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## Dancing in the street

Hanna Mecinski and Emma Longobucco danced to the music of the John Fogerty Tribute Project at the July 9 Downtown Sounds concert in Village Square. More photos, Page 12.

# Memorializing Afghan, Iraq wars at park

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“Fighting in Afghanistan was like Whac-A-Mole,” said Army Staff Sgt. Chad Ryals, a veteran of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. “It’s rocky and mountainous there, and [fighters] would pop out of the mountains and use the terrain against us. A lot of my friends didn’t make it home.”

Ryals, a Louisiana native, enlisted when he was 17. Now 35 and a Glen Cove resident for five years, he said it’s important that combat veterans from the war in Afghanistan and the second Persian Gulf War be remembered — those who did not return home alive as well as those who did. He said he had wondered why it took Nassau County so long to add a monument to Veterans Memorial Plaza in Eisenhower Park for these veterans, and added that he was pleased with the decision.

Flanked by veterans, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran announced July 8 at the plaza that a bipartisan advisory com-

mittee would design and raise \$100,000 for a new monument to honor county veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. County officials said they hoped to break ground on the memorial Oct. 7, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the outbreak of war in Afghanistan.

**T**he only way you’re truly gone is if you’re forgotten.

**CHAD RYALS**  
 Veteran

The memorial was established in 1947, two years after World War II ended. The plaza has grown ever since, with monuments that recognize those who fought in the Civil, Spanish-American, Korean and Vietnam wars.

“We’re proud that Nassau County is home to one of the largest veteran populations in the state,” Curran said. “There are 55,000 veterans who make their home right here in Nassau.”

Some 4,281 residents served in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to census data. Twenty-one died.

“Our troops are coming home now from Afghanistan,” Curran said. “It makes sense that right now, more than ever, we ensure that present and future genera-

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# ‘The Best Feast in the East’ will return to St. Rocco’s next week

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Excitement is in the air in Glen Cove as residents have begun to see carnival rides being assembled and a statue of St. Rocco erected in the parking lot of the Church of Saint Rocco. Next week, the Feast of St. Rocco, the church’s annual five-day fundraiser, returns at full

strength, after the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of the Italian-American heritage celebration last summer.

For over 80 years, the feast, set for July 28-Aug. 1, has been “a big celebration of faith and family,” according to Reggie Spinello, a past chairman of the event, drawing visitors from neighboring towns as well as locals. “Many residents of Glen Cove

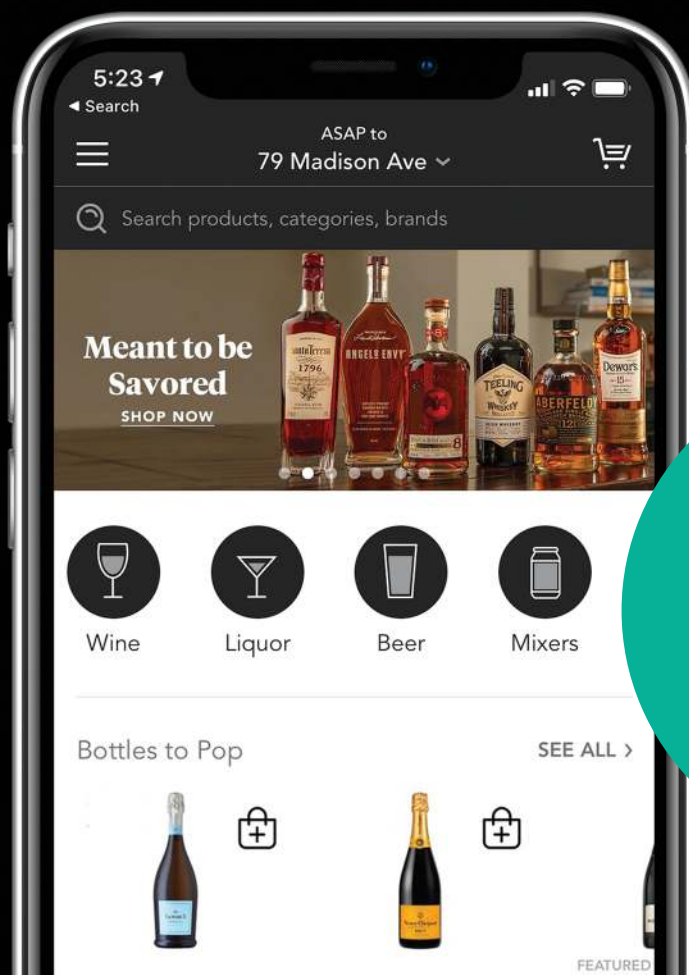
have grown up with the feasts,” Spinello said. “First you go with your parents, you then go by yourself as a teenager, and then you bring your own children there. It’s a passing of age that comes with the feast.”

The Church of Saint Rocco was built by parishioners in the early 1900s in devotion to Saint Rocco, a patron saint of incur-

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# Camp gets 'back to basics' after an abnormal year

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BY LEAH DWYER

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With summer in full swing, the Glen Cove YMCA camp is halfway through its sessions. The camp is working hard to get creative in keeping kids safe while rebuilding the social skills lost during the past year.

"Camp has really had to go back to the basics of what camp is," said Joe Furman, the YMCA camp leader. "It is less about what attractions we have and more about the people that are here."

Furman explained that this means counselors have been working extra hard to be creative in keeping kids happy while maintaining a safe space, especially with the lack of outside companies coming to the camp.

"Our counselors are really doing a fantastic job of stepping into that spot," he said, "and making sure that this experience for the kids is a little more than just their typical average camp experience."

Gianna Chiariello is a counselor for children going into first grade, and has been working at the YMCA for three years. This year, she said, she has gotten creative with games like duck, duck, goose: instead of allowing kids to sit knee-to-knee and touch each other's heads, the campers sit spaced apart and place their hands over each other's heads, making sure not to touch them. Red light, green light follows similar rules, she said, having kids shout out "first" instead of touching each other.

YMCA Executive Director Peter Foster discussed some of the precautions kept in place to keep kids Covid safe.



Courtesy YMCA

**THE CAMP FOCUSES** on keeping children active.

Social distancing is still in place, masks are required for everyone inside and on buses, wellness checks are done to see how kids are feeling, and contact tracing sheets are written up anytime there is any crossing between groups or exposure to others, like lifeguards.

Parents and children are excited to be able to get back to being outside and with friends, however, for some children, the anxieties from the past year continue. According to Foster, the registration is about 25 percent less than it has been in past years.

"I feel like there are definitely some kids that are a little bit more anxious," Chiariello said. "But we make sure to sit them down and let them know 'you guys don't have to wear your masks as long as you're socially distanced with each other, if you feel more comfortable wearing

them please do that.'"

Furman described similar experiences with anxious children, saying that patience is key. He believes that children will mirror the emotions the people around them express, hoping that the comfortable atmosphere created at the YMCA will help ease kids and bring them back to being relaxed around others.

"We're doing our best [to recognize] that if a camper is feeling a little uncomfortable," Furman said, "we don't force them out of their comfort zone. We allow them to be in a space where they feel safe."

Foster believes it is important for kids to be able to step away from their screens for a bit.

"The screen time alone this year just got to be so much more," he said. "We're

a recreational camp; we do sports, activities, it's moving around and swimming and it gets the kids to have that social aspect, but also physical and keep them moving."

The camp has been focusing on more than just fun and safe games. This year the YMCA has brought in an outside company to help improve its STEM program.

