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Practicing with the pros

Glen Cove baseball players, from left, Dean Gallagher, Michael Zangari, Thanasi Averopoulos, Alexander Karousos and Patrick Banyon attended HDMH Foundation's baseball clinic at City Stadium on July 22. The organization was founded by Mets pitcher Marcus Stroman, who hosted the event along with other Mets players.

Spike in Covid cases worries school leaders

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According to data from The New York Times, as of July 25, the number of positive Covid-19 cases in Nassau County had increased by 187 percent over the previous two weeks, with an average of 133 new cases each day. Long Island's North Shore alone saw a 25 percent increase in cases over a seven-day period last week, causing concern among parents of children preparing to return to school in just a few weeks.

Over the past two months, there has been a clear upward trend in positive cases across the county. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Delta variant of the virus, which was first found in India and has been detected in more than 100 countries, has spread across the U.S. over the past month, and

now accounts for a majority of new cases.

Researchers have found evidence that the Delta variant spreads far more easily than earlier strains of the virus and causes more severe symptoms for those infected, prompting renewed pushes at all levels of government to get people vaccinated if they haven't been.

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SARAH FINKELSTEIN WATERS
Glen Cove parent

"To continue to defeat this pandemic, we need as many people as possible to roll up their sleeves, especially young people," Nassau County Executive Laura Curran stated in a news release. "As County Executive, one of my main priorities has been keeping our economy and our schools open. We have made great progress fighting this virus, but the vaccine is our pathway to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe and keep our county fully open."

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Villa developer requests PILOT

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As various housing developments break ground or mark completion across the city, one long-planned project remains in question: The Villas at Glen Cove, a 176-unit rental complex along Glen Cove Avenue. The development has been in the works for 17 years, and while demolition was completed in 2017, the buildings have yet to be constructed. The developer, Dan-

iel Livingston, has requested a payment in lieu of taxes agreement from the Glen Cove Industrial Development Agency to expedite the building process.

At a public hearing on July 14, residents had a chance to weigh in before the IDA makes a decision. Several resolutions focusing on the project were on the agenda for the meeting scheduled for Thursday, after the Herald went to press.

On July 14, in the main chambers of City Hall. Livingston,

accompanied by his attorney and property manager, made a case for granting a 12-year PILOT for the construction of six buildings ranging from two to four stories, a development that began in 2004 as a condominium project.

According to the attorney, Dan Deegan, the property is currently generating about \$161,000 a year in taxes. "This proposal is going to tremendously add to the revenue to the affecting tax juris-

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GOP DA candidate takes aim at Kaminsky

By **JAMES BERNSTEIN**
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Anne Donnelly, a career prosecutor who last week was named the Nassau Republican's nominee for county district attorney, wasted no time calling out what she sees as her opponent's chief vulnerability: State Sen. Todd Kaminsky, she says, is the author of the "get out of jail free laws."

Kaminsky, a Long Beach Democrat who has served in the State Senate since 2016, was a supporter two years ago of the controversial bail reform legislation, which allowed suspects in some type of crimes to be released from jail without bail. The bill was amended last year to give judges more discretion to assign bail for violent and other crimes. Now, more than 20 crimes are once again "bail eligible." Kaminsky backed the changes to the law, which was originally passed through the state budget.

Nonetheless, Donnelly, a 32-year career prosecutor who is currently deputy chief of the Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau, took aim at Kaminsky, only days after being nominated by the

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Ann Donnelly

ous criminals who pose a threat to society."

In an interview earlier this week, Donnelly said the bail reform bill — even amended — remains an issue. "The loss of a judge's discretion is major," she said. She said some people charged with serious crimes are still released without bail. "They put a Band-Aid on it," she said of the amended law.

Donnelly said she was running to "help strengthen" the D.A.'s office, where she has worked for more than three decades. She said, if elected, she would beef up the office's cyber-security unit and crackdown on gangs in the county.

Rich Orsillo, a Kaminsky campaign spokesman, said,

"Todd Kaminsky is a fearless prosecutor who has put violent criminals behind bars and led the convictions of corrupt politicians from both parties—and his record is second to none. As district attorney, he will continue to protect Long Islanders and be a tireless champion for Nassau County, delivering again and again for our families without being beholden to party bosses."



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THE VILLA AT Glen Cove is awaiting a building permit and financial assistance in order to break ground.

Housing development asks IDA for assistance

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diction if it's built," he said.

Over the past nearly two decades, Deegan said, it has become "apparent that condominiums will not work on this site" and that "banks will not finance" the project. "Other condominium projects in this city and elsewhere have had a difficult time, especially one of this scale," he said. Replacing them with rentals makes the project eligible for assistance from the IDA. The city planning board approved the change last November, and, Deegan said, the construction plans and drawings are currently awaiting approval by the Building Department for the issuance of a building permit.

"The only thing holding up this project at this point," he said, "is financial assistance from the IDA in the form of beneficial PILOT."

Deegan noted that Livingston would make a point to hire people from Glen Cove to work on the project, including union workers from Local Laborers 66, and also emphasized the need for this type of development in the city. "An important point of fact on this project is that 10 percent of the units are slated to be workforce or affordable housing," he said, "which is much needed in the city."

The \$55 million Villa project would comprise 82 one-bedroom units, 86 two-bedrooms and eight three-bedrooms. Construction is expected to take two years.

'I need your support'

Livingston said the timing is important. "We need to get into the ground in the very early fall," he said, "so we can get the basic concrete excavation and drainage systems put in before the wintertime, so that the structure then can proceed. It is very critical time-wise."

"And I just want to emphasize," he added, "getting the support, you're supporting the people of Glen Cove, because this project will be an economic engine

that will retain local businesses, hire local workers, support restaurants and storefronts and beautify this city. I need your support, this project needs it, the City of Glen Cove needs the support — they need it now. The project must move forward expeditiously."

Adam Marcus, the regional property manager of Greystar Property Management, said he oversees three Glen Cove properties: Village Square, Harbor Landing H and Harbor Landing I on the waterfront. The three combined have brought a total of 532 units to the market, he said, noting that they have mostly filled up in the past nine months: Village Square is 99 percent occupied, Harbor Landing H, 97 percent, and Harbor Landing I, 75 percent.

"In the last 12 months, we have moved in 363 new residents," Marcus said. "We have taken an additional 14 applications in the last seven business days, and once Building I is full, we're going to start hitting an issue in this market where the demand is going to outweigh the supply. And we really need this additional source of housing in order to keep bringing fresh life into the market to support great projects, such as bringing more growth to our downtown area."

Residents voiced a range of opinions, with many saying they didn't think it was fair to taxpayers to give the developer a tax break, while others said they were tired of seeing an unfinished development on a main road and would like to see it move forward.

Several people criticized the IDA, and questioned the idea of granting a PILOT to a residential development. John Maccarone said that when the IDA was conceived by New York state, the purpose was to build a tax base and to create jobs. He noted that Glen Cove's IDA was not yet in existence in 2004, and that it is the smallest on Long Island. "Our IDA has been a failure," Maccarone said. "Our projected

projects in 2018 were almost \$1.2 billion, and we created 295 jobs." He compared that with the Town of Babylon, with \$1.4 billion in projects and more than 6,800 jobs created — almost 8,000 of them retained, according to Maccarone.

"The IDA is supposed to be for residents of Glen Cove, and there's got to come a time where we have to consider just giving out these tax breaks to residential projects," Maccarone said. "Historically, in Glen Cove, the developers benefit and we don't benefit in Glen Cove."

