances. This is not a freedom-of-speech issue, but rather an issue of disqualifying behav-

ior. Racists cannot be police officers or teachers.

There are more than 3.5 million kindergarten to 12th-grade teachers and 800,000 police officers in the United States. These videoed incidents involve a minuscule number of teachers and police officers. The greater problem is school boards and state legislatures that seek to whitewash American history by ignoring or minimizing the role racism in the past and present has had and continues to have in shaping this country, and police departments that target African-Americans. Conservatives disparage "cancel culture," but they are the ones who want to ban teaching the underside of American history and protect misbehaving police officers.

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It's not just police officers; teachers, professors and board trustees behave badly too.

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had on the well-being of our children, who deserve to have a normal education and get their lives back as soon as possible. Our high vaccination rate and declining Covid-19 infection rate call for new state guidance based on an updated evaluation of risk and benefits.

LAURA CURRAN
Nassau County executive

An earmark by any other name

To the Editor:

Members of Congress just can't get enough pork to bring back home. On a bipartisan basis, they have resurrected the old "member items," previously known as "Congressional earmarks." Both Democratic and Republican Congress members believe it is one way to assure re-election in 2022. Congressional earmarks have been rebranded under a new title, "community project funding" requests. It is the equivalent of putting lipstick on a pig.

Federal civil servants want to make sure dollars are spent on eligible projects that are shovel ready, completed on time and within budget, with taxpayers receiving the full benefits. They have the independence and technical expertise to do a better job of distributing funds and protecting the interests of taxpayers in avoiding any waste, fraud or abuse than members of Congress.

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