"I try to make sure that the lessons we are learning at home and in school continue wherever the children go," Furman said. "We want to make sure we're instilling the proper morals and proper values."

In its promotional materials, the YMCA camp is described as being "more than just a day camp" and is a "place where friendships and relationships begin and grow year to year." To Foster and Chiariello, this sentiment rings true. Foster started working as a camp counselor at the Glen Cove YMCA before working his way up to executive director.

"The YMCA has helped me," Foster said, "so that's what I try to do for the community and especially the young ones."

Chiariello is on her way to following the same path. Now 18, she began attending the YMCA camp when she was 8 years old.

"The YMCA is definitely one of my favorite places to be; that's why I keep coming back each summer," she said. "I came back to work here because I love it and I want to make more kids see how amazing it is to be here."

The YMCA camp is still open for registration for the third and fourth sessions at ymcali.org.

## Turkey vulture sightings are on the rise in Glen Cove

BY LEAH DWYER

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Turkey vulture sightings have been on the rise in Glen Cove recently. And while some may fear the birds' presence based on their appearance, experts assert that higher numbers of these birds are a good thing for the local environment.

Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke is no stranger to these birds. He said over the past five years he has spotted about 14 turkey vultures around the Glen Cove area.

"I'm hoping to see more," he said. "It's kind of cool."

According to Richard Harness, a certified wildlife biologist with EDM International, and Diana Wilson, the public programs coordinator for the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center, these sightings are exciting news.

"Turkey vultures are awesome birds," Wilson said, "and a joy to watch soar across the sky."

Harness agreed, and noted that they "provide a useful ecological function."

The increase in population usually implies the presence of things like food and shelter for the vultures, Harness said.

"My interpretation of this is that

they're finding suitable habitat here on Long Island," said Wilson, "which is a great sign that our environment here is able to support their needs."

On the topic of the appearance of turkey vultures, both advise to fear not: turkey vultures are harmless.

Turkey vultures are scavengers, meaning they feed on dead animals. Scavengers help to keep their habitats clean and reduce the spread of disease.

"They're not going to dig up your yard or try and wreak havoc or anything like that," said Wilson. "A lot of people have the misconception that because they feed on carcasses they're vectors of disease, but their feeding habits actually make their environments cleaner."

While movies often portray large birds as predators, picking up small dogs or children, turkey vultures, according to Harness, have weak feet and cannot carry food away.

Wilson explained that there is a common misconception around scavengers, noting that many people believe that a bunch of turkey vultures soaring overhead is a sign of something morbid in the area. She clarified that it is only a sign of

good thermals, or hot air, that the vultures rely on to stay aloft.

"Nothing creepy about it," she said, "just a lot of hot air."

As far as what to do when you spot a turkey vulture, Harness provided a simple three-word answer: "Leave them alone."

"Don't be alarmed, try to scare them off, approach them, or try and feed them," said Wilson.

One thing Wilson does advise to do when spotting a turkey vulture is to "take a lot of cool photos to show your friends and enjoy their presence."

Wilson advises to refrain from using rodenticides, as the birds get sick and die from eating poisoned carcasses. She also said trying to keep roadkill out of the streets helps prevent collisions.

Harness told his favorite turkey vulture fact: they embrace green energy. He explained that in the morning they stretch their wings out to collect solar energy and use rising winds to "effortlessly soar for miles."

Wilson was much broader in her favorite turkey vulture facts.

"They've got incredible six-foot wing-

# Monument to honor Afghanistan, Iraq vets

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tions continue to appreciate the sacrifice that veterans have made for our nation.”

The county memorial committee has 12 members, five of whom Curran selected, five chosen by the Nassau Council of Veterans of Foreign Wars, one by the Nassau County Legislature’s majority and one by the minority.

Chris Peterkin, commander of the Bellmore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2770, is forming an additional committee of Afghanistan and Iraq veterans to work with the county’s committee. The VFW spearheaded the memorial, he said, because an active Afghanistan/Iraq war veteran organization does not exist. He urged volunteers to join, adding that they do not need to be VFW members.

Peter Wenninger, commander of the East Meadow American Legion Memorial Post 82, said he has not found any veterans from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars who want to become involved in the legion.

“I hand them my card and ask them to please come down to the hall, and I’m met with comments like, ‘How did you know I was a vet?’ and ‘Why did you come across the parking lot to talk to me?’” Wenninger said. “I get the feeling that they don’t trust

and have some sort of PTSD.”

Ralph Esposito, director of the Veterans Service Agency for Nassau County, said veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq do not join veterans organizations because they have families and are looking for jobs to support them.

“These are all kids who aren’t interested in joining American Legions or VFWs,” said Esposito, of Floral Park. “We’re in our 70s, from the Korean and Vietnam wars, for the most part. They don’t want to listen to a bunch of old guys talking war stories.”

Regardless, efforts continue to recruit younger veterans.

Ryals, who served in Iraq from 2003 to 2005, and in Afghanistan from 2006 to 2007, said he could understand why the veterans don’t want to talk. “It’s kind of a repressive memory, which causes constant stress,” he said. “It affects you mentally, and you can’t relax. You don’t want to think about it.”

Many veterans feel survivor’s guilt, he said. “They say talking about it helps, but it doesn’t,” he said. “I volunteer at a suicide hotline for veterans. I put myself out of my comfort zone to help.”

Virginia Cervasio, of Glen Cove, created Heroes Among Us, a nonprofit that

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**VIRGINIA CERVASIO**  
Founder,  
Heroes Among Us



Courtesy Nassau County

**CHRIS PETERKIN, COMMANDER** of the Bellmore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2770, urged veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars to volunteer to work on the monument.

serves veterans. She formed the organization in memory of her son, Angelo, 24, an Air Force Gulf War veteran who died by suicide in 2006.

Her nonprofit will donate \$5,000 toward the monument. A member of Curran’s 12-member veteran’s advisory committee, Cervasio said she will do whatever is needed.

“This project is very close to my heart because I’m honoring my son,” she said. “This is the war he fought in and died. It doesn’t matter that he didn’t die there.”

“The only way you’re truly gone is if you’re forgotten,” Ryals said. The memorial “wouldn’t be for me. It would be for them.”

## CRIME WATCH

### Arrests

- On June 27, a 37-year-old Westbury male was arrested for DWI and seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance on Sea Cliff Avenue.
- On June 27, a 40-year-old Glen Cove female was arrested for petit larceny on Continental Place.
- On June 30, a 37-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for first-degree falsifying business records and offering a

false instrument for filing.

- On July 4, a 26-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for aggravated DWI, DWI, and failure to keep right on Glen Street.
- On July 5, a 19-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for first-degree criminal contempt and second-degree aggravated harassment on Nassau Avenue.
- On July 5, a 21-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for second-degree aggravated harassment on Coles

Street.

- On July 6, a 46-year-old Wantagh female was arrested for DWI, leaving the scene of an auto accident and operating a motor vehicle by unlicensed driver on S. Yew Street.
- On July 7, a 54-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for third-degree robbery on Glen Street.
- On July 7, a 23-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for fourth-degree criminal mischief and third-degree menacing on Chadwick Street.

- On July 7, a 29-year-old Syosset male was arrested for DUI on Glen Cove Avenue.
- On July 9, a 31-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for third-degree criminal mischief on Raymond Street.
- On July 10, a 32-year-old Glen Cove male was arrested for obstruction of breathing, fourth-degree criminal mischief and second-degree harassment on Carpenter Street.