"Instead of taking money from the rich and giving it to the poor, you're taking money from the poor and giving it to the rich," Rick Smith said. "It doesn't make any sense at all. All I care about is my tax money, your tax money and everybody else's tax money being taken by people for their own personal gain not for the benefit of the city of Glen Cove."

Roderick Watson suggested that the IDA adjust its 12-year timeline for the PILOT. "I already know this group is going to give that break," he said. "The question is, what kind of break are you going to give?"

Watson recommended that the board create "interventions" to ensure that Livingston "complies with the things he agreed upon" down the road. He also suggested a shorter initial timeline that could be re-evaluated to see if an exemption extension is warranted. "Let the next group of people that come in re-evaluate it, continually re-evaluate it, to see that things are moving accordingly," he said.

Maxine Cappel Mayreis, a resident and business owner and the vice president of the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, spoke on behalf of herself and the chamber. "The Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce wishes to advocate for the Livingston development to proceed as quickly as possible to enhance the appearance of our community with modern, clean-looking, low-rise buildings, especially in one of

our main gateways into Glen Cove," she said. "It certainly raises the attractiveness of Glen Cove, and the quality of businesses and entertainment we attract."

Every aspect of the Villa project is consistent with the chamber's mission statement, Cappel Mayreis said, and on a personal note, she added, she was happy to endorse the project because the area had been a "rundown and scary eyesore" for as long as she could remember.

When it received the application for financial assistance from Livingston, the IDA requested a cost-benefit analysis from MRB Group, a firm based in Rochester, which concluded that the new rentals could bring an estimated 39 new direct jobs and \$1.6 million in new earnings to the city.

Given the proposed PILOT schedule, MRB Group reported, the project would generate \$4.7 million in PILOT payments, an increase of \$2.7 million in revenue over the life of the agreement. Additionally, the project would lead to an estimated \$10,985 in new annual revenues from sales tax distributions from Nassau County. Over 12 years and increasing at 2 percent per year, that would mean \$147,335 in revenue for the city over the life of the PILOT.

The IDA planned to discuss the project on Thursday, and while there were resolutions on the agenda, it was not clear what the outcome would be. "The IDA board members have taken their volunteer positions very seriously," Ann Fangmann, the group's executive director, said. "We have done our due diligence so the board has all of the information they need. They might deliberate further, they might suggest a shorter PILOT or they might decide not to approve it."

The meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the main chambers of City Hall.

More focus on children as cases rise

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Nearly 68 percent of Nassau residents have received at least one dose of a vaccine, and over 61 percent are fully vaccinated. While a vaccination doesn't guarantee full immunity, according to the CDC, the evidence indicates that it makes illness much less severe for those who are vaccinated and still contract the virus.

In New York state, as of June 15, 70 percent of those 18 and older had received at least one dose of a vaccine, and as a result, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that nearly all Covid restrictions would be lifted. Since then, that number has risen to 74.5 percent.

But positive cases are increasing, largely among the unvaccinated. "It's becoming a pandemic of the unvaccinated," U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi said in an address to the House of Representatives on July 21. "Ninety-seven percent of the hospitalizations are unvaccinated, 99 percent of the deaths are unvaccinated. We need to wake up. There are people that are poisoning American's minds and jeopardizing their health in the process. We need to convince people that vaccinations are safe, that it makes sense to get vaccinated."

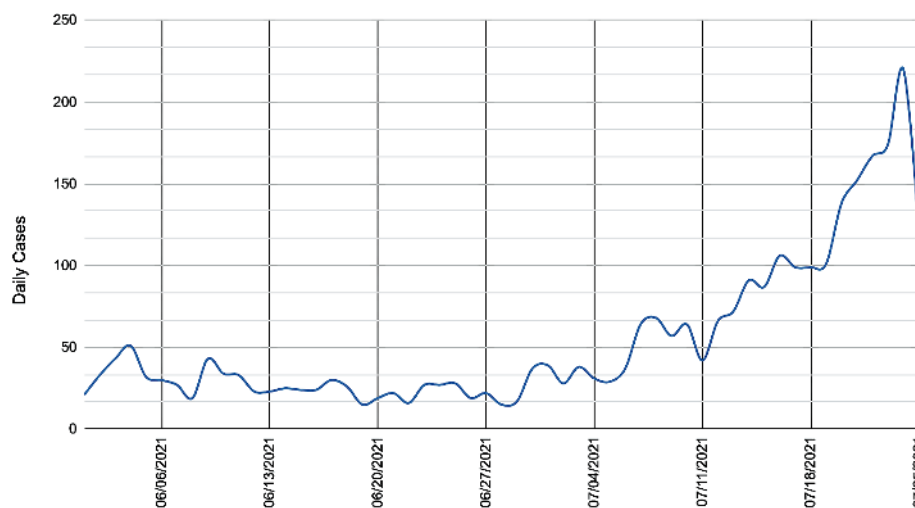
The implications for classrooms

The increase in cases raises questions about the upcoming school year. Currently, children under 12 are still not approved to receive a vaccine, and that approval is not expected anytime soon. The most recent directive from New York state still requires masks to be worn indoors at schools.

"I am concerned about [the spike in cases], especially in kids, because everyone isn't as strict now with mask-wearing or social distancing," Sarah Finkelstein Waters, the mother of two children in the Glen Cove school district and a health care worker, said. "... It's wonderful that most children are only seeing mild symptoms, but our concern is, who are they spreading it to, like grandparents, or others who are more susceptible to not only contracting the virus, but seeing more severe symptoms."

"There's a diversity of opinion in the community for where they hope we are going in terms of mask policy and other Covid guidelines in the schools," said

Daily Covid Cases In Nassau County Since June 1



Data courtesy New York State Department of Health

THE NUMBER OF positive Covid-19 cases in Nassau County has increased 187 percent over the past two weeks, with an average of 133 new positive cases each day.

David Ludmar, president of the North Shore Board of Education. "We don't have any decisions right now — we're waiting on directions from the state ..."

The State Education Department has not issued any official Covid-19 guidelines for the school year.

"As we look to welcoming students back in September, the Department understands the urgency of the need for clear and timely guidelines for school districts from the State Department of Health," Education Commissioner Betty A. Rosa said in a statement on July 23. "We have been in contact with the Governor's office about these issues and are advocating for approaches that protect health and safety while easing burdens on students, families, and our schools where possible."

"My 11-year-old who's not vaccinated is concerned about going back to school," Finkelstein Waters said. "Since he has a lower immune system, there's that extra amount of anxiety, wanting him to be safe and avoid getting the virus. Isolation and remote learning has not been working for him in the least, though. My 15-year-old, who is vaccinated, is exasperated that he still needs to be so cautious, but he's still willing to take precautions if it means getting to go back to school. Both of them are very much ready to go back to school in person, in whatever capacity that ends up

being."

The Locust Valley School District Board of Education wrote a letter to Cuomo on July 21, urgently requesting guidance on Covid operating procedures as soon as possible. "To adequately prepare for the opening of school on Sept. 1, we need to know immediately what the state mandated guidelines will be," the letter read. [Our] community members have spoken very clearly to us: they want their children to be in school, learning, laughing and growing without masks, barriers and/or other precautions. They understood the steps we needed to take during the past year, and they know we were successful, and they also understand that now is the time to return to school properly ... we have a precious few weeks before our school year begins. Please get out in front of these decisions, allowing Districts to determine their operating procedures."

Locust Valley Superintendent of

Schools Kenneth E. Graham added, "Locust Valley has advocated for expedience in the communication of state guidelines regarding the new school year. Until that guidance comes, it is difficult to set any plans in stone."