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# Heralds honor Business Women of L.I.

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July 14 was a banner day for Long Island's women of business. The Herald Premier Business Women of Long Island Awards, originally planned for 2020 and delayed more than a year because of the coronavirus pandemic, were held at The Heritage Club at Bethpage and recognized women for their excellence in various fields.

The awards kicked off with a cocktail hour at which guests and honorees met and networked with one another. The mood was bursting with positivity, with honorees excited and grateful to be able to meet in person for the first time in over a year.

Honorees said they were thrilled to be among their peers and acknowledged how much harder it is, even in this day and age, for women to succeed and advance in their careers compared to their male counterparts. "I think it's harder for women to reach the same business goals as men," said honoree Lisa Rispoli, partner at Grasi Advisors & Accountants. "There's still a difference."

"I really appreciate this honor, and I'm thankful to the Herald and Richner for recognizing women in business. I think it's very important for younger women to have women in business as mentors to look up to," said honoree Dr. Eve Lupenko-Ferrante, of the Glen Cove City Council.

"I am a humble businesswoman, so when I was asked to be an honoree it meant a lot to me," said Lisa E. Boglione, founder, president and CEO of Accu-Serve Process Service, LTD & Publications Elite Company Inc. "I come from the generation of change, when women were coming out of the home and into the business world. Starting a business from scratch was very tough. Everyone should be recognized for what they do, but moms that are business owners or in the workforce juggle something men couldn't understand. I give kudos to all women."

Another honoree, Director of Nursing at Mount Sinai South Nassau Eileen Mahler, said it was important to be able to gather together after the rough year that was 2020. "Being in health care, we've had such a rough year," she said. "It's nice to be able to get together and to recognize the things they've done is great."

Guests gathered for the awards ceremony and sit-down dinner. Opening remarks by Richner Communications President and CEO Stuart Richner expressed great joy in hosting the Premier Business Women of Long Island Awards and recalled the founding of Richner Communications by his parents, Edith and Robert Richner, expressing the profound impact his mother had on the business and its success.

Richner added, "It is my deep belief that women must be represented equally in every profession, that they should have access to every rung on the career ladder, to every seat in the corporate boardroom and to every opportunity to earn equal pay. The honorees before you this evening represent the progress we have made as a society on this front, but there is much more



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**SUPPORTERS CAME OUT** in force for the women honorees at the Herald Premier Business Women of Long Island Awards last week.



work to do."

Director of New Business Development Eric Feil gave brief remarks as well, and introduced the upcoming Long Island Choice Awards, a reader's choice program that launches July 28.

Special guest speaker Nassau County Executive Laura Curran — the first woman to hold the position — spoke on the importance of honoring and recognizing women for their significant and important contributions to business. "It was an honor to attend the second annual Premier Businesswomen Awards Gala," Curran said. "We celebrated high-level women business leaders making a difference both professionally and in their respective communities. Their contributions are notable and worthy of praise, and as they take on more substantial roles, I'm confident that their impact will continue to grow. I thank the Long Island Herald for hosting such a beneficial event."

Amy Amato, executive director of corporate relations and events for Richner Communications, said, "We were original-

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**EILEEN MAHLER ACCEPTED** the award for Excellence in Healthcare from Richner Communications Inc. President Stuart Richner and the evening's emcee, Antoinette Biordi of News 12.

**KERRI ANNE SCANLON** received the award for Excellence in Healthcare with Richner and Biordi.

**MICHELE DEAN ACCEPTED** the award for Trailblazer of the Year with Richner and Biordi.

# Business Women of Long Island honored

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ly supposed to have this celebration in March of 2020, and I'm so glad we were finally able to meet in person to honor these fabulous and powerful women."

The awards were announced by News 12 anchor and Emmy winner Antoinette Biordi. Awards were given in categories such as health care, real estate, education, government, legal, finance and more. Suffolk Federal Credit Union CEO Michele Dean, who won Trailblazer of the Year, said, "To be in the class of all these accomplished women...it's such an honor. In the banking industry, there are not many female CEOs, especially on Long Island." Dean, who started her job during the pandemic, said, "It's been such a rewarding experience."

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**GUESTS ENJOYED COCKTAILS** and conversation.

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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## Friday, July 23

### Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" (1988) at the library. It's 1947 Hollywood and Eddie Valiant, a down-on-his-luck detective, is hired to find proof that Marvin Acme, the owner of Toontown, is playing hanky-panky with Jessica Rabbit, wife of Roger Rabbit. When Acme is found murdered, all fingers point to Roger, who begs the Toon-hating Valiant to find the real evildoer.

### Live Music: Trilogy & Friends

Every Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. through the end of August, residents can head to Sea Cliff Beach to enjoy live music by the water.

### Dancing in the Street

Free evenings of dancing under the stars with music and live demonstrations by professional DJ's, on Fridays from 7 to 9 p.m. in front of 74 Audrey Ave, Oyster Bay.

### Downtown Sounds: The Doobie Others

Every Friday for the rest of the summer, the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District will host a free concert series in Village Square at the intersections of Glen, School and Bridge streets. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. spectators can head to the square with their lawn chairs and enjoy live music every Friday until Aug. 27. For the full series lineup and live-stream of the event, head to [glencovetown.org](http://glencovetown.org).

## Saturday, July 24

### Deep Roots Farmers Market

100 Garvies Point Road, Glen Cove, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The weekly farmers market offers a selection of locally grown vegetables and eggs, fresh baked bread, honey, seafood and more.

### Music Under the Stars: Disco Unlimited

The hottest disco show & dance band on the East Coast. Beginning at 8 p.m. residents can head to TOBAY Beach to enjoy live music every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the month of July.



Courtesy Planting Fields

## Forest Therapy Walk

On Sunday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to noon, experience the benefits of summer outdoors at Planting Fields. Certified guide, Linda Lombardo, will lead a 2-hour walk throughout the Olmsted Brothers-designed landscape of Planting Fields that will promote mindfulness and connectivity with your surroundings. Forest Therapy is a research-based framework for supporting healing and wellness through immersion in forests and other natural environments. It's not about distance or endurance, but is about slowing down and noticing. Members \$36, general admission \$40. Register at [plantingfields.org](http://plantingfields.org).

## Monday, July 26

### Write a Winning Resume

Learn how to best use a cover letter to elaborate on your experience, skills, and achievements highlighted on your winning resume. Attendees will also learn how to format references, select a writing sample, and a few persuasive techniques for the thank you letter. Presented by New York City workforce development professional Nakita Vanstory. Part of a Job Readiness Webinar Series brought to you through a partnership with five local libraries. Register at <http://bit.ly/LibraryJobSeries>.

## Tuesday, July 27

### Music Under the Stars: Mike DelGuidice & Big Shot

Celebrating the music of Billy Joel & more. Beginning at 8 p.m. residents can head to TOBAY Beach to enjoy live music every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the month of July.

### Exploring Long Island's Underwater World

Follow Chris Paparo, aka the "Fish Guy," on an underwater tour of Long Island. Enjoy amazing photographs and videos of local fish, crustaceans, mollusks, and other assorted invertebrates while learning interesting facts about those creatures that you might encounter on a fishing trip or a stroll down the beach. A

perfect event for anyone of any age who has an appreciation for the water. Please register at [bayvillefreelibrary.org](http://bayvillefreelibrary.org) for the Zoom link. Free.