For some, it's wait and see

Some school districts are taking a less proactive approach. As the pandemic situation changes almost daily, it's difficult, if not impossible, to pinpoint where positive case numbers and vaccination rates will be in the coming weeks.

"The one thing that has been a constant is the situation changes constantly," Ludmar said. "You think you're on one path, and then something changes and you have to completely reverse in the opposite direction. It's a fluid situation. Obviously, I would like to see the pandemic come to an end and the number of cases go in the opposite direction than they are right now, but it looks like we're just going to have to wait and see how this plays out."

As districts await official guidance on Covid procedures, some are gauging public opinion on the matter in order to make more fully informed decisions for their students. "We're looking to support the opportunity for the parents to have a choice to send their children to school in the fall," Locust Valley school board President Brian Nolan said. "We don't think a state entity should decide what is best for children. Parents should ultimately have the choice. The board is preparing to send a survey to get a feel for what our parents want. We will, however, still follow the law and guidance from the state regarding all Covid protocols."

"It doesn't have to be all or nothing," Finkelstein Waters said. "We can come back to a sort of normalcy while still taking pragmatic precautions that protect people. We don't have to go into full lockdown as long as everyone is still careful."



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Morgan Park Summer Music Festival returns in August

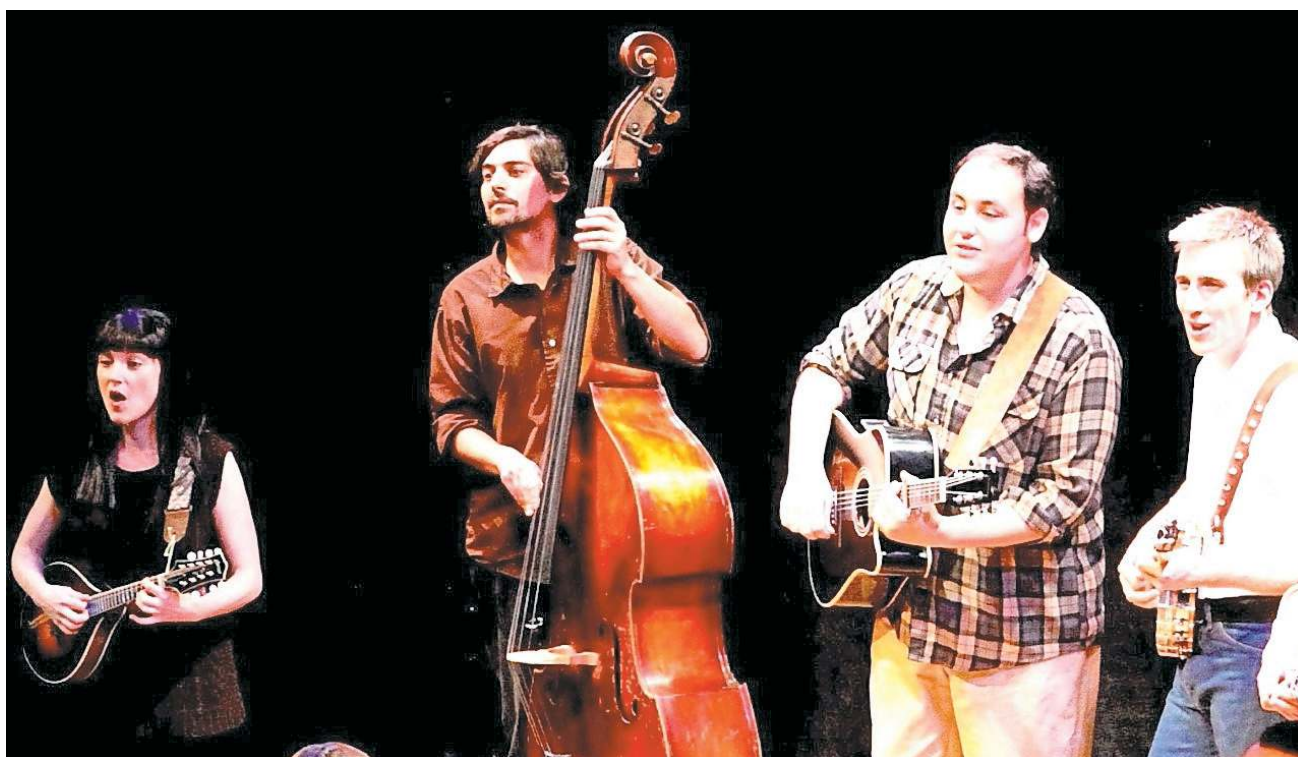
Morgan Park Summer Music Festival is back. After taking a year off due to Covid-19, the all-volunteer organization presents an exciting but limited program in August. All concerts start at 7 p.m.

Aug. 1 will bring Jake's Rockin' Country Band to the park, one of the tri-state area's leading country bands, loved by country music fans and city slickers alike. They have delighted fans at festivals, galas, barn dances, charity gigs, bars, weddings, even backyard BBQs, performing the best of classic country, bluegrass, Southern rock, Cajun, Zydeco and New Orleans. Performances include hits by country music luminaries including Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, Luke Bryan, Miranda Lambert, Jason Aldean, Jake Owen, Garth Brooks, Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, Marshall Tucker, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and more.

David Cedeno and his Orchestra will perform on Aug. 8. This big ensemble presents a lively evening of nonstop Latin music featuring salsa, Latin jazz, merengue and mambo, even some songs from the '50s, reimagined with a salsa beat and English lyrics. The band is noted for such international hits as "Lady in Red," "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow" and "Sealed with a Kiss."

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival will close the season on Aug. 29 with Lonesome Traveler: The Concert, a stirring theatrical production and historic journey through American folk music, from the 1920s to the 1960s and beyond. A multi-media presentation, Lonesome Traveler: The Concert includes many of Woody Guthrie's and Pete Seeger's best-loved compositions as well as songs made famous by Peter, Paul & Mary, The Limelighters, the Kingston Trio and Bob Dylan.

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How do you know you're ready for retirement? It's not just the finances

An intriguing finding emerged from a RAND Corp. survey on Americans and working conditions. It turned out that 40 percent of employees 65 and older previously retired, but something lured them back. In some cases, financial troubles might have been the cause. But often the reason is that people neglect an important component in their retirement planning. They don't think about what they will do with their extra time, or how they will give their life the meaning and purpose work provided, says Patti Hart, co-author with her husband, Milledge, of "The Resolutionist: Welcome to the Anti-Retirement Movement."

"Money is certainly important, but it's not the only thing that determines whether your retirement is a success," she says. "It may be that you are financially ready to retire, but are a long way from being emotionally ready."

Know your catalysts. Identify milestones or signs that will let you know you are ready to embark on a new post-work life, Milledge Hart says. Yes, that could be when you've accumulated a certain amount of savings. But it might also be related to when your spouse quits their job, or when your children graduate college and head out on their own.

"Knowing your catalysts can mean the differ-

ence between successfully transitioning to a fulfilled life after your career is over, or boomeranging back to the full-time workforce simply because you didn't know why you quit to begin with," he says.

Plan ahead to avoid separation anxiety from work. For many people, moving from the excitement and fulfillment of a career to the quietness of retirement is too much, Patti Hart says. They develop a form of "separation anxiety," longing for their old way of life rather than venturing boldly into the new one.

"You need to make a plan for what you want to do in your new post-career life so you aren't floundering when you get there," she says.