### Oyster Bay Cruise Night

Every Tuesday evening during the summer, the streets of Oyster Bay are filled with classic cars and spectators for Oyster Bay Cruise Night. Restaurants, shops, snacks and beverages, ice cream and shopping surround the collection of fun and interesting cars. Additionally, live music fills the streets with a band at every Cruise night. Also, weekly raffles and giveaways for children. Each show starts at 5:45 p.m. and runs until dark.

## Wednesday, July 28

### Movie: The Goonies

Beginning at dusk, residents can head to Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park & Beach, Oyster Bay to enjoy a movie night sponsored by the Town of Oyster Bay every Wednesday in July.

### Blood Drive

At Polish National Home, 10 Hendrick Ave., Glen Cove, from 1 to 7 p.m. Go to [donate.nybc.org](http://donate.nybc.org) to make an appointment.

## Thursday, July 29

### Sunset Serenade: Chicken Head

Every Thursday for the rest of the summer, the Sea Cliff Civic Association will host a free concert series in Clifton Park. Beginning at 6 p.m. spectators can head to the park and enjoy live music every Thursday until Sept. 2.

### Music Under the Stars: ZBTB

Zac Brown Tribute Band. Beginning at 8 p.m. residents can head to TOBAY Beach to enjoy live music every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday during the month of July.

## 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](mailto:jnossa@liherald.com)

## 5 things to know about your town

- Fitness in Village Square takes place every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Glen Cove.
- The Oyster Bay Town Board will meet on Aug. 17, at 10 a.m.
- Glen Cove Downtown Sounds free concert series continues every Friday at 7:30 p.m.
- The Music Under the Stars concert series at TOBAY beach will continue through Aug. 4.
- The Village of Sea Cliff Board of Trustees will meet on Aug. 2 at 6 p.m.



# MEET LONG ISLAND'S TEAM FOR BRAIN & SPINE CARE

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Brain Tumors



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Spine Surgery



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# Feast of St. Rocco returns

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able diseases. The church community began hosting a feast that included a procession through the streets of the neighborhood with a statue of Saint Rocco, a tradition that is still honored today.

Classic Italian dishes such as eggplant parmesan, meatballs and rollatini will be available inside the church's parish hall — or as feast-goers call it, the Pasta Pavilion. A variety of homemade dishes by Chef Arturo and 30-plus volunteer “nonnas” from the community will also be served. There will be a pasta takeout booth outside, for those who prefer their meals on the go.

As Covid-19 remains a concern in the community, safety precautions will be in effect. “We’ve set up sanitizing stations, met with [the] Glen Cove Police Department as well as our own private security firm,” Spinello said.

The feast will look a bit different from past years. “St. Rocco Place and Third Street will be more open,” Angie Colangelo, the event chairwoman, explained. “Food and craft vendors will be in slightly different places to increase room for outdoor dining.”

Adrenaline junkies will be stoked for the 13 rides provided by Newton Shows, of East Northport, including the longtime favorite Super Shot. “It’s a 90-foot-drop tower that takes you up high, that hasn’t been there for a number of years so the people will love it,” said Mike Newton,

## Feast dates and times

July 28: 6 to 10 p.m.

July 29: 6 to 10 p.m.

July 30: 6 to 11 p.m.

July 31: 3 to 11 p.m.

Aug. 1: 3 to 9 p.m.

Parking is available at St. Patrick and St. Hyacinth churches.

president of Newton Shows.

The feast is an annual highlight not only for Glen Covers, but for many across the North Shore. “It’s a community event, not only for the church, but it really does bring the community together,” said Colangelo. Many look forward in attending not only for the attractions, but to renew friendships. “You always wind up seeing people who you haven’t seen in a while,” Spinello added, “which means people always show up at the feast.”

“It really has been a Glen Cove tradition,” resident Ivan Arevalo said. “I always look forward to the end of summer just for this.”

“We’re really excited for everyone to come out and enjoy the Church of Saint Rocco Feast 2.0,” the Rev. Daniel Nash, the church’s pastor, said. “The best feast in the East is back.”

## OLGER RAMOS-VILDOSO OYSTER BAY

Camp Counselor Boys and Girls Club of Oyster Bay-East Norwich



Last year when Covid hit it was challenging here. I had to keep the kids 6 feet apart and maintain all the Covid requirements. Kids don’t like to wear masks because it is hard to breath. I reasoned with them, telling them there is this virus going around that you don’t want to get or mess around with. They understood. They were 7 to 8 years old.

The parents wanted them to wear masks too. Some parents even brought hand sanitizer to the camp, which we already had.

Last year we played old fashioned games like Simon Says, anything that did not have touching. We have a playground here. We would have a small group of kids play on it and then sanitized it afterwards before the next group played. I never found all the sanitizing and precautions inconvenient. I

wanted the kids to have fun.

My brother got Covid first and three of my family members ended up getting it including me. I didn’t go to work. I was dizzy and had an inability to eat but I didn’t lose my sense of taste or smell like other people. No one in my family that got it had to be hospitalized.

I told the kids when I returned that I had had the virus. I told them that anyone could get it. We needed to be safe so we needed to follow the protocols.

This year at the camp it is more lenient since there is the vaccine. I still try to keep the kids 6 feet apart and urge them to wear masks for their safety, which is optional. If a kid doesn’t wear a mask they stay 6 feet away and don’t stand in front of someone when talking to them.

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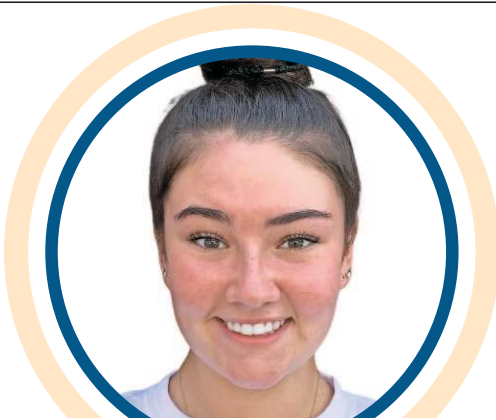


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**ANGELA MCCARTHY**

**GLEN COVE**

Pee Wee Program  
Coordinator  
Glen Cove City Camp



The camp is different this year because we only have about 100 kids, when we usually have around 500. We're also at Landing School, which is smaller, so we see each other more often than usual. We can't go on as many trips as usual; we usually go on one or two a week. Instead a lot of places are coming to us. It is sad because a lot of the kids are returning campers and they know what it's like, but we're still able to go on one of our big trips, Adventureland, so I think a lot of kids are excited for that.

We're trying to do as much as we can at the school campsite. I think that because it's a smaller amount of people, it's almost more fun because you do see everybody every once in awhile. We still tried to keep the traditions going, like tie-dye day.

I think that kids are definitely happy to be coming back because it's a place where they can hang out with their friends that's not in a school setting, they can just play around and have fun. Especially after this crazy hectic year,

I think that kids are so happy to interact with each other, and I think the counselors are, too. I know I missed camp, and other counselors did as well. It's fun because you have a lot of the same kids every year and not getting to see them for a year is weird and you miss them.

I think it's good that we're back and a lot of kids are having a great time just being able to interact with each other again. They get to hang out and just be kids again.

**HERALD HOMETOWN HERO**

**CINDY TOBIN**

**GLEN COVE**

Supervisor  
LVCS D Summer  
Recreation Program  
Locust Valley



Last year if Covid hadn't hit it would have been my 50-year anniversary with the district. I'm a retired Locust Valley School District physical education teacher.

I started working with the district's rec program the summer after I graduated from Locust Valley High School. I really enjoyed it and it set me on my path to my career, which I've loved almost every minute of.

Last year we didn't have camp right after school got out like we usually do. When we did have it there were so many restrictions because of Covid. The kids couldn't play on the equipment and we couldn't take trips, which we can't do now either. So, this year we brought things in, like a woman who will do yoga with the kids.

I'm helping with all of the Covid paperwork. Covid forms need to be filled out and parents can't come

into the building. If kids come by bus they have to be masked but once they are in the building it is up to their parents if they wear a mask.

I do love being with the kids. Their stories are so funny and they are eager to learn. It's fun working with them.

Our campers are usually younger, like from kindergarten to second grade. This year it's different. Mostly older kids are here. I'm not sure why but I know they usually go to sport's camps and they aren't all running.

When Covid hit it was tough for me. I'm going to be 69 and have a blood condition. So, I was housebound. I feel safe now that I got my vaccine. But I still put on my mask in the grocery store and if I'm in close contact with kids I put it on too.

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# HERALD NEIGHBORS



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AFTER A RAINY morning, people were ready to get out and enjoy the concert on July 9.

## Downtown Sounds concerts draw big crowds

Live music is back on the streets of downtown Glen Cove this summer, and people are eager to get out and enjoy it. Downtown Sounds Friday night concert series, presented by the Glen Cove Downtown Business Improvement District, returned to its live format this month, with concert performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. every Friday

night in Village Square. The John Fogerty Tribute Project drew a large crowd on July 9 and got people up and moving. Upcoming shows include the Doobie Others on July 23, Lords of 52nd Street on July 30, The Therapi Band on Aug. 6, La Sonora 495 on Aug. 13, Head Over Heels on Aug. 20, and The Nikki Torres Experience on Aug. 27.

**PATRICK AND SUE** Ansbro, right, danced to The John Fogerty Tribute Project on July 9.

**THE MUSIC GOT** Audience members out of their chairs, far right, as they danced to "Have You Ever Seen The Rain?"

**THE JOHN FOGERTY** Tribute Project rocked the Downtown Sounds stage on July 9.



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## OBITUARIES

### Michael V. Ruotolo

Michael V. Ruotolo, of Port Jefferson, formerly of Locust Valley, died on July 12, 2021, at age 77. Beloved husband of Kathleen. Loving father of Jane Murray and Michael. Dear brother of Jerry, Della, the late Joan, Ernest and Fred. Cherished grandfather of Patrick, Kate, Christopher, Samantha and Lia. Michael was a devoted retired Lieutenant of the NYPD. He also proudly served as a specialist in the US Army as a Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14) and recipient of the Good Conduct Medal. Arrangements entrusted to Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Mass held at St. Gerard Majella RC Church in Port Jefferson. Interment Calverton National Cemetery. Donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation: 2361 Hyman Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10306.

### Richard M. Watford

Richard M. Watford of Glen Cove, also known as Ricky, by family and friends, departed this earthly life at 5:25 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Long Island Jewish Hospital in New Hyde Park. Richard was born on May 24, 1931, in Brooklyn. He was the son of the late Frank and Mattie Williams Watford. At an early age, Richard accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior. Richard praised over his Bible, often shared Bible verses and discussions.

In 1951, Richard enlisted in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany; Richard's military service included a tour of duty during the Korean War. He received an overseas medal and an Honorable Discharge in 1953.

On Nov. 28, 1955, he was united in holy matrimony to the late Barbara G. Tyler Watford. This union was blessed with three children known as The 3 Rs: Ricardo V. Watford (wife Maggie) of San Antonio, Texas; Ronald E. Watford of

Queens Village; and RaMonna A. Watford Darden (husband Jerry) of Hayes, Virginia. Richard also has three grandchildren: Jovon of San Antonio, Texas; Tamikah (husband Michael) of San Antonio, Texas; and Xzavier of Newport News, Virginia.

Richard leaves a cherished memory of two sisters, Marian Linwood of Cape Cod and Shirley Johnson, and brother Ernest Watford, of Florida.

Richard worked at the United Nations Building in New York City for 25 years, as a supervisor in the International Postal Office Department. Richard's life and legacy will forever live on in the hearts and memories of his nieces, nephews, relatives, friends and all the many lives that he touched. As Richard loved to talk a lot, on July 8, 2021, at 90 years old, his voice became silent as he passed away.

Visitation and funeral held at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. Interment Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale.

### Victor D. Pagan

Victor D. Pagan, of Glen Cove, died on July 5, 2021. Beloved husband of Maryann. Devoted father of Miriam, Ginnie, Hector, David, the late Bopo, Robby and Victor. Also survived by his loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral arrangements, McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home.

### William Thomas Scheiner

William Thomas Scheiner of Glen Cove died on July 16, 2021. He lived his 94 years full of love and resilience; and he passed holding the same gravitas. He loved most his wife of 68 years, Ruth Fitzpatrick Scheiner of Glen Cove. In his lifetime, he was father to seven,

grandfather to 15, and great-grandfather to five. He is now a guardian angel to all. Visitation McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home. Mass at the Church of St. Patrick. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.



DIANA LOUISE SPIRT

### Diana Louise Spirt

Diana Louise Spirt, of Bayville, died on July 6, 2021, at age 96. Beloved mother of Stephen Lembo, M.D. (deceased), Jarron Jewell (the late Conrad Schoefling) and Deirdre Brown (the late James Brown). Loving grandmother of Jaeme and Jesse Jewell. Sister of Ronald McDonough. Professor of Graduate Library Science at LIU/Post from 1963-

1985. Author of 12 published education books, scholar-in residence at universities in Nova Scotia and Washington. Diana was a member of the Caldecott Committee for the 1986 book "Hey All!" She was the originator/curator of the American Juvenile Collection housed in the Rare Book Room at LIU Post. In the 1970s, Diana initiated a lawsuit against TIAA to correct an inequity in the equal employment provision in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 impacting pension distributions. She won the lawsuit after a 10-year pursuit. TIAA changed its actuarial tables and pension payouts were made equal for women and men working in private colleges and universities throughout the United States. Diana was a visionary who led a rich life that touched people in her local community and around the world. High minded and highly principled, she was lovingly dedicated to her family. Arrangements entrusted to the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove. Funeral services held at the Reformed Church of Locust Valley.

Please send donations to the Kerlan Collection, Children's Research Collections, University of Minnesota, 113 Andersen Library, 222 21st Ave South Minneapolis, MN 55455 612-624-4576 Please mail any condolences to: The Spirt Family, 19-17 Wayaawi Avenue, Bayville, NY 11709



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**LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON** and Glen Cove Mayor Tim Tenke are joined by an employee of the Meritage Wine Bar in Glen Cove on Wednesday, July 7.

## Assistance available for small businesses

Nassau County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton is going door-to-door to spread the word about the opportunities that are available through the Boost Nassau Resource Center.

On Wednesday, July 7, DeRiggi-Whitton, who serves as the Minority Caucus representative on Nassau County Executive Laura Curran's Covid-19 Economic Advisory Council, toured downtown Glen Cove with Mayor Tim Tenke and Glen Cove Business Improvement District Executive Director Patricia Holman to speak with business owners.

During their visits to stores, they urged small business owners to secure

their fair share of assistance by availing themselves of the Boost Nassau Recovery Center, which compiles federal, state, county and town-level Covid-19 recovery assistance resources into a centralized website and brick-and-mortar resource center in Eisenhower Park. DeRiggi-Whitton will be continuing these visits to business districts throughout the 11th Legislative District in the weeks ahead.