Get comfortable with the uncomfortable. At work, people are thrown into uncomfortable situations and have no choice but to face them head on. In retirement, it's easier to avoid discomfort, but doing so diminishes your confidence, and you miss out on opportunities for personal growth and fun, Milledge Hart says.

"It would seem counterintuitive to think that being uncomfortable brings happiness, but it does," he says. "Go at life as if it's an adventure — because it is. When you accomplish something you didn't think you could, you get a jolt of endorphins that drives you to your next challenge."



Learn to be your own best friend. Even when people want to try a new hobby or activity, they sometimes are afraid to do it alone. "In retirement, you might not have the social network you once did," Patti Hart says. "You may long for a good friend you can rely on." But if you think about it, she says, you already have that friend — yourself. So as you prepare for retirement, be ready to go solo on occasion.

"Don't convince yourself that you are going to be destined to a life of watching evening game shows and baking, unless of course that is what you love to do," Milledge Hart says. "Nothing is off limits, so reach for the stars. Look forward rather than backward, and embrace the new you." ■

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- ✓ What must hearing care professionals do to make the newest technology effective (something many do not do)?
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To Find Out If You Qualify To Enroll In This National Hearing Clarity Clinical Study Go To **www.HearingClarityStudy** or call **(516) 871-4717**

Presented by

Dr. Lawrence Cardano, Au.D.

Frequent speaker on the topics of healthy aging and hearing loss treatment. Author of *Better Hearing With or Without Hearing Aids*, the *Long Island Sound* newsletter and co-author of *Stop Living Your Life Disconnected: how treating hearing loss can change your life, maintain your independence, and may reduce your risk of dementia.*



National study examines new proven approach to hearing clarity

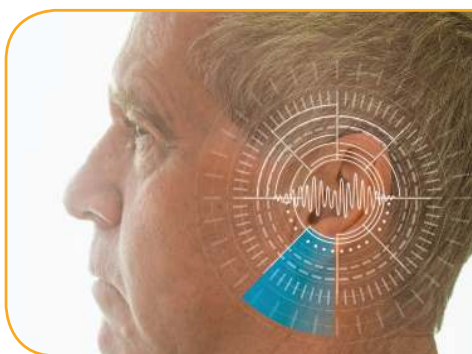
As anyone who has hearing loss — or has a loved one with hearing loss — knows, it is much easier to make speech louder than to make speech clearer — especially with background noise. Fortunately, a new approach to solving the hearing clarity problem has been introduced for the first time this year that — in the hands of experts — can be significantly more effective than previous technology.

“An advanced form of artificial intelligence called Deep Neural Network (DNN) that has been used for applications such as facial recognition has been made available for the first time this year in hearing devices for the purpose of improving speech understanding, especially in background noise,” said Hearing Center of Long Island director and audiologist Dr. Lawrence Cardano, Au.D. “Our patients who were using advanced hearing device technology previously have reported significant improvement using this new approach.”

When properly customized, the benefits of this new technology proven in laboratory studies include:

- ✓ Selective attention significantly better than with the best previous technology.
- ✓ Speech understanding in noise significantly improved over the best previous technology.
- ✓ Memory recall for conversation demonstrated to be significantly better compared with the best previous technology.

Hearing Center of Long Island in Valley Stream is currently participating in a national Hearing Clarity



Clinical Study to quantify user satisfaction with the proven benefits of this new technology. The study is run by MIT and Harvard trained neuroscientist Keith Darrow Ph.D. and his students at Worcester University in Massachusetts with participation by audiologists throughout the United States. Results will be published this fall. Individuals 18 years or older who experience hearing difficulty can enroll in the study until Aug. 20 by going to www.HearingClarityStudy.com or calling (516) 871-4717.



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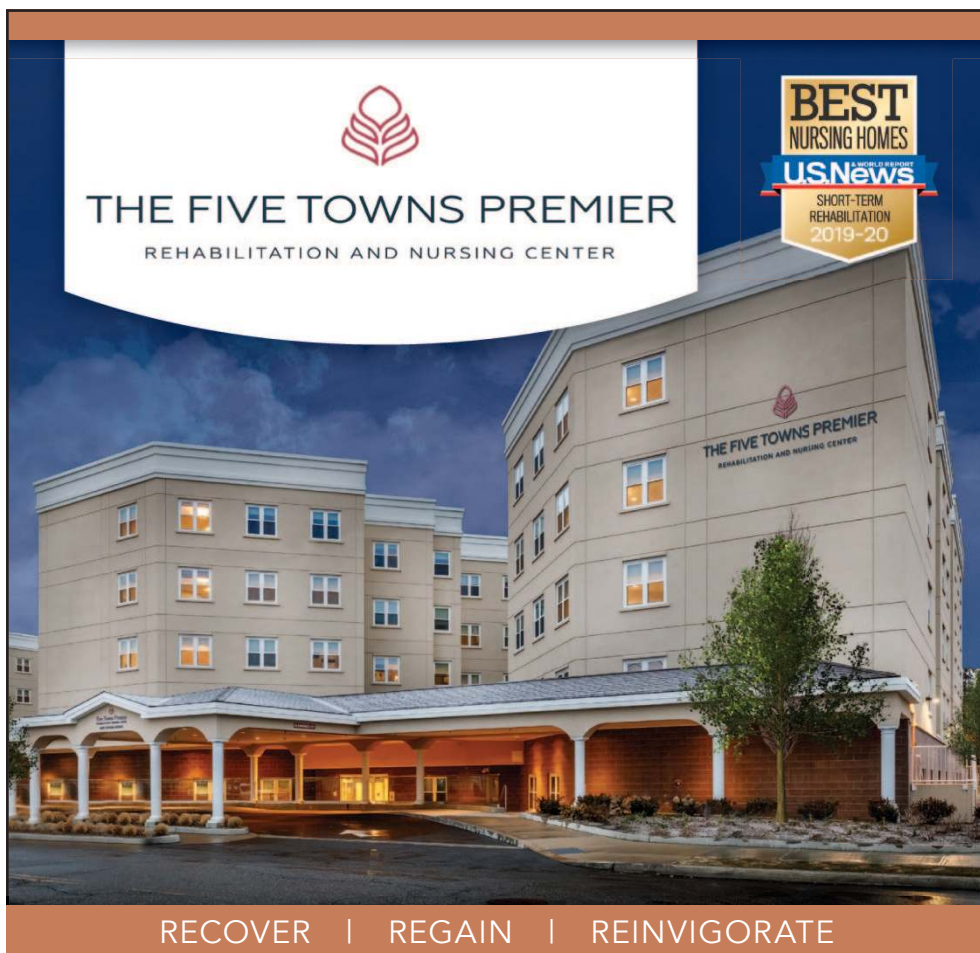
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Seniors on social media

How and why older folks get in on the fun

By Kristen Castillo

Social media isn't just for young adults. According to a Pew Research Center survey, nearly 70 percent of U.S. adults log on to Facebook, including 73 percent of respondents ages 50 to 64 and half of those 65 and older.

Digital content strategist Renee Clare-Kovacs says seniors are embracing the "communities" aspect of Facebook. "They like the ability to keep up with events at church, their alma mater, sports, friends, and, of course, family all in the same place," she says. "They are less intimidated there than Instagram which requires the additional steps of using their camera and uploading — throw in hashtags and emojis and they're out."

Getting Social

During the pandemic, many seniors have been relying on social media to connect with and "see" their loved ones. Maria Leonard Olsen, a 58-year-old attorney, uses Facebook; her 79-year-old mother uses Facebook and Instagram to see pictures of her children and grandchildren. "I see that libraries, community centers and village groups do training for how to use social media," says Olsen, who's the author of "50 After 50: Reframing the Next Chapter of Your Life." She advises people to "take advantage of these free classes and to learn how various social media platforms work."

David Henderson II, who's now over 60, started using social media to get in touch with his high school and college friends. These days, he uses it to talk about how he manages his diabetes.

"I started sharing my diabetic journey with family and friends because so many of them were dealing with the same issue," he says.

Social Platforms

While sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok skew younger, many seniors are on those platforms too. For example, Mediakix ranked the top 10 elderly Instagram influencers, including actor George Takei and trendsetter Iris Apfel; each have more than a million followers.

Seniors are finding success and connections on TikTok, too. The Wall Street Journal reported that Stephen Austin's cooking videos, which he posts under the name @omsteve, short for Old Man Steve, netted the 82-year-old over a million followers.

"There are some adventurous seniors who are

joining TikTok," says Clare-Kovacs. "TikTok embraces an authentic aesthetic so they don't mind poking fun at themselves."

Creating and Consuming Content

Social media — which includes sites such as Pinterest and LinkedIn — offers a mix of entertainment, news, hobbies, virtual socialization and more. Users can share articles, photos, recipes, and present their opinions. Or, they can just consume other people's content and not create any content of their own.

"Even though the older generation is using more social media, around 32 percent of senior users don't post at all, they only see and consume what others post," says Sharon van Donkelaar, chief marketing officer at Expandi, a LinkedIn automation tool.

Social Safety

Be careful not to overshare, advises Jolene Caufield, the senior advisor at Healthy Howard, a nonprofit organization advocating for healthy lifestyle choices.

"Seniors have the misconception that people on the internet will not use their anecdotes or information for malicious purposes, so they overshare," she says, noting that some seniors even post that they're home alone, which could attract the attention of criminals.

Caufield warns that oversharing also increases the risk of unauthorized access to a senior's social media accounts, since security questions might be things they share on social media.

Cybersecurity experts warn all social media users, especially seniors, not to click on any links they receive via private messages or on the advertising posts they see on the sites. That should reduce the chances of malware invading their computer system.

Still, seniors don't need to be scared about social media. Henderson tells fellow seniors that "Unless you have a flip phone, you've already embraced the technology, so you may as well use it to stay in touch with your grandkids, friends, and relatives you rarely get chance to see."

It's a convenient tool to stay in touch, as well as find and share information. And the many seniors already using social media prove that it can be for anyone. ■

Above photo: Facebook is one of the most popular social media platforms for seniors.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Friday, July 30

Movie at the Library

Gold Coast Public Library Annex, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 2 to 4 p.m. Watch "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) at the library. High-schooler Mathew Broderick, his girlfriend, and his best friend Cameron take off on a spontaneous romp through Chicago, known as Ferris Bueller's Day Off.

Live Music: Roger Street Friedman

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: Lord's of 52nd street

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 glencovedowntown.org.

Saturday, July 31

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.

Dance in the Park

Glen Cove Recreation and Youth Services and Ballroom Legacy Studio present a series of dance lessons at Morgan Park in Glen Cove. Learn Zumba at 11 a.m. or Salsa at noon. Cost is \$25 per family per week. Call 516-609-3268 or email info@ballroomlegacy.com to register.



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Morgan Park Summer Music Festival

Beginning at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 1, people can enjoy a free performances by Jake's Rocking Country Band in the magical setting of Morgan Memorial Park located in Glen Cove on Germaine Street between Landing Road and McLoughlin Street. One of the tri-state area's leading country bands, they have delighted fans at festivals, galas, barn dances, charity gigs, bars, weddings, even backyard BBQs, performing the best of classic country, bluegrass, Southern rock, Cajun, Zydeco & New Orleans. The public is welcome to attend the concert and picnic on the lawns. Other performances are scheduled for August 8 and 15 as well.

Kids Charity Garage Sale

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Little Scholars County Day School, 112 Glen Head rd in Glen Head, local kids will be selling gently used items donated by the community to benefit Hope for Youth, a charity focused on assisting young people who are disabled, ill or disadvantaged. Lemonade will also be sold to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand.

Music Under the Stars

Celebrating the music of Crosby Stills Nash & Young. Beginning at 8 p.m. residents can head to TOBAY Beach to enjoy live music.

Sunday, August 1

Oyster Bay Market

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., enjoy a

food driven market that also supports local small businesses, artisans and not for profits. August 1 marks the one year anniversary for the market- this week's market will feature live music to celebrate. Located at the Municipal Lot on Audrey Avenue by the Bandstand in Oyster Bay.

Monday, August 2

Music Under the Stars: Mike Del-Guidice & 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.

Tuesday, August 3

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.

Music Under the Stars: Rock This Town Orchestra

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brate America featuring Fireworks By Gucci, honoring first responders. Beginning at 8 p.m. residents can head to TOBAY Beach to enjoy live music.

Wednesday, August 4

Movie: Raya & The Last Dragon

Beginning at dusk, residents can head to Ilsworth W. Allen Park, Farmingdale to enjoy a movie night sponsored by the Town of Oyster Bay every Wednesday in July.

Thursday, August 5

Sunset Serenade: Alibi

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: DR. K's Motown Revue

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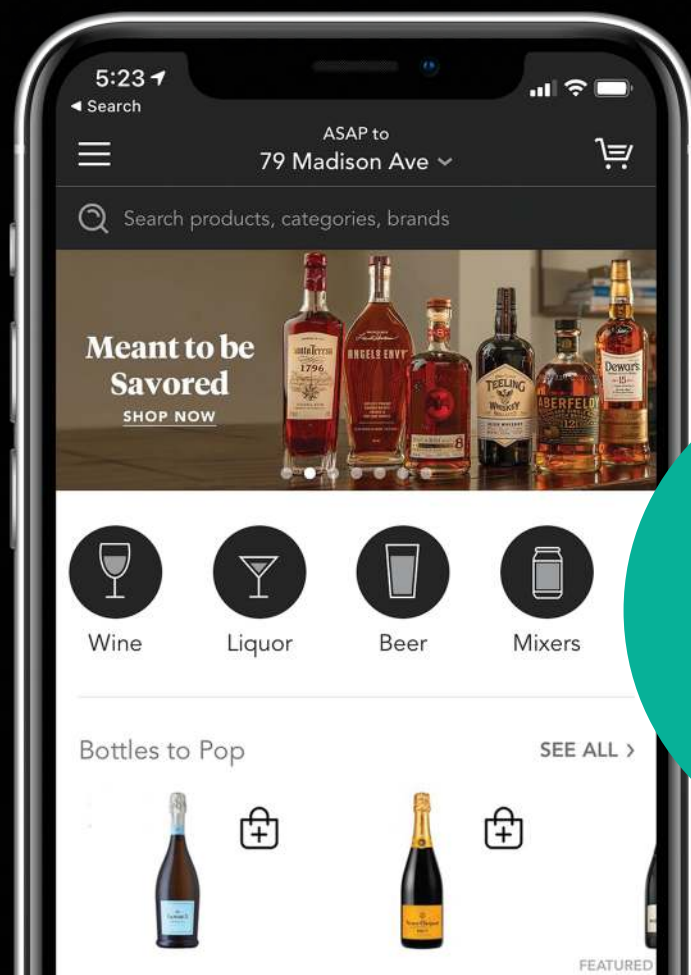
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5 things to know about your town

- Movies Under the Stars will continue Saturday, Aug. 7 at 8:30 p.m. in Morgan Park.
- 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.