For more information about the Boost Nassau Resource center, visit [www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/boostnassau) or call DeRiggi-Whitton at 516-571-6211.

## HERALD 16LE1 0722 PUBLIC NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER: Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency for the period beginning on January 1, 2017 and ending on September 30, 2019 have been examined by the Office of the State Comptroller and that the report of examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to Section Thirty-Five of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency

may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the report of examination prepared by the Office of the State Comptroller and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than October 14, 2021.

By: Camille Byrne, Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency Board Secretary 126850

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLEN COVE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the City Council on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at

the City of Glen Cove City Hall located at 9 Glen Street, Glen Cove, New York. The hearing will be on (1) a proposed amendment to Section 109-15 amending the penalty for any grossly negligent operation of boats; (2) a proposed amendment to create Chapter 141 of the City Code of Ordinances for the City of Glen Cove to be entitled "Filming and Movies" requiring permits and providing penalties and enforcement; (3) a proposed amendment to Section 256-18 amending the maximum taxicab fare rate within the City of Glen Cove from \$5.00 to \$9.00; (4) a proposed amendment to Section 265-49 creating 30 minute parking from the

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## OPINIONS

# Climate change is here – and it's uglier than we thought

The New York Times published a number of articles on July 10 on the impact of climate change on our lives today. Collectively, they are frightening, though none made the front page.

I'm writing a book on "Teaching Climate History" (Routledge), and every time I see



**ALAN SINGER**

articles like these, I'm compelled to update the book as new information emerges.

The July 11 Times had even worse news, this time on the front page. The structural stability of Chicago, the country's third-largest city, is threatened by new erratic water levels, record highs and

lows, on Lake Michigan, caused by climate change, which has altered rainfall patterns in the region. Beaches have disappeared, and the foundations of buildings could flood, causing catastrophic events like the deadly building collapse in Surfside, Fla.

Together, the articles show that climate change is a national crisis, not one confined to any region. The target audience for my book is teachers, but I hope it will also be used in high school and college electives and generate support for climate activism.

Here are some headlines and brief excerpts of articles on the impact of climate change in the U.S. from July 9 to 11.

■ "Flood in New York's Subway Points to Problems of Future," July 9: "When fast-moving storms flooded parts of New York City's vast subway system on Thursday, they stranded some rush-hour commuters and underscored just how vulnerable the city's underground transportation lifeline is to water. Even before the latest deluge, the century-old subway had a longstanding water problem that required work crews to be routinely dispatched to plug leaks."

"Bored through layers of rock, the subway system snakes through stopped-up natural springs and is surrounded by the groundwater that runs beneath the city. In fact, about 14 million gallons of water are pumped out of the system on a dry day. But now, the subway's water woes are likely to get worse as more extreme rains become increasingly common with the changing climate."

■ "Heat Warnings and Worries About Workers as the West Swelters Again," July 10: "Western states braced for another extreme spike in temperatures this weekend after a recent heat wave in Oregon and Washington State killed nearly 200 people

and endangered laborers in fields and warehouses. Excessive heat warnings were in effect across inland California and the Southwest through the weekend, and the National Weather Service predicted that temperatures would approach an all-time

high by Saturday in Las Vegas. A high of at least 130 degrees — which would be one of the highest temperatures reliably recorded on earth — was forecast for Death Valley."

■ "It's Not Just the Days. Nights Are Sultrier, and Deadlier," July 10: "Last month was the hottest June on record in North America, with more than 1,200 daily temperature records broken in the final week alone. But overlooked in much of the coverage were an even greater number of daily records set by a different — and potentially more dangerous — measure of extreme heat: overnight temperatures. On average, nights are warming faster than days across most of the United States, according to the 2018 National Climate Assessment Report. It's part of a global trend that's being fueled by climate change."

■ "Water Gives Little Shelter as Tide Pools Turn to Stew," July 10: "Dead mussels and clams coated rocks in the Pacific Northwest, their shells gaping open as if they'd been boiled. Sea stars were baked to death."

Sockeye salmon swam sluggishly in an overheated Washington river, prompting wildlife officials to truck them to cooler areas. The combination of extraordinary heat and drought that hit the Western United States and Canada over the past two weeks has killed hundreds of millions of marine animals and continues to threaten untold species in freshwater, according to a preliminary estimate and interviews with scientists."

■ "A Battle Between a Great City and a Great Lake," July 11: "Chicago is built on a shaky prospect — the idea that the swamp that was drained will stay tamed and that Lake Michigan's shoreline will remain in essentially the same place it's been for the past 300 years. The lake may have other plans. Climate change has started pushing Lake Michigan's water levels toward uncharted territory as patterns of rain, snowfall and evaporation are transformed by the warming world. The lake's high-water cycles are threatening to get higher; the lows lower. Already, the swings between the two show signs of happening faster than any time in recorded history."

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## Humble pie is back on the White House menu

We're in the midst of a global reset in the wake of a pandemic that has humbled us all, reminding us how quickly a microscopic virus can send us hurtling off the rails. We feel it. We know this new humility.

I've been thinking about the appeal of public humility when it is demonstrated by leaders and how rare a quality it is.



**RANDI KREISS**

Recently, we endured four years of the least humble president imaginable. Never have so many arrogant and narcissistic personalities gathered under one tent. We experienced a

scorching drought of humility as the White House became ground zero for galloping egocentricity and cultish hero worship.

Now humble pie is back on the White House menu, with Jill and Joe Biden in residence. Every politician has some ego; even Abraham Lincoln, born in a one-room log cabin, somehow developed the self-confidence, ambition and political moxie to maneuver himself into the White House as our 16th president. I mention Abe because he is thought to be our most humble presi-

dent.

President Biden seems humble enough. Observers say that the early, devastating personal losses of his wife and daughter curbed the usual hubris that comes with a political life. The death of his son Beau further tested his mettle.

Biden is a PB&J, Amtrak-riding, ice cream-loving kind of guy. He's relatable, a welcome attribute in a fractured culture.

Humility in public life is rare. Ours is a culture that celebrates the wolves of Wall Street and sports and entertainment predators who claw their way to the top and then shout their success from the high ground. "Me, me, me! Look at me!" Winning at all costs — at any cost — still gets points.

Humility, defined as a sense of modesty and self-effacement, is a necessary but disappearing value. Mahatma Gandhi said, "Carefully watch your thoughts, for they become your words. Manage and watch your words, for they will become your actions. Consider and judge your actions, for they have become your habits. Acknowledge and watch your habits, for they shall become your values. Understand and embrace your values, for they become your destiny."

It's a long and winding road from Gan-

dhi to Trump and his bragging, lying and chest thumping, from the \$51,000 jacket Melania wore to Rome, from Ivanka taking a seat at the G20 table, to Trump throwing around presidential power like a Frisbee. The hot shots at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

evinced no trace of humility or self-awareness or compassion. The deception of downplaying the coronavirus pandemic while lining up for their own vaccinations was galling, part of a pervasive sense of entitlement.

Jack Zenger, a contributor to Forbes magazine, wrote a piece about the difference between humble and egocentric leaders. He summarized research he had published in the Harvard Business Review. He said of the study, "Surprisingly, the most effective leaders consistently under-rated themselves. The more they underestimated their abilities, the more effective they were perceived to be as leaders. We assume this is caused by a combination of humility, high personal standards and a continual striving to be better."