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AT 2019'S NATIONAL Night Out, Ella Castronovo, Coleen O'Donnell and Shannon O'Donnell visited a cruiser with Officer Fernandez.

Glen Cove Police to host annual National Night Out

To honor Glen Cove's commitment to the safety of its residents, the Glen Cove Police Department is hosting its 14th annual National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 3, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event will take place in downtown Glen Cove on Bridge Street in front of the Glen Cove Police Department. Mayor Timothy Tenke and Police Chief William Whitton invite all residents to participate in a fun and educational event to support the safety of the community. This year's National Night Out special honoree selected by the Glen Cove Police Department will be Glen Cove E.M.S, for its dedication and commitment to the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.

National Night Out will include free tours of the Glen Cove Police Department, TASER and police equipment demonstrations by officers, Operation Safe Child ID badges for kids, and other activities. In addition, there will be free refreshments, music, a game bus, and information booths to make for a great evening of family fun.

Local government officials, police officers, first responders, and community leaders are all eager to participate in this event. "National Night Out is an out-

standing program that provides our residents with an opportunity to build relationships with Glen Cove's law enforcement officers," Tenke said, "and learn about the many programs and services offered by the city and community groups."

"National Night Out underscores the critical relationship of our police officers with the Glen Cove community," Whitton said. "Safety and neighborhood unity stem from the strength of a strong relationship between our department and the community we serve and protect."

The event is sponsored by the Glen Cove Police Department, PBA, Youth Bureau, The Housing Authority, Glen Cove Hospital Northwell Health, RXR, the Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Business Improvement District, local businesses and organizations, with assistance from the Office of Mayor Tenke. With strong community support, National Night Out is an outstanding way to build awareness for crime and drug prevention, support local anti-crime efforts, and further solidify the strong ties between the Glen Cove community and its hardworking police department.

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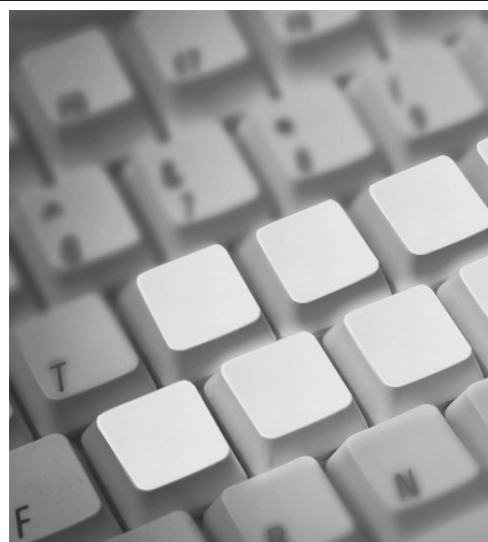
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Dear In Search of a Family Favorite,

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finds things are much more complicated than he anticipated.

Having spent much of his childhood in Paris, he is unnerved by the racism he finds in his native land. When he receives a small inheritance from an uncle, he sees a way out of his present despair. This money, combined with a chance encounter with a retired NBA player, change the course of Jonah's life. The older man had resolved many of the issues Jonah was confronting. The NBA player's advice, to travel the world to search out people and places, challenges Jonah in ways he never expected. While some of the outcomes seem quixotic, the overall message rings true as our hero finds answers to life's existential questions. Recommended!

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Coupon book makes produce affordable for seniors

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Broadway experience in Glen Cove

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"I love Broadway and Frank Sinatra music," said Regency resident Lois Gallop. "They did a great job!"



THE PERFORMERS SANG show tunes, to the delight of residents.

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Let's keep our eyes on the skies

Any forward movement in aviation, or in space exploration, is usually greeted by cheers. As should be the case.

But often, first come the skeptics who ask whether it was worth it all. Or the doubters who say it never happened. Or even, sadly, those who shrug their shoulders and say, "So what?"



**JAMES
BERNSTEIN**

When the bicycle-makers Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully flew their single-engine, box-like airplane on a chilly December morning in 1903 from the mosquito-infested marshes of Kitty Hawk, N.C. — the first

motorized heavier-than-air vehicle ever to leave the earth — only four local newspapers showed up to cover the event.

There were even disbelievers that the 12-second flight ever happened. The U.S. government turned the brothers down, with a form letter, saying it had no interest in their invention.

An editorial in a Paris newspaper sniffed, "The Wrights have flown or they have not flown. They possess a machine

or they do not possess one. They are in fact either fliers or liars. It is difficult to fly . . . It is easy to say, 'We have flown.'"

The press and the public ultimately came to recognize the significance of the Wrights' first flight. But it took time.

So, too, now, there has been considerable scoffing at and bad-mouthing of the recent flights to the edge of space by the billionaires Jeff Bezos and Richard Branson. Social media has been filled with denunciations: Bezos and Branson could have used the multi-millions they spent on their ventures feeding half the world's population. They could have brought global warming under control. They could have cured Covid.

All these things are absolutely worthy goals and need to be done. But they will not be done by one man, or two. They will take global efforts by teams of scientists, researchers, scholars and all of us. Bezos and Branson had another goal in mind, one that is also worthy.

Their flights were a brief few minutes, and they reached about 60 miles high, the edge of space. But on May 5, 1961, Alan Shepard, the first American in space, flew for only 15 minutes in his Freedom 7 space capsule, and reached an altitude of

101 miles before splashing down in the Atlantic.

But in what is really a wink of an eye — eight years and two months later — Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon, in July 1969.

The Apollo moon program certainly got the world cheering, but in the decades since, the view of its technological feats has soured. I have heard many deride it as little more than a propaganda tool, with a number of people looking back on it with a yawn.

But the view of our blue and white planet from space alone was worth every penny. We got a perception of just how enormous "out there" is, how tiny we really are, and how we need to preserve this beautiful planet of ours.

But technology from the Apollo program also gave us better water-purification systems, breathing masks used by firefighters around the world, solar panels, cordless devices like power tools, a path to developing miniaturized computers, advanced cameras, thermal blankets for keeping the sick warm and yes, moon rocks to gaze upon in museums.

It's easy to call Bezos and Branson thrill-seekers who have little better to do

with their time or money. Neither man is perfect. Bezos could certainly improve working conditions at his Amazon plants around the country, and he didn't help himself when he "thanked" his employees for making his voyage possible. He used company stock to finance his trip, and his employees had no say in the matter.

But I also see the two men as dreamers, like the Wright brothers and all of the Apollo astronauts. Each step forward in aviation, or space, gets us a little closer to where our DNA as human beings pushes us to be: out there. The Wrights were the step to commercial airplanes. The airplanes took us to Apollo. Apollo took us to the moon. The moon is now seen as a landing stop on the way to Mars and beyond.

This progress cannot be stopped. Since our earliest days on Earth, we have looked skyward and asked, What's up there?

Wilbur Wright put it this way: "The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who, in their grueling travels across trackless lands in prehistoric times, looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air."

Let's keep looking.

James Bernstein is the editor of the Long Beach Herald.

Caught in the tangled lines of big fishing

I watched the Netflix documentary "Seaspiracy" last week, and I may never eat fish again.

The 90-minute exposé on commercial fishing, produced by Ali Tabrizi, a 27-year-old environmentalist and filmmaker, reveals a fishing mega-industry that is poisoning our oceans, overfishing across the globe, unintentionally slaughtering thousands of dolphins and turtles in miles-long fishing nets (known as walls of death) and peddling farmed fish that is contaminated to unsuspecting consumers. The documentary presents disturbing video evidence of



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practices like the mass killing of dolphins and whales in Japan, where some fishermen see the mammals as competition for their industry.