According to the American Psychological Association, humility creates a sense of "we-ness" in relationships. Being humble means being able to form cooperative alliances — a crucial component in strengthening connections, according to a Huffing-

ton Post story. "Of any communal endeavor, whether it's a business, a family or an athletic team, humility can make those relationships better," the article states.

The Dalai Lama said of humility, "Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. . . . the spiritual qualities of love and compassion, patience, tolerance, forgiveness, humility and so on are indispensable."

Weighing in on the id, or anti-humility force in human nature, Sigmund Freud described it as the personality component made up of unconscious psychic energy that works to satisfy basic urges, needs and desires. The id operates based on the pleasure principle, which demands immediate gratification of needs. Hello, Former President. What could be more id-ish than compulsively tweeting your uncensored thoughts out to the world?

Humility is knowing you don't have it all together. It is raising up others, taking responsibility for your actions and feeling gratitude for success. Observe the president as he fights for the underserved and the overburdened. Observe the Bidens as they meet and comfort the sick, the bereaved and the broken people in America. I see two grown-ups who bring humility to their work and their life.

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# HERALD EDITORIALS

## Bus stop-arm cameras will save lives

**S**chool buses are unlike other vehicles. With bigger blind spots and an inability to stop quickly, their chances of getting into an accident are greater. It's recommended that vehicles stop 20 feet away from a stopped school bus, but many do not. And some drivers are too impatient to wait for a bus to lower its stop arm, and they just hurry around the bus.

According to the New York State Education Department, children ages 4 to 8 are most susceptible to school bus fatalities because of their smaller stature, which makes them more difficult for bus drivers and motorists to see when they are crossing streets.

The Nassau County Police Department

reported issuing 96 tickets in 2019 to vehicles that had passed stopped school buses that were picking up or dropping off students, a 21 percent increase over 2018. According to SED, vehicles pass stopped school buses about 50,000 times daily across the state.

Those are sobering statistics.

The Nassau County Legislature voted unanimously July 12 to launch a school bus stop-arm camera enforcement program, and County Executive Laura Curran signed it into law shortly after.

The law has not taken effect, however. Curran's office is reviewing the contract for the company that will install the cameras. Then the county's 56 independent school districts, which run roughly 3,300

buses per school day, will be contacted whether they want to take part. We urge them to do so, particularly given that the county will pay for installation of the cameras. We hope stop-arm cameras will be installed on buses by the start of the school year.

The new law is reasonable. It includes a 60-day, no-penalty warning period to educate motorists.

After that, fines will be \$250 for a first violation and \$275 and \$300, respectively, for second and third violations committed within 18 months of the first bus-camera offense.

We trust the law will increase safety for our children.

## What are you waiting for? Get vaccinated.

**A**n alarm bell sounded last weekend: The number of New Yorkers recently diagnosed with Covid-19 surged past 1,000 on Saturday for the first time since May. That was a warning sign that people should heed.

Coronavirus case counts are on the rise again, and it's up to all of us, collectively, to control the spread of this potentially deadly virus. Foremost, that means getting vaccinated. As of last weekend, just over 80 percent of Nassau County residents had received at least one dose of a vaccine. That's high by most all standards. It's not high enough, however.

That still leaves 20 percent of the county population — more than 271,000 people —

who are yet to be vaccinated. That's a lot of people among whom the delta variant of the coronavirus can spread, and we know it's moving rapidly among the unvaccinated.

With easy availability of the vaccine, and its efficacy and safety widely proven, we have to ask: If you're not vaccinated, what in the world are you waiting for? Why not receive this free inoculation? It could be a matter of life and death for you. At the same time, it's about restoring normalcy and fully reopening our economy.

Since Gov. Andrew Cuomo lifted most Covid-19 restrictions — including mask-wearing — on June 23, it would be easy to assume the pandemic is over. It's not. The

coronavirus still clearly lurks among us, as demonstrated by the steadily increasing infection rate.

In terms of the case count, we're now about where we were last summer. With the infection rate hovering just above 1 percent, it's true that the chance of getting infected is low at the moment. We must keep in mind, however, what happened after last summer's lull in infections. The virus returned in late fall and winter with a vengeance. We could very well see the same scenario play out this year among the unvaccinated.

So, we'll say it again: If you haven't gotten a shot, do it now. Don't dither. Don't procrastinate. Just do it.

## LETTERS

### Enough is enough: No to Livingston PILOT

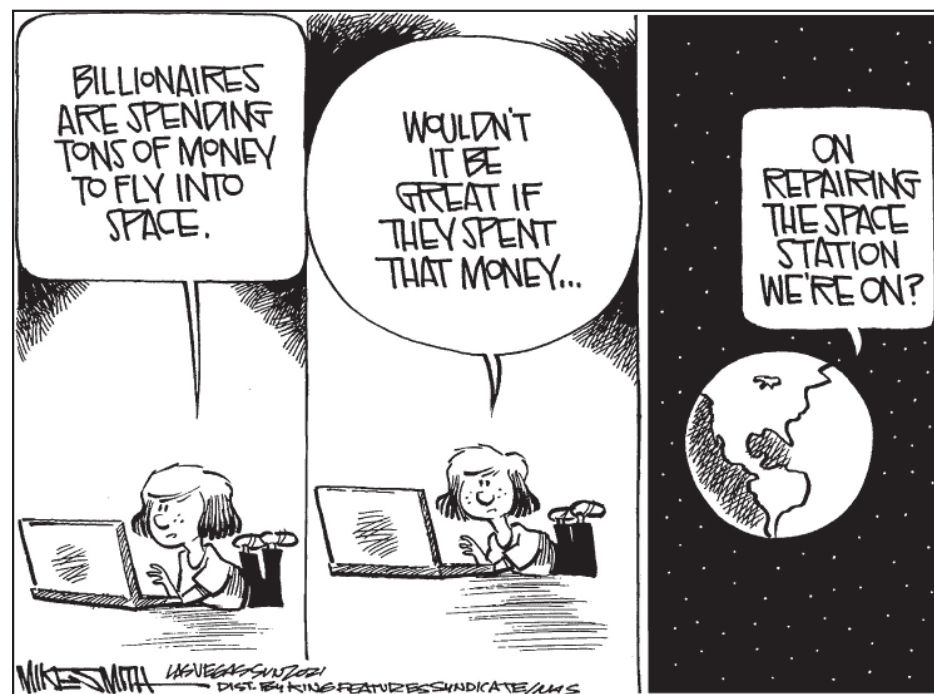
To the Editor:

There has been much discussion of the payment in lieu of taxes, or PILOT, being proposed to the Glen Cove IDA on behalf of the Livingston/Villas Project. Based on my notes, here is a synopsis of my address to the IDA Board at last week's public hearing.

As most know, when the Livingston Project proposal was presented to the City Council in March 2020, I voted against sending it to the Planning Board. At the time, the proposal included, among other things, an increase in density from 176 units to 216 units. With so much other development already in the mix, I strongly opposed the additional units.

Last week, I appreciated the presentation from Daniel Deegan, the attorney for the project. Thanks to pushback from some elected officials, and at the urging of residents, it has been restored to 176 units. This is a step in the right direction.

Also as noted, Livingston has committed to using local



## OPINIONS

## Racial disparities persist in L.I.'s birth dearth

After my June 17-23 column, “The census is a wealth of enlightening information,” was published, I got to talking with my friend Carly Hurdle about how fertility rates are affected by race, according to census data reported by the Long Island Association. Even before the pandemic, Black and Hispanic families were having fewer babies than white families.