Tabrizi interviews fishermen as well as leaders of various organizations devoted to the preservation of sea life and healthy oceans. He draws viewers to the conclusion that there is no such thing as "sustainable" fish catches, and no such thing as "dolphin safe tuna," despite the labels and the claims of the fishing industry. He

interviews men who say they were kept as slaves on huge fishing vessels, processing shrimp in their holds, with the threat of being thrown overboard if they protested. The documentary shows thousands of miles of fishing lines and nets stuck together in vast seas of garbage floating across the Pacific Ocean.

My own history with fishing and eating fish is at odds with the disturbing elements of the exposé. Having lived most of my life on the coast of Long Island, I fished Reynolds Channel, in Atlantic Beach and Long Beach, from the time I was 4. As a kid, I went out with my dad and my Uncle Herbie in a wooden rowboat with an outboard motor, and I always landed the biggest flounder.

"Big as a doormat," my dad would say. And I usually caught it on a simple dropline. Part of the fun was the other stuff we caught and threw back, the blowfish and spider crabs and the occasional eel. The bays were full and rich with wild life. My dad cleaned the fish at the dock, and we ate what we caught. Who thought about it?

Decades later, wanderlust led my own family to summers in Montana. There we learned to fly fish, and we ambled along

the big rivers: the Bitterroot, the Gallatin, the Blackfoot, the Yellowstone and the Ruby. Summer after summer we caught and released rainbow and brown trout lurking in the deep, still pools of those pristine rivers.

How do we eat healthy and still preserve the planet's natural resources?

This morning, I read in The New York Times: "Montana's Famed Trout Under Threat as Drought Intensifies." Which leads to questions about what is precipitating the devastating heat and drought across the West, and how overfishing, air pollution, industrial waste and food production contribute to the climate change that is affecting life on Earth?

I'm worried that my favorite salmon recipes, made with farm-raised salmon, may include a few surprise ingredients like arsenic, PCBs, DDT and mercury. When I open a can of tuna, "Seaspiracy" claims, even the "Dolphin Safe" label can be unreliable.

The Guardian newspaper challenges some of "Seaspiracy's" claims, saying that several fishing industry leaders were quoted "out of context." The newspaper reports that there are viable groups working hard to create "sustainable" sources of fish. It challenges the "Seaspiracy" claim that our oceans could be completely empty

by 2048, saying that finding may be dated.

I checked out the websites of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, and learned that there are hundreds of endangered fish on their lists, fish dying out because of overfishing or disappearing habitats. Among them is the Atlantic salmon. So, as a salmon eater, my choice is wild-caught Pacific salmon or farm-raised salmon, which seems to have issues not only with contaminants but with the farms themselves, which release huge amounts of waste into the oceans. And if someone claims a farmed fish source to be environmentally conscientious and the fish safe to eat, how to know for sure?

Please watch "Seaspiracy" for yourself. Read the rebuttals to the documentary on the BBC and Guardian websites. The questions for all of us are, how do we eat healthy and still preserve the natural resources of our planet? How do we create reliable oversight groups so that we can believe their reports of sustainable fish sources and healthy fishing protocols? Right now, the fishing industry is largely self-reporting, and that raises issues.

As citizens of the Earth, our menu choices are fraught. Suddenly, a simple tuna sandwich creates an ethical dilemma.

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The time is right for offshore wind

Plans to construct a wind farm in the ocean 15 miles south of Jones Beach will undoubtedly be met with opposition. The Long Island Commercial Fishing Association has already weighed in against the project, saying it could disturb vital fishing grounds. There will likely be others to follow during a two-year environmental review.

We mustn't allow not-in-my-backyard protestations to scuttle such a project again, though. In 2007, plans for a 40-turbine wind farm off Jones Beach, 10 years in the making, were killed largely because of NIMBYist opposition by a small but vocal group called Save Jones Beach. Long Island Power Authority officials claimed the project would cost too much, but studies showed it would have raised ratepayers' monthly bills by a mere \$2.50.

Polling at the time showed Long Islanders overwhelmingly supported the wind farm, despite the rate increase. That's because most folks understood then, and understand now, that we desperately need renewable energy sources like wind, solar and geothermal to reduce our reliance on dirty fossil fuels such as coal, oil and even natural gas in order to stave off the worst effects of the climate crisis.

Yes, the Earth is heating up beyond the bounds of predictable climactic cycles, and we're responsible for throwing the world's mean temperature range out of whack. Power plants, factories, and cars and trucks send more than 40 billion metric tons of heat-trapping carbon dioxide — the chief of driver of climate change —

into the atmosphere every year. Since the Industrial Revolution began in 1750, humans have released 2,000 billion metric tons, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

That is, we have released enough carbon into the atmosphere to substantially alter its composition and set in a motion the climate crisis that we now face.

The question is, what will we do to stop it? Will we bravely seek new, clean forms of energy, or will we keep our heads buried in the sands of our pristine beaches until they're all underwater? Yes, the climate crisis is raising sea levels and increasing the strength of hurricanes and tropical storms, while also causing wrenching drought in parts of the world — including the American Southwest — that have traditionally been rain-deprived. You only need look to the abnormally scorching temperatures we have seen across the West this year — and the out-of-control wildfires that have resulted — to understand the magnitude of the crisis that we face.

Climatologists tell us that the climate crisis is no longer a future projection. It is here and now, and we are only starting to feel its terrible effects. We are not powerless, however. Just as human ingenuity got us into this crisis, it can get us out of it. Building offshore wind farms around Long Island — considered the "Saudi Arabia of wind" — would be a step in the right direction.

It's only natural that the Long Island Commercial Fishing Association would worry about the potential effects of wind

farms on traditional fishing grounds. It's shortsighted, however, to think only in the present. Warmer ocean waters caused by the climate crisis could wipe out two-thirds of all fish species around the globe, according to the World Economic Forum. At the same time, fish — and birds — exist in a narrow temperature range to which they have spent millennia adapting. Change the mean annual temperature over long periods of time, and the fish and birds begin migrating north to cooler regions.

In the near future, in other words, there may not be a Long Island fishing industry to speak of unless we act now.

Over the next two years, we also may hear that wind farms kill birds that fly through them. That's true. All forms of energy production, though, kill wildlife. Blowing apart mountains to extract coal certainly does. Oil spills in the ocean certainly do. For goodness' sake, nuclear power plants kill billions of fish and fish larvae annually by sucking them from rivers and oceans through their cooling systems.

The National Audubon Society estimates that we could lose two-thirds of all bird species to climate change. That's why the society supports wind farms, including offshore wind farms, even though we may lose thousands of birds to them.

If you're really worried about birds, though, keep your house cat inside. Outdoor house cats kill some 2.4 billion birds in the U.S. and Canada every year, according to the American Bird Conservancy.