Carly was a student at Adelphi University while I was president. She said that a number of her married Black friends have little desire to bring children into this world because of the mental, physical and emotional abuse to which they would be subjected. At the same time, the maternal mortality rate is significantly higher for Blacks than it is for whites. And Black babies are more than three times more likely to die in a neonatal intensive care unit. Consequently, life expectancy is significantly lower than it is for whites.

With this as background, we decided to explore the issues further. Racial health disparities were laid bare by the coronavirus pandemic. On Long Island, three Black people died of Covid-19 for every white person, even though Blacks make up only 11 percent of the population. One cause: 49 percent of Black and Hispanic

workers are essential workers in front-line service-industry jobs, compared with just 16 percent of non-Hispanic whites.

These front-line jobs were among the first to be cut last year. Overall, Black and Hispanic unemployment is double that of whites, a gap that has persisted since data by race were first reported in 1972. When you look closely at economic insecurity, including student debt, graduating in a recession and the inability to afford a home, parenthood is viewed as an expense to be deferred.

The consequences of a resulting population decline are manifold for our country and region. With a decline, the higher ratio of retirees to new graduates means that funding for pensions and health care will likely mean less support for education. With a decline, and without a smart immigration policy, we need to be concerned about who will start new businesses and who will staff existing ones. Who will run for school boards, town councils and other civic offices? Who will become the scientists and engineers so essential for our region's economic well-being? Who will create the art and music that will inspire us? Who will study the past to expose its lessons?

A New York Times survey states, “This generation is as likely as not to earn less

than their parents. Among people who did not plan to have children, 23 percent said it was because they were worried about the economy. A third said they couldn't afford child care, 24 percent said they couldn't afford a house and 13 percent cited student debt.” Among communities of color, such apprehensions are exacerbated because of job and housing discrimination, and a fear of poverty.

According to the Syosset-based Erase Racism, as well as surveys elsewhere, housing discrimination and racial segregation not only affect employment prospects, housing, wealth accumulation and intergenerational wealth transfer, but also employment prospects and schooling for children. One result is that majority Black and Hispanic schools have 37 percent fewer Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses than in 70 to 90 percent white schools. Additionally, the remote learning offered by schools during the pandemic put a spotlight on unequal access to Wi-Fi, bandwidth and computing equipment.

Erase Racism also reports that “when students are blocked from more challenging classes and other educational resources, they face added challenges in pursuing higher education relative to their peers

who attended schools with better funding.” These factors also affect parenting decisions, because people know that their children, especially sons, will be faced with racism and stress, both of which can result in academic, behavioral and health problems.

As if these stresses weren't enough, Black mothers wonder if their children will have clean water to bathe in and drink in 20 years. They are concerned about air quality and food safety as well as the political climate that seems to grow increasingly contentious.

The truth is that racism is a public health issue. Babies have rights, and we need them for our nation's economic and cultural security. Other countries support child care programs to help reverse declining fertility rates. We can

address the birth dearth by advancing opportunities for employment, housing, health care and child care for all, and by confronting and defeating persistent and institutional racism. It just makes sense. Yes, Black lives matter. If we don't succeed in making progress in creating a more equitable society, we will all suffer.

*Robert Scott is president emeritus of Adelphi University. Carly Hurdle is CEO of Blaq Gurl Moves.*



**ROBERT A. SCOTT**



**CARLY HURDLE**

## LETTERS

union labor and prevailing wages. This is absolutely a step in the right direction.

With these things being the case, and given that Livingston has gone through the proper channels in securing the right to build the project — and given that I'm tired of our gateway to the city being a hole in the ground — I'm hopeful that the project, as outlined, will move forward.

I have two concerns, however. First, to date, Livingston has not been a good neighbor. While they were quick to highlight the narrative of ridding our city of blight — and I'm not suggesting that substandard apartments and poorly maintained living conditions were something to be proud of as a city — that narrative was insulting to the people who had businesses on the property and to those who called the apartments home.

Also, Livingston has failed to maintain the property since demolishing the homes and buildings on the property. The weeds are higher than the fence!

If the project moves forward, the culture of neglect has to change. My hope is that the developer will make better choices, but if the past is any indication, it will take strong enforcement of policies and laws as the project takes shape.

My second concern is that while I support the project moving forward, I absolutely do not support it moving forward on the backs of our taxpayers. It is irresponsible to further endanger the fiscal health of the city by granting unwarranted tax breaks to this developer. Again, just as I said last year, enough is enough. I strongly urge you not to support the proposed PILOT.

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS  
Glen Cove City Councilman

## 'Powerful' Herald reporting

To the Editor:

Last week's issue of my local Herald was a powerful one. Thanks to Scott Brinton for his thoughtful column on antiracism, “A writer enlightens us on antiracism.” Brinton's experience growing up as a child of parents who made a conscious attempt to raise their children in a way that allowed them to see the world outside their “tiny country hamlet of Yaphank, a nearly all-white community,” was unique, and afforded him a window into a world that many people do not have.

Reporter Jordan Vallone, in her article about the Merrick Board of Education's July reorganization meeting, wrote that some parents oppose teaching diversity, equity and inclusion in the schools, because, they said, they “believed the district did not have a right to teach students about understanding differences” because “they believed that these lessons should be taught at home.” Parents who are teaching these lessons at home would likely welcome these lessons at school as well.

Nicole Jean Christian's guest column, “Affordable homeownership for all must be a priority,” rounded out the issue with a brief history of “strategic segregation across Long Island.” It's almost impossible not to see the need for diversity, equity and inclusion in the schools. Our children deserve to grow up in a more just world.

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**Private Backyard Retreat, Fully Renovated**  
25 Hillside Avenue, Glen Head, NY  
MLS# 3320072. \$929,000.  
Amy Tempesta, c.617.669.8826



**Park-Like Setting**  
21 Norfolk Lane, Glen Cove, NY  
MLS# 3312264. \$1,090,000.  
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**Prestigious Colonial on Shy 3/4 Acre**  
8 Circle Way, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3324905. \$1,925,000.  
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**Sea Cliff Starter Home**  
114 Altamont Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3323032. LP \$775,000.  
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**Quiet Cul-de-sac Perfection**  
4 Glenlawn Court, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3320749. LP \$1,479,000.  
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**Under Contract in 21 Days**  
348 Carpenter Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3322550. LP \$1,159,000.  
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Jean-Marie Stalzer, c.516.509.7564



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**Location - Property - Quality**  
337 Carpenter Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3312631. LP \$1,099,000.  
Kathy Wallach, c.516.353.4318



**SALE PENDING**

**Successfully Marketed**  
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Vivian Parisi, c.516.236.0537



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**Lovely Cape in Desirable Location**  
75 Willow Street, Floral Park, NY  
MLS# 3320380. LP \$635,000.  
Diane Stigliano, c.917.821.5798



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**A Sea Cliff Winner**  
137 12th Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3307084. LP \$785,000.  
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Jean-Marie Stalzer, c.516.509.7564  
Vivian Parisi, c.516.236.0537



**SALE PENDING**

**Charming & Quiet Tudor**  
5 Harriet Court, Sea Cliff, NY  
MLS# 3306162. LP \$789,000.  
Jean-Marie Stalzer, c.516.509.7564  
Liz Luciano, c.516.641.4420



**SALE PENDING**

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