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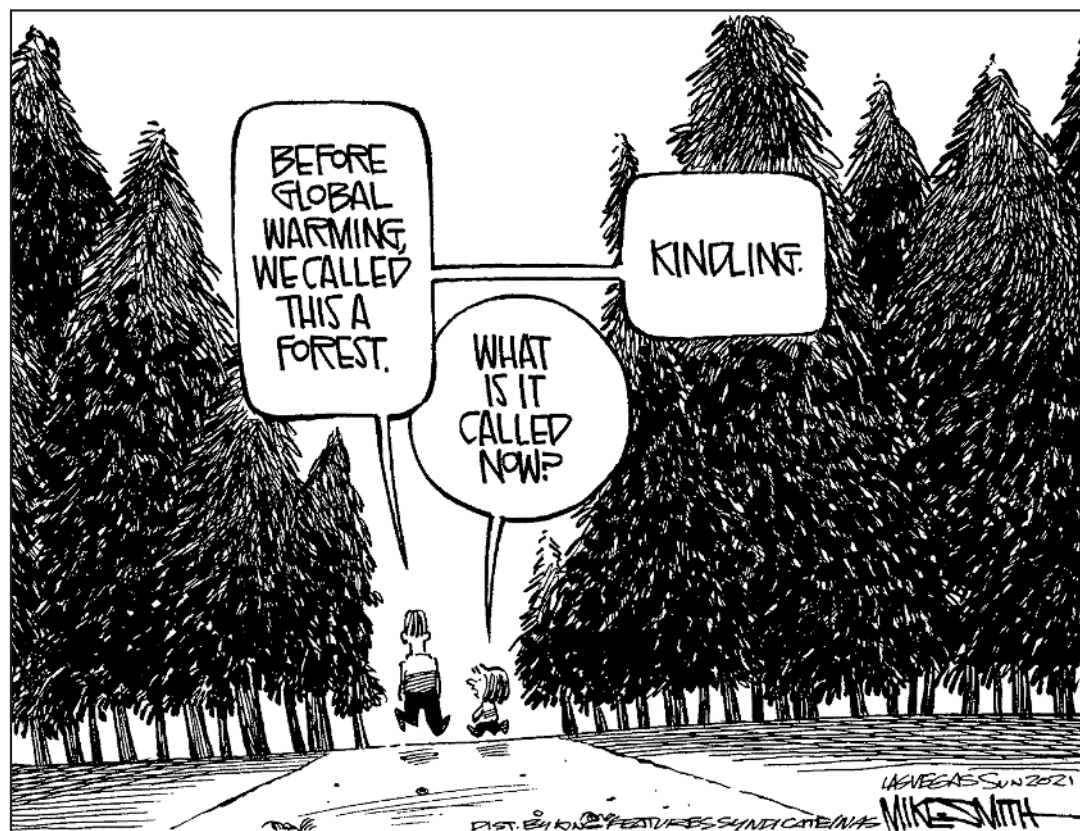
To the Editor:

I had not been to a hospital since I was born almost 70 years ago, so imagine my trepidation when I arrived at Glen Cove Hospital's ambulatory surgery unit on July 20 to have minor surgery.

My fears were quickly allayed by the caring and attention I received from the unit's wonderful staff. From the moment I "interviewed" to receive pre-op clearance through surgery and recovery, the nursing personnel and other staff members went to extraordinary lengths to make me feel comfortable and informed every step of the way. I even received a follow-up call within two days to see if I was doing well and had any other needs.

Special thanks to Jackie, Mary Pat, Mary Ann, Stacy, Olivia, Judy and Kevin (who wheeled me down to surgery).

If Glen Cove Hospital were a restaurant, I would highly recommend you go, but in this case, I sincerely hope it's another 70 years



OPINIONS

The new SST's future depends on Kennedy Airport

Here's a quick note to United Airlines.

You know that deal you recently announced with Boom Supersonic that has you placing options to purchase 15 Overture aircraft, the still-to-be-built supersonic transport planes?

If United, or any of Boom's aeronautical engineers, have an institutional memory, they'll recall that the first-generation Concorde SST died, in part, because of the ferocious opposition from those in the Five Towns living beneath final approach to John F. Kennedy International Airport. That lesson needs to be heard



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in Tokyo, because Japan Airlines has secured 20 options for Overture, and Virgin Atlantic has announced that it is studying a supersonic airliner of its own.

Let's be clear. If your airliner can't fly into Kennedy, you aren't flying anywhere. Regardless of what technology you apply, whether its electric-powered engines or supersonic delta wings, the economics of any airliner depend on landing rights at JFK. The surrounding communities are

seasoned veterans of the jet noise war, and they know how to respond effectively based on their experiences with the delta-winged Concorde SST.

In addition to a loud "double bang" sonic wave that assaulted people on the ground whenever the Concorde exceeded the speed of sound, its engines were considerably louder than those powering 747s and DC-10s of that era. Those jumbo jets arrive over the Five Towns far more slowly and far more quietly than the SST.

The latest generation of aviation companies proposing to build a 21st-century SST has the advantage of working with research, technology, composite materials and supercomputers that were unavailable to Concorde designers back in the 1960s. Current plans suggest a design that incorporates an unusually long nose meant to contour a shock wave, wings designed to bounce a sonic boom up into the air and engines cloaked, in part, by twin vertical tails. Airlines also have a better appreciation of the economics of supersonic travel in an era of deregulation, when they have a far tougher and more competitive business model than the two European airlines that flew the Concorde across the Atlantic.

Engineers say they fully appreciate that there is a point at which decibel readings for supersonic flight go off the chart and into the realm of community and Congressional opposition. They believe their prototype SST will offer a muted

"thump" when it needs to fly over land in excess of Mach 1. While there has been an effort since 2018 to restart American SST research, Congress and the Federal Aviation Administration have yet to set new SST noise standards, which means, for the moment, that the industry is chasing a moving and subjective regulation.

As fabrication of SST aircraft moves forward, the industry should consider simultaneously launching a community outreach and educational program focusing on what their SST will and will not do that would begin to engage Long Islanders. They should share their science, for example, with village mayors and civic leaders, particularly those in the Five Towns; host a community open house at Hempstead Town Hall; display their design concepts at the Lawrence High School science fair; host an informational briefing for Nassau County elected officials at the Cradle of Aviation; create a web site that details the thou-

sands of hours of wind tunnel testing, computer modeling and concept designs; coordinate efforts with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which runs JFK; and offer a virtual online tour of the engineering centers where their first SST is being designed.

Boom Supersonic and its competitors, such as Lockheed Martin, need to appreciate that it is no longer sufficient to be the most innovative kid in the air. New technology, like new public infrastructure, now comes with a mandatory strategy to engage those who will be most impacted by it.

But a neighborhood outreach program will not address the issue facing Cedarhurst, Lawrence, Inwood, and other communities on the South Shore that daily absorb the sights and sounds of intense air traffic. We know Long Island isn't the center of the commercial aviation universe, but persuading New Yorkers living near JFK that a new and vastly improved SST will not harm their quality of life will be essential to the long-term viability of an SST that few of us will ever fly.

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The new model may give off a thump rather than a bang when it exceeds Mach 1.

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before I have to revisit. It is comforting to know our local hospital provides such good care.

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Thank you, Glen Cove!

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank the community for allowing me to serve as a school board trustee for the past 13 years. I will treasure the time spent helping our students receive a well-rounded and successful educational experience. In addition, I've enjoyed working with many different trustees during this time, and will forever be grateful for their service and the friendships we've developed.

Going forward, many people in this community feel it is important that we are reassured that the school district always runs a fair, equitable and legal voting process. Therefore, any robo-calls and batch emails must go out to all members of the community, not just a targeted group, as has been done in the past.

I wish our Board of Education much success in overseeing our school district, and know they will work hard to promote our schools. A special thanks to all staff, who worked through a pandemic this past year and a half. Your dedication and devotion were commendable, and have been for so many years.

Even though I am no longer a board trustee, please know, I will continue to be available to help, advocate and participate in moving our district forward.

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